



WORLD VISION ALBANIA

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2025

Our vision for every child **life in all its fullnes.**
Our prayer for every heart **the will to make it so.**



CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

World Vision Albania has entered a new phase in its journey toward a more diversified funding model. Established in 1999 in response to the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo and the influx of refugees into Albania, the organization has grown into a well-established and trusted presence, with over 25 years of experience serving vulnerable children, youth, and communities across the country.

Over the years, World Vision Albania has developed a broad network of partners, enabling it to extend its reach and contribute to meaningful and lasting change in the lives of many. Guided by its Christian values, the organization has remained committed to integrity, accountability, and transparency while operating in a complex and evolving environment.

In 2025, World Vision Albania continued to strengthen its governance practices, supported by active leadership and oversight, and a sustained focus on accountability and responsible stewardship of resources. The Board remains committed to supporting the organization's mission and ensuring that its work remains relevant, effective, and aligned with the needs of the communities it serves.

This report offers a reflection of the contribution World Vision Albania has made during the year, highlighting efforts to support children, youth, and

families, particularly in underserved and remote areas. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation to the staff and leadership of World Vision Albania for their dedication and perseverance in delivering programs and standing alongside vulnerable communities in a challenging operating context.

Sokol Haxhiu

Board Chair

World Vision Albania



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOREWORD

I often return to a simple question: what does meaningful change look like for a child over time? In 2025, this question continued to shape how we listened, how we acted, and how we understood our role as World Vision Albania. Children and young people across the country reminded us that hope is not abstract. It is built through relationships, safety, opportunity, and the confidence that their voices matter. This report reflects those perspectives, grounded in both lived experience and evidence.

Throughout the year, we worked alongside communities in 23 municipalities in Albania and through cross-border cooperation in Montenegro, reaching tens of thousands of children, adolescents, and families. Our work ranged from emergency support following floods to longer-term efforts in inclusive education, disability services, family strengthening, livelihoods, and youth engagement. These experiences reinforced an important lesson: child well-being depends on resilient families, responsive local systems, and communities working together.

One of the most encouraging developments in 2025 was the depth of youth participation. Young people were not only engaged, but contributed to policy discussions, environmental initiatives, and national-level processes. Their involvement reflects a core belief of our work: that adolescents are not only beneficiaries, but active contributors to solutions.

At the same time, this year strengthened our focus on accountability and

learning. The data indicates positive progress in areas such as adolescent self-efficacy, family relationships, and community action, while also highlighting ongoing challenges, particularly in household economic resilience. Recognizing both progress and gaps remains essential to responsible leadership.

I am grateful to the communities who place their trust in us, to our partners across sectors, and to our dedicated staff and volunteers. As we move forward, we remain committed to supporting lasting, systemic change so that every child can experience life in all its fullness.

Eljona Elmazi

Executive Director
World Vision Albania



2025 IN ACTION

LISTENING TO CHILDREN: WHAT HOPE LOOKS LIKE?

In 2025, World Vision International, in collaboration with Harvard University, set out to answer this question across eight countries. In Albania, 99 children aged 10 to 18 shared what hope and love mean in their lives, while 661 completed a quantitative survey measuring five dimensions of hope.

Every single child interviewed spoke about resilience: the strength to face challenges and grow from them, 85% described compassion: the feeling of not being alone, of having someone behind you, and 70% spoke about purpose, the conviction that their dreams matter and that hope makes things possible.

"Hope is a feeling that I experience very often because without hope, some things can't happen."

Girl, 12 years old

"Everyone deserves to be given love because everyone is worthy of it."

Girl, 13 years old

The quantitative survey showed that Albanian children display moderate levels of hope, scoring 66% on a 100-point scale. Joy scored highest at 69%, followed by Resilience at 67%, Wisdom at 66%, and Compassion and Purpose at 64% each. About half of all children surveyed surpassed the "high hope" benchmark, meaning the other half still need more support. This study shaped the World Vision's "Hope & Love" new global measure.

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SPACES WHERE CHILDREN THRIVE

In the summer of 2025, over 1,000 children walked into 10 schools across Tirana, Kamëz, and Durrës for something different: two weeks of games, sports, art, technology, music, and shared meals, no textbooks, no tests and distractions. The Summer School, a pilot developed by WVA with the Ministry of Education, Agency for Quality Assurance in Pre-University Education, and National Agency for Pre-University Education, gave children a safe, joyful space during the long break. 88% of parents said their children loved the experience and 90% noticed positive changes at home.

"We were freer than usual. The teacher wasn't in the teacher role, it was surprising but also very beautiful." – Child, school in Tirana

This was just one of the spaces where children thrived. Over 6,900 children in Korçë enjoyed art, sport, and science at the Children City Centre. In Durrës and Tirana, more than 500 children attended summer camps centred on friendship, faith, and resilience. At the Kia Green Light Centre in Librazhd, children with disabilities found their voices through therapy, while across reconstructed learning spaces and Development Spaces, children played, learned, and grew together.

