

COUNTRY PROFILE

Brief Overview - FY25

World Vision Albania (WVA) has been operating in Albania since 1999, initially responding to the Kosovo refugee crisis. For over 27 years, we have remained committed to supporting the most vulnerable children, young people, and families, addressing complex challenges such as poverty, abuse, discrimination, and the impacts of disasters.

WVA is recognised as a technical leader in human capital development, with extensive experience in building inclusive child and youth ecosystems. Aligned with national priorities to protect the most vulnerable, WVA manages multi-donor portfolios and large-scale programmes with proven effectiveness.

Our work is grounded in an integrated, evidence-based approach, combining Education and Life Skills, Social Inclusion, and Livelihoods. By empowering children, adolescents, and communities to become active agents of change, we strengthen social protection systems and promote sustainable development.

Our signature programmes include IMPACT+ for youth development, Child Protection & Advocacy (CP&A) and Celebrating Families to safeguard child well-being, Empowered World View to enhance community cohesion, and Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) to promote participatory community engagement. These are reinforced by cross-cutting approaches such as Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Advocacy, Faith in Development (F&D), and Environmental Stewardship & Climate Action (ESCA).

In 2025, World Vision Albania operated across **23 municipalities in Albania and 4 municipalities in Montenegro**, collaborating with **90 partners** nationwide. Through this network, we positively impacted **22,485 children**, delivering programmes that combine direct support with long-term capacity building.

ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY25

OUR REACH



People
26,319



Children
22,485

ANNUAL BUDGET

US\$ 4.2 M



Child Protection
2,324



Youth Empowerment
1,694



Education
11,449



Advocacy
142,943



Our Donors
World Vision,
European Union,
UNDP, Unicef,
PONT, US
Government



GESI
1,119



Livelihood
1,293



Partners
90



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EDUCATION & LIFE SKILLS

In 2025, WVA strengthened 1,558 children's and adolescents' life skills, digital competencies, and civic engagement, enabling them to actively participate and lead within their communities. Through community service-learning and Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) initiatives under the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action (ESCA) framework, adolescents proposed and implemented practical solutions, including school infrastructure improvements, environmental actions, and community micro-projects. Child participation remained central, with adolescents leading peer-to-peer campaigns and engaging with local and national decision-makers.

Learning beyond the classroom was expanded through summer school, including a 14-day Summer School attended by more than 1,000 children, alongside additional residential and day camps that strengthened resilience, creativity, and positive behaviour. Digital skills and employability initiatives resulted in internships and work-based learning experiences.

SOCIAL PROTECTION & INCLUSION

In 2025, WVA strengthened protection, care, and resilience for vulnerable children and families through integrated social protection, child protection, health, and inclusion services. Over 1,400 families received essential support, while parenting and family-strengthening interventions improved caregiving practices and parent-child relationships. Inclusive services for children with disabilities combined therapy, inclusive education support, and caregiver guidance, leading to improved functioning and confidence.

Child protection systems were supported through capacity building, case management, and intersectoral coordination, while frontline professionals, educators, health workers, and social service staff enhanced their ability to identify, manage, and respond to child protection and gender-based violence (GBV) cases. Children and young people played an active role in prevention, leading peer-to-peer campaigns and community actions that reached thousands with messages on safety, rights, GBV, and protection.



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LIVELIHOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In 2025, WVA strengthened household livelihoods and economic resilience by combining income generation, food security, and environmental stewardship. Through agricultural, livestock, and nature-based livelihood initiatives, families improved production and diversified income sources. More than 150 vulnerable families built productive assets through livestock support, agricultural inputs, and equipment.

Women and young people played a central role, with 1,330 adolescents strengthening their skills in biodiversity protection and circular economy practices, while women increased their participation in producer groups, medicinal and aromatic plant (MAP) cultivation, beekeeping, and small green enterprises. At the same time, communities improved their capacity for environmental protection and climate resilience, including biodiversity conservation, protected-area management, and sustainable tourism.

Youth Participation & Policy Reform

In 2025, WVA strengthened children's and adolescents' civic engagement and policy participation, enabling them to actively contribute to legislative and governance processes. Through structured consultations, IMPACT youth groups, and Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) initiatives, young people provided recommendations that shaped amendments to the **Youth Law** (No. 75/2019) and the **Law on Volunteering** (No. 45/2016). Adolescents participated in national and municipal dialogues, including consultation tours, Bootcamps, and meetings with government representatives, helping to strengthen legal frameworks for youth participation, volunteering, and local governance. Youth engagement remained central, with young people involved in the drafting of manuals and guidelines for Local Youth Councils, ensuring standardized implementation, transparency, and accountability across all 61 municipalities. These efforts impacted over **430,000 young people nationwide**, positioning adolescents not only as beneficiaries but as recognised contributors to policy and governance reform.

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EU Projects & Partnerships

In 2025, WVA implemented EU-funded initiatives to strengthen youth employment, social care, and gender equality across Albania and cross-border areas. Through the Boosting Decent Employment for Youth project, young people, women, and long-term unemployed gained employability and entrepreneurship skills, with **30 students** trained and 16 placed in internships, while fostering cross-border cooperation and advocacy for jobseekers.

Under EU4SocialCare, WVA, in partnership with UNICEF and local authorities, expanded social care services in 14 municipalities, trained **350 professionals**, supported **6,000 families**, and strengthened local partnerships and municipal capacities in line with EU standards.

Through Rise Her, WVA empowered **350 women and girls**, trained 20 local service providers, and supported **10 civil society organisations**, promoting sustainable local solutions to gender-based violence and economic inclusion.

These initiatives highlight WVA's contribution to EU priorities, advancing youth and women's empowerment, inclusive social services, and local governance reform.

EU High-Level Engagement

In March 2025, the European Commissioner for Enlargement, Marta Kos, visited Albania as part of her official mission to assess progress on reforms and EU accession. During her visit, Commissioner Kos took part in an event hosted by World Vision Albania under the EU-funded Rise Her project, engaging directly with survivors of gender-based violence, civil society partners, and public authorities. Her participation underscored the European Union's commitment to advancing gender equality, tackling violence against women, and supporting inclusive social programmes in partnership with local organisations.

Earlier this year, WVA's IMPACT youth met with the EU Ambassador to Albania to discuss climate action, presenting their community initiatives and environmental campaigns, and highlighting young people's active contribution to EU-aligned priorities.



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LOOKING FORWARD

Building on over a quarter of a century of trusted presence and partnerships in Albania, World Vision Albania looks ahead with a clear commitment to supporting children and adolescents to thrive in safe, inclusive, and resilient communities. WVA will prioritise evidence-based programming, strengthened partnerships, and adaptive delivery models to respond to the intersecting vulnerabilities affecting children, families, and communities.

The organisation's work will continue to focus on adolescent well-being, education and life skills, positive family and community relationships, and protection from violence, while integrating gender equality, climate resilience, social inclusion, and faith-based values across all programmes.

Looking ahead, WVA will strengthen its role as a partner and connector, working closely with national and local authorities, faith communities, civil society organisations, and the private sector to deliver sustainable and locally owned solutions.

“ World Vision didn't just change my life; it gave me the confidence to speak up, work with others, and act for my community. What once inspired me now drives me to inspire others. ”

Erjon, aged 16, Kamëz, Albania

Through evidence-informed programming, strong accountability to communities, and a flexible operating model, WVA aims to integrate protection, adolescent well-being, education and life skills, gender equality, climate resilience, and faith-based transformational development across all interventions, thereby contributing to sustainable, inclusive, and hopeful futures for children and adolescents across the country.

Empowering children and young people to lead change



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