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WORLD VISION ALBANIA ANNUAL REPORT

OUR IMPACT UPDATE
Year 2019 marked the anniversary of the 20-year efforts in humanitarian, development and advocacy work of World Vision in Albania and Kosovo. In the last two decades, 100,000 children have benefitted from 45 programs in around 220 communities of Albania. This was made possible because thousands of supporters have believed and continue to believe in the transformational work of World Vision. I am obliged and honored to say thank you to all our supporters and collaborators.

Here at World Vision we believe that the main role in transformational work of individuals and societies is God’s. What we can do is to join forces with Him and be good stewards of the entrusted resources, alongside our partners. The family is to us the most important unit of a society, which is why it is the core of our program, providing livelihood opportunities, skills and capacities to protect the children from violence and discrimination. Children and young people are a key factor of transformation in every step of our journey. Our work aims to transform systems and structures so as they can create equality, justice and wellbeing for children, in particular those who are most in need.

There is still a need to continue the work for creating wellbeing of children, young people and families in Albania. Challenges ahead of us demand that we humble ourselves so we can understand, adapt and grow. Above all, we need to strengthen partnerships to solve the current complex problems that hinder child wellbeing.

It is our desire that this report gives a valuable glimpse on how we contributed to the transformational journey in 2019. I am thankful to every team member and volunteer in World Vision Albania, for their humble dedication and desire to bring good change in the society and a life in all its fullness for every child. Our mission goes on.

Eljona Boçe Elmazi  
National Director  
World Vision Albania & Kosovo
Our National Impact

World Vision’s (WV) ministry goal is the ‘sustained well-being of children within families and communities, especially the most vulnerable’. World Vision Albania (WVA) is focused on actions to improve the well-being of children, through work in three main sectors,

- child protection,
- education – life skills, and
- livelihood and resilience.

Year 2019 has been a meaningful year with powerful stories and messages. World Vision Albania and Kosovo celebrated 20 years of work dedicated to the most vulnerable children, their families and communities. The exhibition “A Journey of Hope and Transformation” depicted some of the most powerful photographs from the organisation’s vast iconic archive from the past two decades. Visitors had the opportunity to travel back in time through World Vision’s journey.

At World Vision, I felt welcome, like it was my home. The day my child started to walk was the day I felt that the whole country was mine and God blessed my family” – says Valentina from Dibra.

WVA focused its work during 2019 in 25 municipalities reaching 50,000 children. Highlights of the contribution from the three sectors are presented in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Contribution to END POVERTY

Our staff and partners are engaged in the regular monitoring of 26,057 children in 200 communities in Albania, to ensure that they live within the minimum standards of well-being. Over the year, these children and their families are engaged in activities, organized in groups and benefit from the WVA program.

As our mission aims the most vulnerable children, families and communities, 1,067 families in most need were provided with food packages. In the beginning of the school year, 5,939 children received school kits and textbooks to begin the new school year with enthusiasm and energy.

The livelihood sector helps caregivers to increase household income and enables the business environment with infrastructure interventions. Because of our intervention in four areas, 924 family members were supported with seeds, agriculture and beekeeping equipment. The following list presents items by area.

- 33 farmers were supported with 2,680 chestnut seedlings in Dibra;
- 27 farmers were supported with 93 hazelnut seedlings in Librazhd;
- 36 farmers were provided with 180 beehives and honey collection materials in Librazhd;
- 40 farmers were supported with dry fertilizers, and agricultural equipment in Kurbin;
- 144 farmers were supported with 34 milk devices, 42 irrigation pumps, 10 spray pumps, 62 plastic irrigation pipes, 1 moto cultivator, and 1 motor grass harvester in Korça.
Improvements in infrastructure make the business environment more accessible for the community. In 2019, our intervention in close collaboration with local partners and communities made possible the reconstruction of 3 agricultural roads in the villages of Zheje and Gjorem, and Maliq, where about 585 families and 1032 children benefited. In addition, 76 cement pipes were installed along these roads for facilitating the movement of vehicles and for controlling excess water in periods of heavy rainfalls in the Korça area, and one irrigation system was rehabilitated in Fushë Milot village.

The monitoring processes identified 116 children with medical needs, and they were equipped with necessary medical assistance. In addition, 1,791 families benefited from the reconstruction of three health centres in Bujqës, Shirgjan and Bardhaj villages.