YOUNG VOICES, REAL CHANGE

Lasting change for children requires more than programmes, it requires laws and policies. On 17 March 2025, the Albanian Parliament approved the amendments to Law No. 75/2019 "On Youth". Behind that vote were months of youth consultations across 13 cities, a three-day Bootcamp with 110 young people, and the steady advocacy of IMPACT club members.

But the story didn't stop at Parliament. In Durrës, adolescents trained in Citizen Voice and Action developed a proposal for solar-powered road lighting that was approved by the Mayor and integrated into the municipality's official Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan. In Kamëz, youth planted 200 trees and 100 medicinal plants through the "ALOE" initiative. A new Multifunctional Youth Centre opened in Durrës, giving 400 young people a home for creativity, learning, and civic engagement. Youth Advisory Board members met the EU Ambassador. The message was clear: young people are not waiting for change, they are leading it.



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STRONGER FAMILIES, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

When the floods hit Durrës in January 2025, WVA was there within days, assessing needs, coordinating with local authorities, and delivering mattresses, blankets, and essentials to 50 families. It was a reflection of the organisation's ability to shift quickly from long-term programming to emergency response and back again. Throughout the year, over 1,563 families received direct food and material support across Tirana, Durrës, Dibër, and Lezhë. In rural Durrës, 159 families received dairy cows and goats, transforming household nutrition and income. In Dibër and Librazhd, 65 women began earning 4–5 times more than before through medicinal plant cultivation. Across 14 municipalities, 72 young volunteers joined the EU4SocialCare programme, supporting disability services, child protection, and social care.

Behind every number is a parent who learned new ways to nurture their child, a farmer who doubled their herd, a volunteer who chose to serve, and a community that decided to work together.

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IMPACT

Throughout 2025, World Vision Albania was present in 23 municipalities in Albania and four municipalities in Montenegro¹. Collaborating with a wide network of partners, WVA's initiatives positively impacted the lives of 23,914 children and 5,652 adults, through diverse programming across education, social protection, livelihoods, and advocacy.

WHERE WE SERVE

ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY25

OUR REACH



People
26,319



Children
22,485



Child Protection
2,324



Youth Empowerment
1,694



Education
11,449



Advocacy
142,943



Our Donors
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1,119



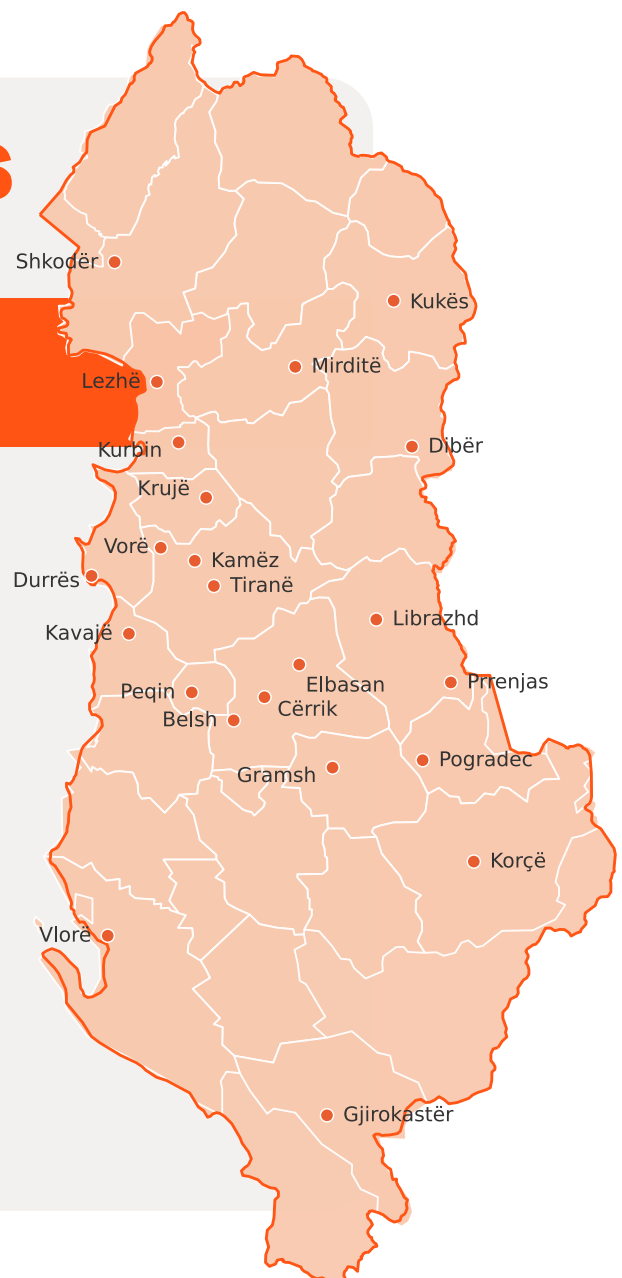
Livelihood
1,293



Partners
90

ANNUAL BUDGET

US\$ 3,093,402



¹ Through cross-border cooperation, World Vision Albania also extends its work to four municipalities in Montenegro: Plav, Podgorica, Tuzi, and Ulcinj

CHILD WELL-BEING – OUR NATIONAL IMPACT 2025

2025 in numbers:



1,162 adolescents were actively engaged across **45 IMPACT+ groups**, leading **20 community initiatives** on environment, conservation, and neighbourhood improvement.



