Only 12% of children under 6 months old are exclusively breastfed (UNICEF, 2007-2010)

53,000 children are living with disabilities (UNICEF, 2009)

49% of children live below the poverty line (UNICEF, 2010)
**PREVENTING CHILD LABOUR**

Child labour is a widespread phenomenon and a culturally accepted norm in Kosovo. Many children are asked to work long hours; sometimes they even miss school as a result. There is also an increasing trend of children working on the streets and in the markets. World Vision is combating child labour by making children and their parents aware of the rights of children, which include the right of all children to be educated.

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

Violence against children is often disregarded in Kosovo. Corporal punishment is still an accepted practice in homes and schools across Kosovo. World Vision is promoting alternative forms of correction and advocates for all children to be cared for protected and participating.

**BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER**

Kosovo has the youngest population in Europe and the poorest economy in the region. One in four people are between the ages of 15 and 24; 73 per cent of whom are unemployed. While many agree that the future of Kosovo lies in the hands of young people, Kosovo youth occupy very little place in the policies that determine their future. World Vision is helping equip youth to be involved in designing their future, by equipping them to advocate on the issues that matter to them and helping put them in contact with decision makers.

**FAST FACTS**

- **27%** of children between 11 and 18 experience physical violence. (UNICEF, 2005)
- **47%** are officially unemployed and another **26.4%** cent are under employed, making Kosovo the country with the weakest employment record in Europe. (World Bank, 2014)
- **42%** of teachers worry about child trafficking (UNICEF, 2005)
- **222,000** young people are unemployed. (MEST, 2008)
- Only **2.8%** of children under 6 are enrolled in pre-primary education. (UNICEF, 2004)

**LEARN MORE:** [www.wvi.org/kosovo](http://www.wvi.org/kosovo)

**CONTACT:**

Kosovo Zonal Office
10000 Pristina, Kosovo
Tel: +381 38 221 812
fax: +381 38 221 813