



# ALBANIA IMPACT REPORT

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# FOREWORD

I am full of gratitude from the results of the work of World Vision Albania in 2024. This was not just another year that our team contributed with support for children, families and communities. It was the 25<sup>th</sup> year of World Vision's work in Albania. It is in anniversaries that we stop and reflect, and appreciate the ride, with its challenges and achievements. We celebrate the stories of so many girls and boys, who are now accomplished adults, who over the years of support have found hope, joy and justice in their lives. We celebrate the stories of so many women and men, who have overcome the challenges, difficulties, have persevered with patience, faith, trust, hard work and passion to change their lives for the sake of their children's wellbeing. We celebrate the stories of so many professionals, teachers, social workers, psychologists, medical doctors, nurses, volunteers, students,

local and national officials of all levels, engineers, environmentalists, civil society workers, faith missionaries, journalists and moderators, entrepreneurs, multilateral institutions and diplomatic representatives, artists, simple citizens of this country and beyond this country, who have trusted World Vision and have joined World Vision in its journey. Thank you truly for your support.

The journey continues.

## **Eljona Elmazi**

Executive Director

**World Vision Albania**



# WE ARE WORLD VISION

a global relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to give every child the chance to enjoy life in all its fullness. For the past 75 years, our Christian faith has inspired us to protect and care for the most vulnerable children around the globe.

Hope, Joy, and Justice for ALL Children!



## 25 YEARS OF IMPACT IN ALBANIA

In 2024 World Vision reached the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the presence in Albania. For **25 years**, World Vision Albania has been at the forefront of improving lives and encouraging development across numerous regions of the country. With a dedicated commitment to our mission, we have significantly impacted communities, mainly focusing on the most vulnerable children.

In 25 years, we reached **167,809** individuals across various projects, including **121,411 children** and **69,956 adults**.

Our initiatives were implemented across **31 municipalities**<sup>1</sup> with a significant presence in program areas of Dibër, Durrës, Elbasan, Korçë, Kurbin, Lezhë, Librazhd Shkodër, Tiranë, and Vlorë.

Technical approaches, contributing to education and life skills for children and youth, social protection and inclusion, livelihoods, and response to emergencies have been at the core of our interventions. These approaches are part of holistic and integrated strategies emphasising empowerment, community engagement, and sustainable development.

Watch more about the transformed lives of children during these 25 years.



**Aldi** was the first registered child in Kurbin 16 years ago. He emphasises World Vision's programs for their transformative impact on his personal and professional growth. Now a leading youth voice at the UN General Assembly, reflecting how World Vision's programs transformed his journey.



**Orjana** began her path with World Vision Albania at age 12 in Gjergjan, Elbasan. She started her journey as an advocate in the Child Protection Children group, followed by IMPACT+, where she gained vital skills through community initiatives and participation. Orjana now is pursuing her dreams and is an active youth advocate, showcasing the transformative support of World Vision.



**Xhuana's** life was impacted by the World Vision Livelihood program, which made her the first female beekeeper in Librazhd. She found encouragement and resources, which helped her shape her future as an environmental engineer, illustrating how the organization's support enabled her to root firmly in her community and pursue her dreams.



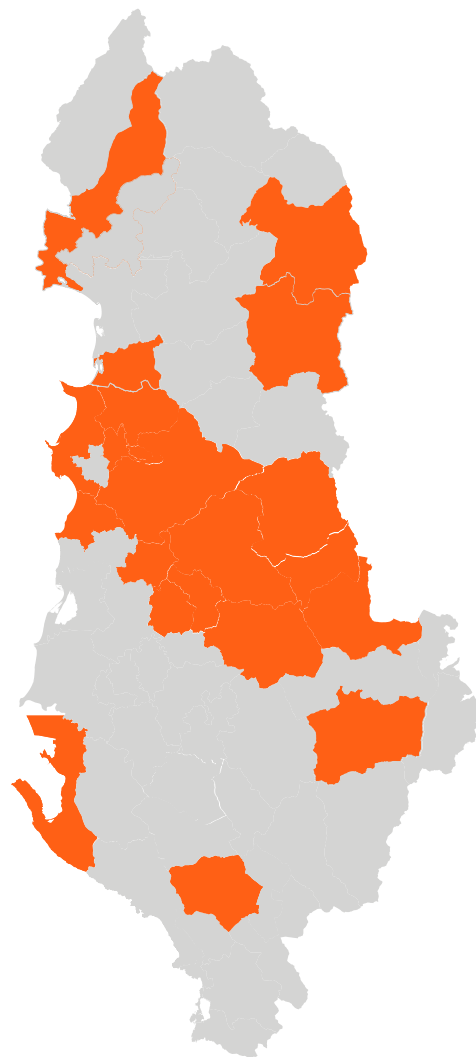
<sup>1</sup> Durrës, Kamëz, Korçë, Librazhd, Dibër, Elbasan, Kurbin, Lezhë, Vlorë, Maliq, Përrenjas, Shkodër, Tiranë, Berat, Bulqizë, Cërrik, Fier, Gramsh, Kukës, Belsh, Lushnje, Pukë, Rrëshen, Gjirokastrë, Kavajë, Krujë, Mirditë, Peqin, Pogradec, Thumane, & Vorë.