In 2019, WVA worked with 134 children and adolescent groups composed of 2,661 young people (1,556 girls and 1,105 boys) aged 12 – 18 years old led by 289 volunteers who were selected from the community. During the year, the groups attended training sessions that enable learning in creative ways followed by community service-learning projects.

268 Community Service-Learning Projects addressing violence, social inclusion of children with disabilities, European Union integration processes, and environmental awareness, took place in their communities, reaching 23,775 children.

Summer camps represent another moment of the year that children eagerly await. This year, 7,667 children had the opportunity to gain skills and be entertained during the summer.

Contribution to QUALITY EDUCATION

Inclusive and quality education is one of the ways toward sustainable development. Non-formal education of children and adolescents, training of teachers and education practitioners, and interventions in infrastructure that aim at social accountability to community represent the efforts towards SDG 4.

4 Quality Education

184 education practitioners capacity-building on Development Spaces model

17 Development Spaces

55 schools improved infrastructures

The training of teachers, education practitioners and psychosocial units inside the schools focus on the enhancement of inclusive education practises.
This year, 184 education practitioners were part of capacity-building and sharing events about the Development Spaces model.

This model emphasizes the importance of collaboration within schools as well as cooperation with other external specialists to better serve students. It is guided by the principles of Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Universal Design.

17 Development Spaces were set up in 17 schools, where 12,303 children are benefiting from social-emotional, behavioural and learning support tailored to the individual needs of children.

Investments in poor school infrastructure also took place, where 4,009 children benefited from the improved infrastructure in 20 schools in Elbasan, Durrës, Shkodra and Lezha. In addition, 124 children in pre-school education had their kindergartens reconstructed in Dibra and Bulqiza.

Through the social accountability approach, 35 mini grants were invested in 35 schools throughout Albania, to build and upgrade education facilities that are child-inclusive, where 16,952 children benefited. This process was successfully delivered in close collaboration with 11 municipalities, 8 education offices and 16 local NGOs.

The mini grants focused on the following:
- 21 schools’ access to infrastructure for sport facilities, building or repairing surrounding walls;
- 1 school with access to single-sex basic sanitation facilities;
- 2 schools’ access to libraries;
- 1 school with access in Electricity;
- 11 schools undertook awareness raising initiatives addressing disability issues.

Contribution to GENDER EQUALITY

Our approach to gender equality is to empower girls and women in a family-centered approach, where also boy children, men, fathers and grandfathers take responsibility for the peaceful relationships within families.

All programs in WVA are implemented with a gender equality perspective. Empowerment of girls, young women, mothers and grandmothers are crucial to our program. It is for this reason that 60% (4,242) of participants were female.

In addition, 1,035 parents were active participants, both mothers (629) and fathers (406), in positive parenting trainings aiming to increase peaceful relationships within families.
Contribution to DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Our livelihood sector has in its heart the economic growth of families, enabling them to provide the necessary means for their children. Besides, we also seek opportunities for employment for young people and returnees.

In 2019,
- 37 young people gained skills in cooking, plumbing and electrical and professional hairstyling;
- 23 young people received technical training for treating bees and continuing their activity as entrepreneurs;
- 6 returnees were referred to attend vocational trainings in order to increase their professional skills;
- 86 returnees were supported with capacity building to develop and enhance the business management and personal competencies;
- 10 returnees were referred for employment opportunities. Five of them were employed in these sectors: hospitality, services and manufacturing.

Contribution to PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

With our approaches in the Child Protection sector and “It Takes a World to End Violence against Children” (ITAW) global campaign, we have committed to working diligently to strengthen child protection systems and approaches within the communities we serve. Every year, WVA conducts the annual monitoring process of child wellbeing indicators to inform and adjust intervention based on evidence collected in our communities.

WVA 2019 monitoring data shows a decrease of violence reported by children (2017: 68.2%; 2018: 60.9%; 2019: 59.4%). Violence used as a means of discipline by caregivers has a decreasing trend from 2017 to 2018, but a slight increase in 2019 (2017: 76.7%; 2018: 60.7%; 2019: 66.4%).

Children were asked, “How often someone has hurt them in different forms during the last year”. Their caregivers were asked, “If they used the following disciplining practices during the last year”. The scale used is in alignment with the INSPIRE Framework.

One of the milestones of ITAW for 2019 was the exhibition of young reporters from all over Albania. Photo essay was the smart choice to speak up about the problems they are facing in their families, schools and communities.

