

# WORLD VISION ALBANIA PROFILE



World Vision started working in Albania in 1999, in response to the Kosovo refugee crisis. For 25 years, our work has been focused on transformational development and long-standing support of vulnerable children, youth, and families.

Our technical approaches, contributing to Education and Life Skills, Social Inclusion, and Livelihoods, are at the core of our mission. These approaches are part of a holistic and integrated strategy that emphasizes empowerment, community engagement, and sustainable development. At the heart of our mission is empowering children, adolescents, and communities to become agents of transformation.

Through models like IMPACT+ for young people development, Child Protection & Advocacy (CP&A) for child well-being, and Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) for community engagement, united with enabling approaches such as Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Disaster Risk Reduction, Faith in Development, Advocacy, and Environmental Stewardship & Climate Action, we address the multifaceted challenges faced by communities. Throughout 2023, World Vision Albania was present in 18 Albanian municipalities. Collaborating with a network of 86 nationwide partners, WVA's initiatives positively impacted 34,455 children via its diverse programming.

## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY 2023



24  
projects



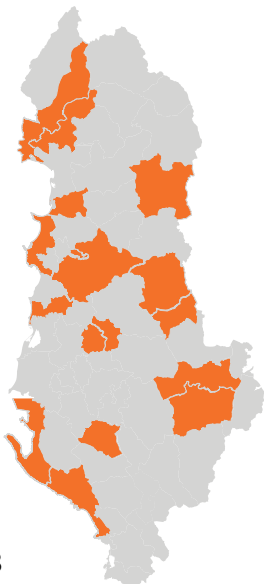
11,496  
registered  
children



86  
nationwide  
partners



158  
children with  
disabilities  
received 4,368  
hours of therapy



34,455  
children  
reached



3  
integrated community-  
based services



1,128  
children and adolescents'  
part of 65 IMPACT Club  
groups



60%  
of beneficiaries reached were  
the most vulnerable children



US \$4,084,919  
annual budget from WVI  
Funding, Institutional Donors,  
Local Private Funding



Donors  
European Union, USAID, GIZ,  
UNDP, UNICEF, Kia, PONT, World  
Vision Korea, World Vision US,  
World Vision UK

# PRIORITY SECTORS



## EDUCATION, LIFE SKILLS, AND RESILIENCE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

World Vision Albania empowers children and adolescents to thrive, preparing them for life's challenges and nurturing their potential as agents of transformation in their communities. IMPACT+ is World Vision Albania's transformative Adolescents program that empowers adolescents as they transition into adulthood. It aims to enable children to emerge as leaders driving positive change within their communities. The program consists of two interconnected interventions: weekly club meetings and Community Service-Learning Projects (CSLP) that serve as practical learning experiences while bringing about positive social change in their communities.

Throughout 2023, 1,128 children and adolescents actively engaged in 65 IMPACT Club groups. Children and adolescents benefited from 9 learning topics: active citizenship, mental health and resilience, violence, corruption, diversity and inclusion, critical thinking, and innovation. Members of the IMPACT Club successfully undertook 10 initiatives under the "Sport4All" theme, spanning five area programs. 13,666 children and adolescents have been reached and have learned more from the initiatives undertaken by IMPACT clubs.



## CHILD PROTECTION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Child Protection & Advocacy Project Model (CP&A) implemented by World Vision Albania focuses on mobilising collective action among formal and informal child protection actors within the community to create a more robust protective environment for children. At the family level, the program strengthens families through the Celebrating Families model. This project model aims for children to have positive and caring relationships with families, allowing them to thrive spiritually, socio-emotionally and physically. Integrated services for the most vulnerable children who experience a lack of services and any form of violence and families in remote communities have been integrated into the services provided by WVA over the years. During 2023, 517 parents participated in positive parenting capacity-building events in the Celebrating Families model and Positive Parenting curriculum modules. 158 children with disabilities received 4,368 hours of therapy (speech therapy, physiotherapy, development therapy) have been provided to those children.



## LIVELIHOODS & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Through strategies such as enhancing agricultural production and promoting financial literacy, the World Vision Albania Livelihood approach seeks to foster self-efficacy and partnerships for market access; we empower economic empowerment of families to increase their income and resilience, moving them from surviving to thriving with a dedicated focus on gender equality, social inclusion, and financial literacy. By equipping families with the necessary tools and knowledge, we strive to uplift communities, empowering them to build a brighter future. During 2023, 57 families received support with equipment, winterization, and livelihoods in response to the flooding emergency in Shkodra. 40 families were supported with materials to improve incomes using biodiversity potentials in the Dibër area. 20 young adults trained in entrepreneurship, 9 of whom started economic activities (2 beekeepers, 2 with horticulture, 2 with agricultural machinery, 3 with technological equipment in mountain tourism).

# WE CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS

## YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

In our ongoing commitment to support and empower children and youth, World Vision Albania has established the Youth Advisory Board, consisting of 15 members between the ages of 12 and 18.

## ITAW

In May 2023, World Vision Albania highlighted its commitment to ending violence against children. Igli, a member of WVA's IMPACT youth group, represented the voices of millions at the 76th UN General Assembly in Geneva during the Changemakers Mobilisation Moment, a global initiative that celebrated youth as agents of change.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN DECISION-MAKING

World Vision Albania played an essential role in amplifying the voice of children and youth through significant advocacy actions, contributing to advancing policies and strategies focused on their well-being and development. Adolescents and young people were part of monitoring the National Youth Strategy 2022-2029, a comprehensive framework aimed at strengthening youth voice, innovation, and skills, particularly in technology, and promoting their mental, physical, and social health.

## THEMATIC FOCUS



### ADVOCACY

Advocacy lies at the heart of World Vision Albania's strategic priorities, encompassing at both national and local levels, as we strive is a strategic priority in WVA's programming, aiming to ensure the promote sustained child well-being of children.

Our mission is to empower children and young leaders, nurturing fostering their active participation as advocates for their rights and catalysts for actors of social change.



### GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

World Vision Albania has worked towards progressing the systematic integration of gender equality and social inclusion within and across our programming sectors. Recognizing gender-based discrimination and exclusion as important conditions hindering the further development of young people's life skills, confidence and the self-efficacy aspects, WVA has provided opportunities for children, adolescents and communities to advocate for advancing peaceful and inclusive societies and institutions.



### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As part of our stewardship World Vision Albania is committed to integrate and mainstream climate action activities in our programs.

We strive to address the root causes of environmental degradation and climate change, in an effort to contribute to positive outcomes for the most vulnerable and the natural environment.

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