**IMPACT**

# WHERE WE SERVE

Municipality of Belsh  
Municipality of Cërrik  
Municipality of Dibër  
Municipality of Durrës  
Municipality of Elbasan  
Municipality of Gjirokastër  
Municipality of Gramsh  
Municipality of Kamzë  
Municipality of Kavajë  
Municipality of Korçë  
Municipality of Krujë  
Municipality of Kukës  
Municipality of Kurbin  
Municipality of Librazhd  
Municipality of Peqin  
Municipality of Pogradec  
Municipality of Prrenjas  
Municipality of Shkodër  
Municipality of Tiranë  
Municipality of Vlorë  
Municipality of Vorë



# Child Well-being – Our National Impact 2024

Throughout 2024, World Vision Albania was present in 21 municipalities. Collaborating with a network of 76 partners, WVA's initiatives positively reached lives of 28,873 children via its diverse programming.

## Main achievements of 2024 in numbers:



1,186 children and adolescents were actively engaged in the IMPACT+ groups.



41 professionals trained on inclusive education.



59 IMPACT+ groups were functional in 2024.



Four Smart Labs were established in four schools in Tirana and Durrës.



71 volunteering leaders led the IMPACT groups.



Two Development Spaces were established in "Pinoku" kindergarten and "Ramazan Jangozi" school.



30 community initiatives were carried out by IMPACT+ club members, reaching 8,818 children.



1,857 families were supported with food packages and e-vouchers.



622 children and adolescents were part of residential and daily summer camps.



1,460 children received gifts in kind (clothes) in the Librazhd, Bathore and Elbasan areas.



4,685 children aged 3 to 14 and 1,237 adults benefited from art, sport, and scientific programs at the "Children City" Centre in Korçë.



112 parents participated in positive parenting capacity-building events.



41 child protection professionals trained on case management, the preventive mechanisms for violence, trafficking, and social issues.



37 health workers were oriented about the early identification of disability.



68 men and boys were part of 3 mentorship sessions around concepts of gender-based violence.



4 centres successfully provided services for children, parents, and the community in four municipalities.



184 children with disabilities (66 girls and 118 boys) received 5,433 hours of specialized services (in centre and home), in Prrrenjas, Librazhd, Kurbin.



136 cases were managed in collaboration with the Intersectoral Technical Groups in municipalities.



42 households received livestock tools and animal food.



180 households trained on livestock management.



165 mothers received information on the importance of dietary diversity.



446 children and adolescents trained in biodiversity management.



60 farmers trained on medicinal plants' cultivation.



78 farmers trained on livelihoods and equipped with seedlings.



5 women, after being trained on microfinance and how to run/manage small businesses, received financial support to implement their projects.

# Education and Life Skills

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. Through weekly club meetings and Community Service-Learning Projects (CSLP) that serve as practical learning experience, adolescents develop in three aspects: Competency (skills & knowledge), Character (identity & empowerment), and Contribution (active citizenship).

By working collaboratively with schools, municipalities, and communities, we ensure that key actors, such as teachers and local authorities, have the capacity to support the most vulnerable children to reach their potential.

Cross-cutting priorities include ensuring Gender Equality and Social Inclusion by providing lifelong learning opportunities to all children, especially the most vulnerable; enabling Advocacy and Child Participation by empowering young people to influence community decisions; and fostering Environmental Stewardship by incorporating sustainability and climate education into our programs.

## Contribution to:



### (Quality Education)

Equipping children and youth with skills for lifelong learning.



### (Gender Equality)

Ensuring equal learning opportunities for boys and girls.



### (Peace, Justice, Strong Institutions)

Strengthening child and youth advocacy in governance.