Two child friendly spaces for treatment of children in contact or conflict with the law were established in 2019, in the police stations of Lezha and Kurbin. The Child Friendly Space (CFS) in the police station of Kamza Municipality, which was established in 2018, has begun its work with 16 cases treated within the CFS during 2019.

Following up the work initiated in 2018 with the development of eight Social Plans and 10 Local Plans for Inclusion, in 2019 eight municipalities jointly with WVA applied for the Social Fund of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection.

Seven out of the eight Social Funds addressing protection and inclusion of children were successfully awarded to WVA and the municipalities of Dibra, Durrës, Elbasan, Kurbin, Lezha, Librazhd and Maliq.

Scaling up successful models aim at the improvement of social services at the local level to benefit the most vulnerable families as well ensures the sustainability of proven WVA models.
Tungjatjeta...Jetë!

The “Hello…Life!” community mobile unit service, a model designed by WVA in 2018 continued the implementation, providing at home services for children with disabilities in rural and remote areas who could not access any kind of specialised services. Due to initial learnings and urgent need, this model was also launched in Dibra municipality in April 2019.

72 children with disabilities and their families in Librazhd, Përrenjas, Dibër and Bulqiza have received nearly 2,048 specific home visits out of which 749 development therapy sessions, 613 speech therapy and 681 physiotherapy sessions while 77 activities have been dedicated to parents/caregivers for increasing skills and support towards their children.

Furthermore, municipalities in Lezha and Elbasan considering the lack of services and the need to support children with disabilities in rural remote areas applied jointly with WVA for the national supported Social Fund2 and were awarded the funding to implement during 2020, the model “Hello…Life!” in their communities.

World Vision Albania ambassadors advocated and joined the social program “Hello…Life” for children with disabilities and their families in remote areas. The athlete Luiza Gega, the actor Kreshnik Xhelilaj, the singers Albán Skënderaj and Eugent Bushpepaj as well as the publicist Arlinda Çausholli have been proactive in their commitment to support and advocate for the most vulnerable children.

Children’s City

On the 1st of June 2019, in agreement with the Municipality of Korça, World Vision Albania launched “Children’s City in Korça”, the biggest centre in region which offers different activities for children and youth aged between 3 – 14 years old. Children’s City offers specialised facilities for implementing social, sportive, cultural events for children and adults with a capacity of 560 people.

It had always been in the high interest of the local governments to have an appropriate model on how integrated services for the most vulnerable children should be and function. Continuous efforts in creating and building this model culminated in June 2019, through the promising initiative of ‘Children City Project’ (Qyteza e Fëmijëve). World Vision is trusted the responsibility of managing all activities in the centre, including the development of the program curricula, its implementation, human resources management and the financial administration; generating a dynamic learning, development and a socialization space for both children and their parents.

The first beneficiaries of this centre were 102 children within the same year (2019), estimating an annual reach of more than 1,000 children. The initiative is an important step toward the envisioned future of providing appropriate models of integrated services for children in Albania and the first learning and development platform of these dimensions, including the development of social business potential components for World Vision Albania. The initiative has a significant importance and a unique opportunity for reshaping children worldview, revitalizing the sense of hope for the future and rebuilding the trust on the exiting opportunities for families and children.

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2. The Social Fund is a dedicated fund from the Government of Albania and disbursed by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection to support the reform and funding of social services in Albania.
Emergency Response 2019

Albania ranks as one of the countries in the world with the highest economic risk from multiple hazards, with 86% of total territory prone to two or more disasters. Usually suffering harsh winters or floods, for 40 years it didn’t experience emergencies caused by earthquake, as those of 2019. On June 1st, a 5.2 Richter scale earthquake hit Korça; on September 21st another 5.8 Richter scale earthquake hit Durrës, but the most tragic was the 6.4 Richter earthquake of November 26th that counted 51 lives lost, among them seven children. Within hours in all the affected areas, WVA mobilized its resources and started responding to the needs of the affected populations in the municipalities of Tirana, Durrës, Kamza, Korça, Krui, Kurbin, and Lezha. Because of the size, intensity and affected areas, WVA declared a Category I Response to meet critical needs in the Albania earthquake crisis response to the situation, on November 27th.

WVA contribution consisted in immediate interventions focused on Food, Hygiene, Shelter and Child and Adult Friendly Spaces.

HYGIENE: Disinfection of two camps in Thumana and Fushë-Kruja administrative units, 450 hygiene kits and 300 disinfectants were distributed to the affected communities.

