Impact assessment of the COVID-19 outbreak on wellbeing of children and families in Albania

Preliminary findings

World Vision Albania conducted a rapid assessment to explore on the consequences that families are facing due to the Covid-19 pandemic in Albania. The interviews were conducted mainly in rural areas and the majority of the sample consisted of females.

Data collection was carried out during April 28 - May 8, 2020 and the average duration of each phone interview was 44 minutes.

The assessment will aim to highlight the urgent, medium and long-term needs of families and children in Albania as a result of the new coronavirus pandemic. In spite of the problems, the interviewed families proposed also the most appropriate solutions for the situation.

Sample distribution for each municipality

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1,199 families composed of 5,993 individuals

Age

- 16% >60
- 7% 18-25
- 30% 26-35
- 62% 36-60

67 families with a child with disability
113 families with an adult with disability

Source of income before and after COVID-19

- Full time employment decreased by -9%
- Unemployment increased by +10%
- Occasional work decreased by -14%
- Remittances decreased by -8%
- Aid from humanitarian organization increased by +11%

Employment and self-employment

68% of the respondents report that the situation created by Covid-19 pandemic will affect their employment or self-employment.

43% of the respondents who have agricultural land said that the situation created by COVID-19 has affected the sale of their agricultural products.
Psycho-social support for parents and children is considered as a proper solution to address issues arising from COVID-19 pandemic.

- 35% of the respondents reported high levels of anxiety and stress.
- 49% reported that their children have witnessed adults yelling at each other at home.
- 61% believed that their children are at high risk from browsing the internet for long periods of time.

**Children education**

- 1 in 10 children could not attend online classes.
- 5 in 10 children with disabilities could not attend online classes.

**Online classes**

Parents’ perceptions on the quality of education process:

- Very good: 18%
- Good: 64%
- Poor: 18%

**Covid-19 spread prevention**

Main information channels:

- 35% Social Media
- 41% Internet
- 98% Television

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