104,000 children are not in school (UNESCO, 2011)

Only 1 in 3 Roma children attends pre-primary education (UNDP/World Bank/EC Regional Roma Survey, 2011)

60,000 children are living with disabilities (Federatia Organizatia Nationala a Persoanelor cu handicap din Romania, 2013)

Lucian dreams to become a policeman. In order to realize his dream, he does his homework every day, preparing for classes the following day.

Photo by Ana Maria Motaseanu, World Vision.

About World Vision Foundation of Romania

Twenty years after the fall of communism, Romania still lacks adequate social services, including education, health and child protection and the gap between urban and rural poor continues to grow.

One in four children does not attend high school because of limited resources and disillusioned young people search for a better life abroad and are at great risk of being taken advantage of by human traffickers.

In 2013, the centres supported 1,355 children and their caregivers. The beneficiaries include young children as well as their caregivers. Adolescents are also prepared for work opportunities. As a result, more than 87 youth found employment.
GROWING CHILDREN; IMPROVING NUTRITION

World Vision combats child malnourishment through parental education focused on the importance of vaccinations and breastfeeding as well as proper nutrition for children and advocating for improvements to the vaccination systems. As a result, the percentage babies who are exclusively breastfeed for the first six months increased from 50 to 66 per cent in recent years.

IMPROVING INCOME AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Lack of sustainable employment is draining the country’s talents and tearing families apart. Low wages and high unemployment leave many with no alternative to searching for work abroad. World Vision is helping restore economic hope at home by improving agricultural education to increase the farmers’ competitiveness, promoting agricultural development in Romania and also empowering community members to increase their income by educating them on how to apply for other existing development opportunities provided by European Union funds. In 2013, 1,200 people participated in vocational and technical farming training and six per cent of parents reported an increased ability to provide for their kids needs.

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FAST FACTS

453,000 youth are not in education, not employed and not in training (ILOSTAT, 2013)

More than 1 million baby girls have been aborted since 2000 (UNICEF, 2013)

84% of children experience violent discipline (UNICEF, 2013)

23,000 children live in residential care (UNICEF, 2013)

21,000 children involved in child labour (UNICEF, 2013)

1.3 million children live below the poverty line (UNICEF, 2012)

13% of children under 5 are stunted (UNICEF, 2011)

Radu Todea is a young farmer. He attended all the technical and farming management courses at the AgroVision learning center and demonstrative farm. Today, his farm has very healthy and productive cows. Photo by Cristian Ulrich, World Vision.