World Vision works to nurture children, improve their resilience, and bring hope to Palestinian children. For over 45 years, World Vision has worked for the well-being of children in Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza. Our programmes cover development, relief and advocacy so children, especially the most vulnerable, are protected in families and communities, and so children develop the skills they need for healthy lives. World Vision JWG has one of the largest community-based presence of any organisation operating in the West Bank. In FY20, we reached 138,213 individual children, of which 74% are categorically considered most vulnerable in the West Bank.

We work through 13 locations or area programmes (AP), which directly support about 40,000 children participating in sponsorship programmes. The APs are located in Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus, Salfit, Tubas, Ramallah, Jenin and Jordan Valley and are served by over 80 dedicated female and male staff. The operation covers 150 communities and almost 400 schools with a total annual budget of around $9 million USD. Private funding gives us stability and enables us to build long-term relationships with families, communities, schools, municipalities, village councils, the Palestinian Authority, faith communities, and other civil society actors.

**ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FROM FY20**

- **181,412** unique beneficiaries, including **138,213** children reached
- **74%** of children reached are most vulnerable children
- **80** active World Vision staff
- **141** village reached
- **173** solar panels installed on total of 22 schools
- **$9.1 million** USD annual budget
- **1,445,000** children benefited from enhanced policy for referral and response of protection cases during COVID-19
- **1,276,365** people reached with COVID-19 prevention awareness
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

World Vision’s early childhood development (ECD) programme focuses on the child’s well-being through the period from prenatal to age six, to enhance their well-being and early learning skills in secure and stimulating environments. World Vision uses two evidence-based project models: Go Baby Go and Learning Roots. ECD programmes are powerful equalisers for children who live in resource-poor settings, and they play an important role in breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty. In partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Health (MoH), World Vision implements a holistic ECD approach by integrating physical, mental, social and emotional support across each phase of a child’s development, especially for the most vulnerable.

- 87.5% of one-year-olds on track in all domains after 12 months (62% baseline).
- 81% of caregivers providing safe, stimulating home environment (20% baseline).
- 213 clinics and kindergartens rehabilitated or built.
- 601 institutions supported in COVID-19 epidemic.

CHILD PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

In partnership with the MoE and the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), World Vision implements a holistic child protection and advocacy programme across all targeted areas in the West Bank. The programme uses a ‘systems approach’ to strengthen the protective environment around children as well as strengthen the capacities of children themselves. Interventions focus on improving governmental policies and accountability, improving social services, catalysing behaviour and attitude change, and strengthening child resilience. Programmes also build the skills of adolescents to be change agents in their communities (Youth Resilience) and offer service-learning projects. Project models cover four domains:

- Child Resilience & Life Skills.
- Positive Discipline & Celebrating Families.
- Referral and response system at each level of the system from the Ministry of Social Development through to Child Protection Networks and community-based child protection groups that include critical duty-bearers.
- It Takes a World Campaign to end violence in and around schools, which uses UNICEF’s Whole School Approach to End Violence as well as the INSPIRE framework to mobilize actions locally, nationally, and internationally.

FRAGILITY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Palestinian communities live under high fragility and vulnerability due to the occupation and other dynamics. Assessing the level and type of fragility for each village where World Vision works is important so interventions are relevant and community capacities are strengthened so they can partner with World Vision in their development. Looking across 10 dimensions of fragility, World Vision finds that among its targeted villages in FY20: 6 are only surviving, 36 are somewhere between surviving and adapting, 83 are adapting, 13 are adapting better than others and moving toward thriving, and only 3 are thriving. Working in long-term relationship with communities, World Vision adapts its programming to help these villages increase their capacity to adapt under these harsh circumstances, protect children and recover after various escalations of conflict and violence.

EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES AND WASH

World Vision works in approximately 400 schools. Due to an ongoing occupation, many Palestinian schools lack critical basic services to respond to conflict and violence that happens in and around schools as well as the occupation’s effect on lack of services. Through Education in Emergencies (EiE) programming, World Vision helps schools prepare for and respond to disasters, address gaps in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programming, ensure essential school safety plans and associated tools.

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