## Life story – A Voice for Youth: Xhensuara's Journey of Changing Herself and Her Community

Xhensuara, a young woman from the outskirts of Tirana, grew up in a community where individual survival often overshadowed collective well-being. Her perspective changed when she joined youth programs that encouraged her to see beyond personal limitations and work toward community empowerment. Over the years, she became a strong advocate for young people, particularly girls, in a community where their voices are often unheard.

Through various initiatives, she has helped create spaces for youth participation, raised awareness about gender equality, and engaged in policy discussions at the national level. Her contributions to youth consultations and legal reforms have led to significant changes, ensuring better recognition and opportunities for young people in Albania.

Today, Xhensuara continues to inspire others by proving that positive change is possible with the proper support. As she pursues her studies in computer engineering, she remains committed to advocacy, believing that young people must take an active role in shaping their future.

Scan to read  
Xhensuara's life story



## Achievements

In 2024, we supported children and youth to learn, grow, and make a difference in their communities. Through various activities, training sessions, and projects, children and adolescents gained new skills, built friendships, and worked together to improve their schools and neighbourhoods. Alongside working with children and youth, partnering with local communities enhanced the impact and created spaces where children and young people could thrive.

# 1,186

**children and adolescents** were actively engaged in the IMPACT+ groups. They attended training on numerous topics/modules related to environment and climate change, advocacy and civil participation, community involvement, technology, critical thinking, and creativity.

# 59

**IMPACT+ groups** were operational during 2024.

# 71

**volunteering leaders** led the IMPACT+ groups and were continuously engaged in motivational activities.

# 30

IMPACT+ Club members carried out **30 community initiatives**, reaching 8,818 children. The initiatives addressed current important issues such as gender inequality, gender violence, trafficking, inclusion of children with disabilities, biodiversity, and environment.

# 83

**young people** were part of two **bootcamps**, one on critical thinking, creativity, and employability, and the other on review of the youth law.

# 14

**adolescents** were equipped with **essential digital skills** in the Code for Albania

Programme and technology bootcamp for the third year in a row in the ICT Academy in Korçë.

# 622

**children and adolescents** were part of residential and daily **summer camps** centred on social integration, multicultural engagement and sports.

# 4685

At the "**Children City**" Centre in Korçë, **4,685 children** aged 3 to 14 and **1,237 adults** benefited from art, sport, and scientific programs. These programs promote healthy parenting practices, reduce violence, nurture life skills, develop talent, provide positive role modelling, and foster active citizenship.

# 176

**children**, including 76 with disabilities, were equipped with school supplies / educational materials.

# 64

**children participated in after-school activities** to progress their development.

# 41

**professionals**, specifically 10 teachers, 9 psychologists, 12 social workers, and 10 local stakeholders, attended training on inclusive education.

**Improvements in school and community infrastructure:**

- **Four Smart Labs** were established in four school in Tirana and Durrës to stimulate an interactive learning environment for a total of 1,651 children.
- **Two Development Spaces** were established, one in "Pinoku" kindergarten, where 130 children had the opportunity to showcase their talents and one in "Ramazan Jangozi" school accessible to 360 children.
- **One sports field** was established in the school "Shkolla e Re" in Durrës, providing a safe space for physical activity and social interaction for 740 children, teachers, parents, and community members.
- **Four schools** in Shkodra were supported with essential resources to create friendly spaces for all children, especially those with disabilities.
- **A children's playground** was built at the centre of Shkodër city in partnership with the municipality, as a result of the IMPACT groups' recommendations.
- **Three children's playgrounds** were established in the Paskuqan Lake, in a close collaboration with the municipality of Kamza, because of the active participation of IMPACT+ members from the area.
- **23 benches** were installed throughout one neighbourhood in Durrës city to create resting and social gathering spots for 4,000 residents, because of the community mobilisation of the IMPACT+ group of "Qemal Mici" school.

**Contributing Projects**

- Children and Adolescent Projects in Durrës, Shkodër, and Tiranë – Funded by WV US, WV UK.
- Community Development Project in Durrës, Shkodër, and Tiranë – Funded by WV US, WV UK.
- Community Centre for disability services (C2DS) Prrenjas – Funded by European Commission, Local level partnerships to advance social inclusion in Albania.
- Community response/ownership development for biodiversity preservation in Korab – Koritnik Nature Park and Shebenik National Park – Funded by Prespa Ohrid Natural Trust Fund (PONT).
- Children City in Korça Municipality.
- KIA Green Light Project in Librazhd – Funded by WV Korea.
- Kurbin Community Resilience Center – A program funded by USAID Albania and implemented by UNDP Albania in partnership with WVA and Kurbin Municipality.
- *Local Marketing Initiatives:*  
A space for integration at the school "Ramazan Jangozi", Thumanë – Funded by Antea Cement.