FOOD: 1,000 affected families were assisted with food items, providing food packages and around 2,500 people were served a meal.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS: Distributed 1,100 blankets, 100 hot bags, 20 portable beds, 350 mattresses, 500 sheets and 200 pillows.

HEALTH/ PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT: Four Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) were created by WVA, in Golem (FaFa resort), in Lezha (Rafaelo resort), and in other venues such as school gyms, schools and community centres. 50 WVA staff members from Durrës, Kurbin, Lezha, and Tirana programs, as well as staff from the national office and other areas (such as Librazhd and Shkodra) have been serving in the field, in tents and in the Child Friendly Spaces (CFs) established in the hotels where affected citizens were accommodated. More than 150 volunteers were involved by WVA to provide assistance in the Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) and collect data during the rapid assessment. WVA partner organizations operating in the affected areas such as Churches, faith-based organizations (FBOs), and local organizations collaborated and offered their support in psychosocial activities.

More than 5,000 children benefited from psychosocial activities organized mainly in two hotels – Rafaelo in Shengjin, Lezha and Fafa in Durres. Additionally, 50 adults attended parenting groups with an adapted curriculum for post-traumatic experiences.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Within the first two weeks after the earthquake, WVA conducted a Basic Rapid Assessment with the purpose of gathering primary data in an accelerated timeframe to provide decision-making information on the immediate needs in households in the affected areas (Durrës, Kamza, Kurbin and Lezha municipalities). A sample of 511 households (HHs) (comprising a total of 2,460 members), and seven community leaders were involved in the Assessment. The findings revealed that the top concern of the affected population in all sites was shelter, with Kurbin municipality (94%) having the highest reports.

Distress and trauma symptoms are more prevalent in the population living in their houses (85.2%) and tents (88.4%) compared to those living in hotels (61.1%). The second most important problem is that the affected population reported high levels of symptoms (among children and adults) such as fear, anxiety, sleep deprivation and loss of appetite. Physical illness symptoms are more prevalent in tents (59%) and damaged houses (fever, cough, flu, headache, infections, etc.) compared to those accommodated in hotels. Children (51%) are identified as the most vulnerable group within the affected population, 74% of them being scared and traumatized as reported by parents.

WVA is an active contributor in all emergency coordination platforms called by the government or the European Union (EU) Civic Protection and will continue to do so as needed. WVA is co-leading the Protection working group with UNICEF, and an active member of the Education, Shelter/NFI, and CASH working groups.

Aside from the earthquake emergency situation, WVA continuously offers assistance during harsh winter periods. For instance, during January – February 2019, in the Dibra region, we supplied 575 families with 426 food packages, 50 hygienic kits and 383 blankets. In addition, 75 heating stoves were distributed in 14 schools in Dibra municipality.
An earthquake with 6.4-magnitude hit Albania on 26 November 2019, with a death toll of 51 people, about 1,000 injured and about 14,000 people temporarily displaced. The epicentre was around 20 miles west of the heavily populated capital city of Tirana, between the coastal town of Durres and the city of Thumana, both of which suffered severe damage. Durrës, Thumana, Tirana, Lezha and Kurbin are the most affected areas in the country, with severe damage to houses, schools and other buildings.

Within hours from the earthquake, World Vision Albania mobilized its resources and started responding to the needs of the affected population in Durres, Thumana, Kurbin, Lezha and Kamza in coordination with national and local government. Rapid Assessments aims to provide WV programme and operations team with information so that they can plan and implement relevant and effective programs aligned with community-identified needs on the ground. This report provides a snapshot of the situation in the areas affected by the earthquake where World Vision Albania (WVA) is present with its long-term programmes Durres, Kamza, Kurbin and Lezha municipalities.

Overall, shelter/damaged house is the most commonly named problem, followed by health issues traumatized adults & traumatized children, livelihood and income, children’s education, water and food protection and information.

**Shelter**

Shelter is the top concern of the affected population (85% of families) in all sites, with Kurbin municipality (94%) having the highest reports. 75% of affected population living in tents do not meet basic heating needs.

Households currently Not At All able to meet basic needs for the following items:

- Heating equipment (mainly in tents): 25.4%
- Soap, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, other personal care items: 23.1%
- Clothing and footwear: 20.9%
- Sleeping mats or mattresses: 20.4%
- Blankets: 19.2%
- Buckets, jerry cans or other water storage containers: 17.8%

**Health**

- 81% of adults reported high levels of symptoms (among children and adults) such as fear, anxiety, sleep deprivation and loss of appetite.
- 74% of children reported high levels of symptoms (among children and adults) such as fear, anxiety, sleep deprivation and loss of appetite.