## Social Protection and Inclusion

World Vision Albania’s approach ensures that children grow up in safe and protective environments, empowering families and communities to safeguard their well-being. Through the Child Protection & Advocacy (CP&A) Model, we mobilize local communities, strengthen child protection systems, and address the root causes of violence against children. Collaborating with key stakeholders, including local governments, families, and community leaders, we create sustainable, evidence-driven strategies to strengthen child safety and promote their well-being.

At the family level, our Celebrating Families model supports parents and caregivers in building nurturing relationships, strengthening children’s social-emotional development and spiritual growth. Integrated services at the local level ensure that the most vulnerable children and families receive essential support, particularly those in remote areas.

Cross-cutting priorities focus on advancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion by addressing violence and discrimination against vulnerable children, including girls, boys, and children with disabilities and promoting Advocacy and Child Participation through stronger policies and community structures that prevent child abuse.

### Contribution to:



**(No Poverty)**

Contributing in the reduction of food insecurity of vulnerable families.



**(Gender Equality)**

Ensuring equal learning opportunities for boys and girls.



**(Peace, Justice, Strong Institutions)**

Strengthening child and youth advocacy in governance.



### Life story – Therapy at Home: A New Opportunity for Alfred, Luis, and Landi

In a remote village in Librazhd, Gurija cares for her three sons, Alfred, Luis, and Landi, with their father and older brother working abroad. The family faces isolation due to poor road conditions and a lack of nearby services. Access to speech therapy was once unimaginable, but home-based therapy sessions have brought hope and transformation. Thanks to the Kia Green Light Project, a speech therapist now visits them weekly, providing critical support that has significantly improved the boys' communication skills and confidence.

Initially struggling with speech delays and learning difficulties, the boys have made remarkable progress. Once withdrawn and unable to form words properly, they can follow instructions, engage in conversations, and maintain eye contact during therapy. Their mother, who once feared they would never be able to communicate like their peers, now sees them actively participating in school and social life, giving her hope for their future independence.

For the three brothers, therapy sessions are the highlight of their week. Each small improvement is a victory, and their mother remains steadfast in her dream of seeing them thrive. The program currently supports 30 children and adolescents with integrated therapy services, proving that with the right intervention, even in the most isolated communities, children can unlock their full potential.

Scan to read the  
full life story



## Achievements

In 2024, we prioritized supporting families, protecting vulnerable groups, and strengthening local social care services. We provided direct assistance to families and children in need, contributed to improved support systems for children with disabilities, and building community awareness around child protection and gender-based violence. Collaborating with local partners and communities enhanced our impact, creating safer, healthier environments where children, parents, and vulnerable groups could receive essential care.

**1,857**

**families** were supported with food packages, e-vouchers and supplies as per their needs.

**1,460**

**children** received gifts in kid (clothes) in the Librazhd, Bathore and Elbasan areas.

**112**

**parents** participated in **positive parenting** capacity-building events through the Celebrating Families model and Positive Parenting curriculum modules.

**60**

**children** and **40 parents** took part in summer camps to strengthen the **parent-child relationship** in partnership with the Centre "Tek Ura".

**41**

**child protection professionals** attended **training on case management**, the preventive mechanisms for violence, trafficking, and social issues, and the referral mechanisms for cases of domestic violence and human trafficking.

**4**

**centres** successfully provided services for children, parents, and the community in four municipalities: the **Resilience Centre** in Kurbin, the **Community Centre to Disability Services** in Prrenjas, the **Multifunctional Community Centre** in Librazhd and the **Emergency Centre** in Durrës.

**37**

**health workers** were oriented about the **early identification of disability**.

**297**

**partners** were **informed** about the Referral and Reporting Mechanism (for children in need of protection) and the Law No. 18/2017 on the rights and protection of children.

**7**

**Community Groups of Support** were **established** in each municipality of the Elbasan Region (Elbasan, Librazhd, Cërrik, Belsh, Gramsh, Peqin, and Përrenjas) to early **identify, refer, and support women** affected / potentially **affected by gender-based violence and inequality**.

21

**individuals** received **training** on how to **recognize signs of abuse, provide community support, and report cases of gender-based violence** to the authorities.

68

**men and boys** were part of **3 mentorship sessions** where they were introduced to the concepts of gender-based violence, exploring its various forms, and examining the harm it causes to individuals and communities.