**Food/Water**

- 37% of surveyed households described unsafe and damaged school buildings as the main obstacle for children to access schools. Inscurity, transportation/ distance and loss of school kits and books are among the other issues experienced by respondents.
- 28% of households as one of the needs was reported by affected population from the rural remote areas have not received sufficient information or support on earthquake response. Kamza is the municipality who reports lower access to information (58%).
- Insufficient water for all household needs was reported by 30% of households as one of the problems they face.

**Education**

- 41% of surveyed households described unsafe and damaged school buildings as the main obstacle for children to access schools. Inscurity, transportation/ distance and loss of school kits and books are among the other issues experienced by respondents.

**Livelihood & Income**

Even though the earthquake did not significantly damage livelihoods in rural contexts, affected families report living in poverty.

- Sources of income for the affected families:
  - 32.1% Formal salary/wages
  - 31.9% Pension
  - 18.2% Casual (daily) labor
  - 17.6% Economic aid
  - 9.4% Loans, debts
  - 7.6% Disability aid
  - 7.2% Subsistence farming
  - 6.7% Small business
  - 5.7% Remittances

**Information/Protection**

- 44.2% of affected population from the rural remote areas have not received sufficient information or support on earthquake response. Kamza is the municipality who reports lower access to information (58%).
- 51% of children are identified as the most vulnerable group within the affected population, 74% of them show signs of distress after trauma as reported by parents.

**Key Findings of World Vision Rapid Assessment**

- Distress and trauma symptoms are more prevalent in population living in:
  - 88.4% in tents,
  - 85.2% in damaged houses,
  - 61.1% accommodated in hotels.
- Physical illness symptoms are more prevalent in tents and damaged houses (fever, cough, headache, etc.) compared to those accommodated in hotels.

- Almost half of surveyed households described unsafe and damaged school buildings as the main obstacle for children to access schools. Inscurity, transportation/ distance and loss of school kits and books are among the other issues experienced by respondents.

The final sample consisted of 2460 individuals, with N=511 households, in 4 affected areas Durrës, Kamza, Kurbin and Lezha. Sixty percent (N = 291) of surveyed households were living in homes/apartments owned by households, about 22% were living in hotels (disaster shelter with services), and the remaining households were living in tents/informal settings at the time of the survey.

The survey instruments used in this rapid assessment are validated for use for assessing natural disaster situations. The instruments include: (i) the Basic Rapid Assessment Tool (BRAT) containing eight sections exploring the damages and needs of affected population from the disaster; and (ii) the Community Leader/Key Stakeholders Rapid Assessment Interview. The BRAT survey was translated and adapted in the Albanian language. The survey was administered through android tablets using ODK-based KoBo collect platform.
World Vision has a promise to keep for the most vulnerable children globally, under *Our Promise* Partnership Strategy, where efforts of every type, humanitarian, development, and advocacy of every level should leave no child underdeveloped even for the most vulnerable children of Albania.

At World Vision Albania, this promise is achieved by focusing on people, through continuous prayers, motivated staff, trusted circle of friends and transparent policies and procedures, which add value to the humanitarian and development work to better serve and contribute to the above highlighted impact within 2019.

**We are stewards of resources and strive for efficiency**

WVA ability to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children relies heavily upon its ability to provide the required goods and services to those children and their communities. We demand of ourselves high standards of professional competence and accept the need to be accountable to communities, ourselves and donors. Through effective strategic sourcing, in 2019, we carried out and finalized 92 Tenders, 46 Long term agreements, 100 Consultancy Service Contracts, and 10,000 Items in the item catalogue. During 2019, the ten most spent categories are as presented in the chart below, based on the need of programmatic and emergent interventions:

**Policies of care and trust**

**Child and Adult Safeguarding Policy**

WVA has zero tolerance and strongly stands against incidents of violence or abuse against children or adults, including sexual exploitation or abuse, committed by employees or others affiliated with our work. WVA takes necessary actions to respond to any suspected or known instances of abuse. Incidents are obligated to be reported and their responses are centred on the child or adult survivor; prioritizing their interests.