184

**children with disabilities** (66 girls and 118 boys) received specialized services (in centre and home), in Prrenjas, Librazhd, Kurbin. **5,433 hours of therapy** (among which 2,332 hours speech therapy, 1,806 hours physiotherapy, and 651 hours development therapy) were provided to the children.

51

**parents** have been actively engaged with orientations and psychosocial counselling on better supporting their children with disabilities.

The Emergency Centre in Durrës offered capacity building to 267 young individuals, food assistance to **8 families**, and **child protection support to 33 children**.

136

**cases** were managed in collaboration with the Intersectoral Technical Group. World Vision provided housing support, food packages, medications, and psychosocial services.

39

**women and children** affected by gender-based and domestic violence received inclusive support in the form of housing, food, clothing, hygiene products, medical care, psychological therapy, and legal aid.

56

**children and adults** were assisted with individual psychological service in the Resilience Center of Kurbin according to their needs.

167

**children** from the most vulnerable families **with health issues** were provided with eye examinations, optical glasses/lenses, and visits for scoliosis

2

**forums** were organized in Durrës and Elbasan, successfully bringing together 84 representatives from 14 municipalities and various CSOs to enhance collaboration and improve the quality of social care services in Albania.

205

**students** from the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Tirana were informed about volunteer opportunities in social care, equipping them with valuable insights into potential career pathways.

37

**young artists** submitted **essays and poetries** in the competition of Untold Stories 3 – An Art Response Against Human Trafficking through WORDS, bringing **awareness** to the diverse narratives and complexities surrounding **human trafficking**, as a distressful issue affecting men and women, girls and boys in Albania.

## Contributing Projects

- Child Protection Project in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV US.
  - Community Centre for disability services (C2DS) Prrenjas – Funded by European Commission, Local level partnerships to advance social inclusion in Albania.
  - Community Development Project in Durrës, Shkodër, and Tiranë – Funded by WV US, WV UK.
  - Enhancing Local Social Care Services partnerships with citizens and towards EU standards – Funded by European Commission, Strengthening partnerships to advance social services provision and inclusive employment and skills in Albania.
  - Gift in Kind (GIK) – Funded by WV Korea.
  - Improve health status of children in the Regions of Durres and Elbasan – Funded by WV Korea.
  - KIA Green Light Project in Librazhd – Funded by WV Korea.
  - Kurbin Community Resilience Centre – Funded by the UNDP Albania through the USAID funding.
  - RISE Her / Revitalize Independence and Solid Empowerment for Her – Funded by European Commission, Support to Civil Society Organisations in Albania, Thematic programme for human rights and democracy HR&D 2022-2023.
  - Untold Stories Programme (Anti-trafficking) – Funded by UNICEF Albania.
- Local Marketing Initiatives:*
- A space for integration at the school "Ramazan Jangozi", Thumanë – Funded by Antea Cement.
  - "Light a Hope" campaign by World Vision Albania in collaboration with Food Bank Albania and Spar Albania.

## Livelihoods & Environmental Stewardship

World Vision Albania's Livelihood approach aims to empower families through sustainable economic solutions, enabling them to transition from surviving to thriving. By improving agricultural production, financial literacy, and market access, we increase income and resilience, ensuring families can provide better opportunities for their children.

Our programs promote environmental stewardship, climate resilience, sustainable resource management, and disaster preparedness, ensuring that vulnerable communities are equipped to face environmental challenges.

Cross-cutting priorities include increasing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion by promoting women's economic empowerment, financial literacy, and participation in decision-making and strengthening Environmental Stewardship through climate-smart agriculture practices and disaster preparedness initiatives.

### Contribution to:



#### (No Poverty)

Contributing in the reduction of food insecurity of vulnerable families.



#### (Gender Equality)

Ensuring equal learning opportunities for boys and girls.



#### (Decent Work & Economic Growth)

Providing skills and financial education.



#### (Climate Action)

Encouraging environmental sustainability.



## Life story – Biodiversity and the community belong to each other

In the heart of Albania's protected landscapes, communities have long lived in harmony with nature, relying on its resources while shaping their cultural identity. However, as environmental threats grow, so does the need to preserve this delicate balance. In Korab-Koritnik and Shebenik National Parks, a movement has taken root—one where youth, families, and local leaders are not just bystanders but active protectors of biodiversity. Through a community-driven initiative, people have rediscovered their deep connection to nature, turning knowledge into action to safeguard the land that has sustained them for generations.

For 17-year-old Elisa, nature was once just trees and rivers, until she joined biodiversity training which changed her perspective. Inspired, she and other young people acted—leading expeditions, planting trees, and creating school gardens to bring nature closer to their peers. Their excitement spread, engaging entire villages in conservation efforts. At the same time, local families found new ways to support themselves sustainably, cultivating medicinal plants and beekeeping with protective measures that benefit both people and wildlife.

Beyond the forests and mountains, partnerships with municipalities and conservation groups strengthened the movement, ensuring these efforts would last. What started as small steps—learning, planting, protecting—has grown into a shared commitment, showing that when people and nature work together, both can thrive.



## Achievements

In 2024, children and youth led initiatives on Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action (ESCA) while our office improved how we track our carbon footprint and established a *Green Team*. Efforts to protect biodiversity in Dibër and Librazhd have continued strongly into their second year. In addition, we started the “*Empowering Lives through Livestock*” project in Durrës, helping families to earn better incomes and improve their lives.

## IMPACT+

club members were trained on environmental topics; organized coastal clean-up (in Durrës), playground creation (in Shkodër), and awareness-raising campaigns about the global climate crisis (“*Think Green, Act Green*” in Tirana and the national campaign “*Youth4Green*”).

20

**children trained** in environmental stewardship at Bardhaj summer camp in Shkoder.

42

**households received livestock tools** and animal food.

180

**households trained on livestock management** (housing, feeding and breeding) and hygiene for livestock.

165

**mothers received information on the importance of dietary diversity**, the nutritional value of various food items (including those from their livestock and gardens), and how to create balanced meals.

16

**farmers participated in an exchange experience** in Korçë to learn the good practices on livestock development

8

**awareness-raising activities** were organized for 1,710 children/adolescents **on healthy nutrition**.

446

**children and adolescents trained in biodiversity management**; implemented **8 community initiatives** benefiting 1,368 students, including promotion of biodiversity using technology, the digital model “Voice of Nature”; expedition in the protected area, documentation of specific potentials; planting flowers and trees, environmental clean-up and waste collection and setting up biodiversity corners.

4

**adult groups established** for biodiversity monitoring/reporting in Dibra and Librazhd.

Capacity building and materials provided to Emergency Department representatives and 12 community members trained for emergency management.

132

community members and 14 beekeepers were informed about protected areas' importance (ecosystems' regeneration, increasing green areas, and potential economic activities).

60

**farmers trained on medicinal plants' cultivation** (collection, drying, and packaging of MAPs) and market opportunities, including material support provided to 32 women among them who engage in collection or cultivation.

15

**families supported with electric fences**, protecting 1,027 beehives in Dibra and Librazhd.

78

**farmers trained on livelihoods** and **provided with seedlings** in Librazhd to boost their family economy.

ONE

**family** received a sewing machine to facilitate self-employment, and **7 cases** (4 women and 3 men) were referred to employment opportunities.

5

**women**, after being **trained on microfinance** and **how to run/manage small businesses**, received financial support to implement their projects and generate income for their families in Kurbin.

## Carbon reporting

Our organization has conducted annual carbon reporting for three consecutive years, starting with a pilot in 2022 to validate our methodology. Measurements followed in 2023 and 2024, showing meaningful progress in reducing our carbon footprint from 1,094.48 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2023 to 309.81 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2024. This progress shows our ongoing commitment toward sustainability.

## Contributing Projects

- Community Development Project in Durrës, Shkodër, and Tiranë – Funded by WV US, WV UK.
- Children and Adolescent Projects in Durrës, Shkodër, and Tiranë – Funded by WV US, WV UK.
- Community response/ownership development for biodiversity preservation in Korab – Koritnik Nature Park and Shebenik National Park – Funded by Prespa Ohrid Natural Trust Fund (PONT).
- KIA Green Light Project in Librazhd – Funded by WV Korea.
- Kurbin Community Resilience Centre – Funded by the UNDP Albania through the USAID funding.
- Empowering Lives through Livestock: A Journey of Hope and Prosperity – Funded by WV US.

# ADVOCACY



Advocacy is at the heart of World Vision Albania's work, helping to ensure that every child can thrive. We empower children and young people to raise their voices, stand up for their rights, and become agents of positive change in their communities.

At the local level, we use the Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) approach to strengthen public services. Through CVA, children and community members learn about their rights and work together to influence local decisions, especially around municipal budgets, making services more transparent and responsive.

Our advocacy focuses on putting children at the centre, supporting them as confident advocates from the local to the global stage and backing child-led initiatives and movements that drive real change. Advocacy is both a strategy and a responsibility—engaging decision-makers, influencing policies, and addressing social norms that hinder justice and child well-being.