Therefore, in 2019, our organization has reviewed and updated Child and Adult Safeguarding Policy according to international standards. Moreover,
we made available to everyone, whether a beneficiary, staff member, volunteer, or contractor, the **Integrity and Protection Hotline** in which all unethical behaviour or actions that place children, staff or others at risk can be reported. All our employees, interns, volunteers, board members and implementing partners, have been presented with and trained to guard and apply these principles in any situation. WVA also requires all other parties such as service providers, casual workers, contractors and suppliers to formally accept and comply with this policy in any interacting process, procedure or collaboration.

**Anticorruption Policy**

For World Vision too, corruption is defined as ‘the abuse of entrusted power for gain’. It includes practices such as bribery, fraud, extortion, collusion and money laundering. It also includes any offer or receipt of any gift, loan, fee, reward, or other advantage to or from any person as an inducement to do something that is dishonest, illegal, or a breach of trust in the conduct of the organization’s activities. Explaining and signing such policy to every WVA employee, volunteer, or any third party acting on behalf of WVA or dealing therewith, ensures than any corruptive behaviour or practice occurs.

**Categories of expenditures in 2019.**

- Conference, Seminar and Training Venues: 16.68%
- Education School Supplies and Equipment: 15.30%
- Construction and Construction Materials and Repairs: 2.03%
- Food Package: 13.83%
- IT Hardware: 4.04%
- Agriculture Farm Equipment and Supplies and Livestock: 4.16%
- Expertise and Consultancy: 6.62%
- Ground Transportation: 6.52%
- Supplies and Stationery: 6.37%
- Publishing Printed Material and Advertising: 1.94%
Our Advisory Council

Our promise would not be kept if it wasn’t for our honoured circle of friends, the advisory council. To position as a partner of choice in the country and ensure sustainability, impact and accountability, WVA has strong governance structures as the advisory council. The profiles of our current members are as listed below:

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<td>Chairman of WVA Advisory Council</td>
<td>A serving and devoted pastor in the Evangelical Church being a leader, trainer, coordinator of many organizations and leadership training.</td>
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<td>George Balla</td>
<td>Chair of Governance Committee</td>
<td>Successful in developing his own business in retail sales and marketing in the telecommunication industries. Currently he offers consultancy services in operational efficiency and growth as well as sales development techniques highly matched and adapted to the Albanian market.</td>
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<td>Sokol Haxhiu</td>
<td>Chair of Fundraising Committee</td>
<td>An expert in Programme Management, Analytical, Reporting and Analysis, Fundraising and Business Development, Presentation and Negotiation Skills, Risk Management, Stakeholders Coordination.</td>
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<td>Nathan Hope</td>
<td>Member</td>
<td>Nathan has served as an Orthodox missionary in Albania for about 20 years. Nathan and his wife Gabriela are working to inspire, train, equip and lead Albanians to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in Albania.</td>
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<td>Elona Prroj</td>
<td>Member</td>
<td>Focused on raising awareness of the community and the government instances for the existence of the blood feud phenomena and the fight against it.</td>
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<td>Fred Westerink</td>
<td>Member</td>
<td>Specialised in acquisition, policy and personnel management, developing new local projects and products, relations with government and relations with donors.</td>
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<td>Stela Qako</td>
<td>Member</td>
<td>A lawyer and mediator. She has also been involved in teaching different age groups, members of the Orthodox community.</td>
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We are Partners

Partnering is the main approach for WVA to meet the strategic objectives regarding child well-being aiming to increase incomes, influence and impact our ministry. To us partnerships provide opportunity for improving continuously development, by recognising the qualities and competencies of each sector and finding new ways of harnessing these for the common good.

We strongly believe that only with comprehensive and widespread cross-sector collaboration we can ensure sustainable development initiatives that are coherent and integrated enough to tackle the most intractable problems. Single sector approaches have been tried and have proved disappointing. Working separately, with sectoral activities developed in isolation, sometimes competing with each other and/or overlapping efforts have caused wasting of valuable resources (human, money and time).

Collaborating with various partners, and stakeholders nationally and locally; open to network and to channel the voice of the unrepresented (vulnerable children and communities) are some of the ways we seek to share our successes and challenges as we continue to create a sustainable impact through our partnerships.

The following provides an overview of the institutions, organisations corporates and individual donors who trusted us in 2019. We are thankful for their contribution in common efforts and goals for the overall well-being of children, families and communities. Through various modalities of collaboration partnering opportunities are arising in exploring, creating, and strengthen the pre-positioning and positioning of WVA externally.
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