### Policy improvement

World Vision Albania contributed to the National Social Protection Strategy 2024–2030 and its accompanying Action Plan in 2024. The recommendations were formally adopted, focusing on improved support for vulnerable children, both girls and boys and the development of integrated, accessible social service models.

From the early stages, WVA participated in technical workshops and offered key input, including:

- conducting feasibility assessments before expanding or establishing new social services;
- defining measurable indicators for municipalities on service provision, spending, staffing, and impact;
- strengthening the capacity and number of social care professionals;
- ensuring data protection in the digitalization of social care services.

### Active participation of children and youth in decision-making

The Children's Advisory Board, now in its second year of operation, consists of 18 children building a legacy in decision-making and consultation processes for programs at WVA. Key moments have included open invitations for new members and the involvement of other children during national events organized by WVA. The Board contributes to major initiatives such as the #Youth4Green and #ENOUGH campaigns and actively collaborates with IMPACT Clubs, fostering peer-led input and critical thinking on internal regulations and initiatives.

In 2024, significant steps were made in enhancing child and youth participation in Albania, particularly through active involvement in revising Law No. 75/2019 "On Youth" and Law No. 45/2016 "On Volunteering." World Vision Albania (WVA), in collaboration with the Ministry of State for Children and Youth and the National Youth Agency, facilitated three key consultation activities: a launch event with stakeholders, a consultation tour across 13 cities, and a three-day Bootcamp engaging 110 young people, including IMPACT Club members. Recommendations from this extensive consultation process were formally delivered to government representatives.

Throughout the year, children from IMPACT Clubs actively engaged in advocacy and decision-making events. Six child representatives participated in two meetings of the National Council of Children's Rights, where they discussed the importance of child protection, equal opportunities, anti-violence measures, and digital safety.

Significant events included a World Children's Day celebration, advocacy discussions with German and French Ambassadors on Albania's European integration, and dedicated youth-led activities focused on gender equality and climate justice during the National Youth Day "Under 30" event.

The year concluded with an energetic celebration of National Youth Day, highlighting young people's dedication to climate action and environmental protection and demonstrating their strong commitment to building a brighter future for Albania.

### ENOUGH Campaign

In 2024, World Vision Albania launched the ENOUGH Campaign, part of [World Vision's global initiative](#) to ensure every child has enough food to thrive. While the global campaign focuses on ending hunger, in Albania the emphasis is on improving nutrition, promoting healthy diets, and supporting local food systems.

The campaign aims to:

- Raise awareness about the importance of good nutrition for children and youth.
- Encourage dietary diversity and the consumption of local, seasonal, and organic products.
- Inspire families, children, and young people to adopt healthier eating habits.

The campaign officially launched on the World Food Day, in collaboration with renowned Albanian Chef and entrepreneur Altin Prenga, highlighting the power of local food in improving community health and supporting the local economy.



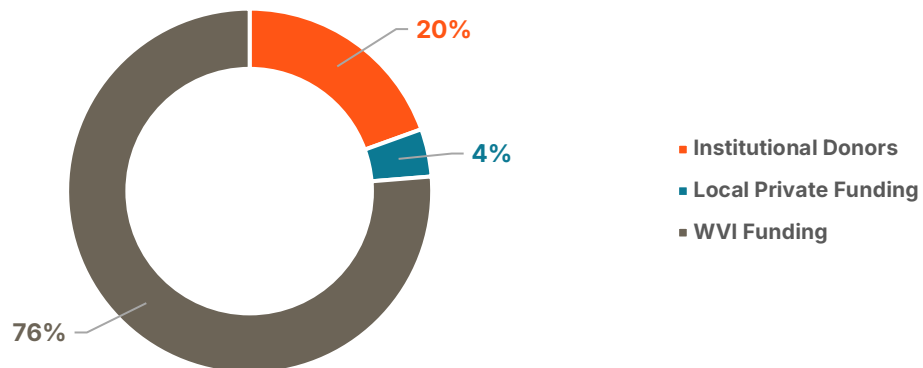
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# OUR RESOURCES

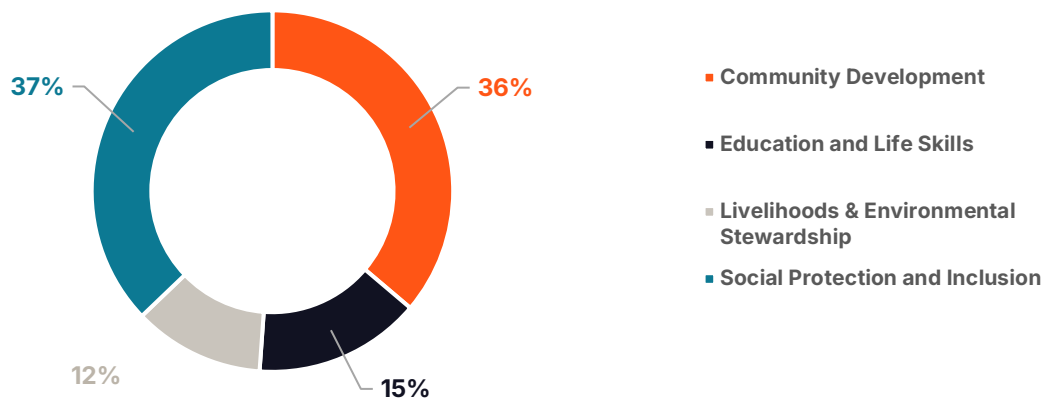


## Funding streams



Budget	
Institutional Donors	645,796 USD
Local Private Funding	140,015 USD
WVI Funding	2,527,288 USD
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,313,100 USD</b>

## Sectors



Budget	
Community Development	1,198,988 USD
Education and Life Skills	495,278 USD
Livelihoods & Environmental Stewardship	388,057 USD
Social Protection and Inclusion	1,230,777 USD
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,313,100 USD</b>

# OUR TEAM

## Board Members

Name	Role
Eleanor Monbiot	Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Leader
Eljona Elmazi	Executive Director
Sokol Haxhiu	Board Chair
Albana Cook	Member
Dritan Vreshta	Member
Edlira Gjoni	Member
Elida Motro	Member
Elidion Lilo	Member <i>(served until September 2024)</i>
Fjoralba Yokers	Member
Fred Westerink	Member
George Balla	Member <i>(served until September 2024)</i>
Imelda Poole	Member
Nathan Hoppe	Member <i>(served until September 2024)</i>
Oriana Arapi	Member

## Senior Leadership Team

Name	Role
Eljona Elmazi	Executive Director
Artina Morava	Director of Operations
Gerta Hagen	Director of Programs and Partnerships
Norbert Nebiu	Director of Support Department
Endri Teta	Senior Programme Manager

## OUR PARTNERS

World Vision Albania believes that working closely with children, their communities, and our partners makes a real difference. Below are the partners we've collaborated with this year.

Agritra Vizion	Local Health Care Unit Librazhd	Municipality of Vorë
AmCham	Minister of State for Youth and Children	Municipality of Vau i Dejës
Antea Cement	Ministry of Education and Sport	National Employment and Skills Agency
Balfin Group	Ministry of Health and Social Protection	National Youth Agency
Balfin Real Estate	Mission Possible Albania	Opinion - TV Klan
Catholic Church Bardhaj, Shkodër	Motrat Venerini	OTP Bank
Credins Foundation	Municipality of Belsh	Përtej të sotmes Librazhd
Credo.al	Municipality of Cërrik	Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust
Delegation of the European Union (EU) in Albania	Municipality of Dibër	Qendra Vatra
Directorate of State Social Services, Elbasan	Municipality of Durrës	Regional Directorate of Employment Lezhë
Elbasan Health Care Services Operator	Municipality of Elbasan	Regional Directorate of Pre-University Education Lezhë
Employment Agency of Montenegro	Municipality of Gjirokastrë	Roma Women's Rights Center
Fashion Group	Municipality of Gramsh	Rudina - TV Klan
Fibank	Municipality of Kamzë	RYCO
Food Bank Albania	Municipality of Kavajë	Spar Albania
Ftesë në 5 - Top Channel	Municipality of Korçë	State Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights
Gazeta Shqip	Municipality of Krujë	The Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania
House of Prayer Church	Municipality of Kukës	Tirana International Airport
Ikub.Info	Municipality of Kurbin	UNDP Albania
Interfaith Council of Albania	Municipality of Librazhd	UNICEF Albania
Jumbo Albania	Municipality of Peqin	Ura (The bridge) Center
Kisha Shqiptare e Nazaretasit	Municipality of Pogradec	URAT Network
Local Education Office Durrës	Municipality of Prrrenjas	Wake Up - Top Channel
Local Education Office Kamëz	Municipality of Shkodër	Woman Forum, Elbasan
Local Education Office Shkodër	Municipality of Tiranë	
Local Education Office Tiranë	Municipality of Vlorë	



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FOR EVERY CHILD,  
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS,  
OUR PRAYER FOR EVERY HEART,  
THE WILL TO MAKE IT SO.**

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