Over **1,000 children** and 130 teachers participated in Albania's first Summer School.



1,500 children and adolescents benefited from psychosocial and mental health activities at the KIA Green Light Centre in Librazhd.



1,563 families received direct support including food packages, e-vouchers, clothing, and emergency supplies, ensuring that the most vulnerable had what they needed, when they needed it.



230 farmers were trained in animal care, farm management, and dairy processing.



159 families received dairy cows and goats, transforming household nutrition and income in rural Durrës.



65 families in Dibër are now earning four to five times more than before through medicinal and aromatic plant cultivation.



105 women were trained in microfinance and business planning.



160 women affected by gender-based violence received psychological, legal, social, and health support through 859 counselling sessions.



72 volunteers mobilised across 14 municipalities through EU4SocialCare, supporting disability services, child protection, and social care.



2 laws approved by Parliament, the Youth Law and the Volunteering Law, following extensive consultations with young people across the country.



2 new centres opened: the Multifunctional Youth Centre in Durrës, and the CareerPro Hub in Lezhë

Our impact in numbers:

Adolescents with high self-efficacy:

93.3% believe they can overcome obstacles to achieve their goals.

Adolescents with positive parent relationships:

75.3% report positive, peaceful relations with parents/caregivers.

Gender-equitable attitudes:

79.3% of adolescents and 74.9 % of adults support gender equality.

Good collective efficacy:

64.6% of households believe their community can work together for children.

Where does our data come from?

The programmatic data presented in this report is drawn from our projects across the country. These figures reflect the direct reach of World Vision Albania's activities, the children who attended sessions, the families who received support, and the communities where change took root.

Alongside reach data, in 2025 World Vision Albania adopted the Annual Impact Measurement (AIM), a standardised global data collection exercise that measures World Vision's contribution to child well-being. While WVA has conducted annual impact monitoring for several years, AIM aligns this practice with the global Our Impact Our Story (OIOS) framework, which organises impact across four levels: child, family, community, and systems. A total of 562 adolescents and 979 adult's direct participants of the WVA programming participated in AIM across 13 municipalities, including both direct and indirect beneficiaries.

Together, reach data and AIM offer two complementary perspectives: reach tells us about the breadth of our work across Albania, while AIM tells us about the depth of our impact on well-being.



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:



Equipping children and youth with skills for lifelong learning.



Ensuring equal learning opportunities for boys and girls.



Strengthening child and youth advocacy in governance.

Life Story – From Camp Participant to Volunteer: Brisilda's Journey with World Vision Albania

At a summer camp organised by World Vision Albania, 17-year-old Brisilda stands out among the children not because of her age, but because of the volunteer T-shirt she wears. Calm and attentive, she guides activities, supports younger children, and creates a space where they feel safe and encouraged.

Brisilda's journey with World Vision started at age 11, when she first attended a summer camp. That early experience sparked something lasting. *"My first camp was a mix of emotions: as beautiful as it was challenging. I was moved by the nights when we gathered and reflected on the day's events. It was unforgettable, full of learning, fun, and new friends".*

Year after year, her involvement deepened, from camp participant to IMPACT youth group member to volunteer staff. Through these groups, she gained confidence, communication skills, and a sense of initiative. Today, she motivates her peers to get involved and believe that even small actions can create change.

Now volunteering with the same programmes that once shaped her childhood, Brisilda represents a new generation of young people ready to lead, support others, and build stronger communities.



ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, we continued to support children and youth to learn, grow, and contribute to their communities. Through IMPACT clubs, training, camps, and partnerships, children and adolescents gained new skills, built confidence, and worked together to improve their schools and neighbourhood.

1,162

children and adolescents were actively engaged across **45 IMPACT+ groups**, supported by **66 volunteering leaders**. Groups were trained on 10 EU Chapter 27 topics, including Circular Economy, Climate Change, Nature Protection, Water Quality, and Waste Management.

20

community initiatives were carried out by IMPACT+ groups, addressing environmental awareness, school conservation, and neighbourhood improvement.

21

members of the **Children's and Youth Advisory Board** actively contributed to programme recommendations and decision-making.

Albania's first Summer School was piloted across **10 schools** in Tirana, Kamëz, and Durrës in partnership with the Ministry of Education. Over **1,000 children** and **130 teachers** participated in two weeks of games, sports, art, technology, and social-emotional learning. All children reported satisfaction, 88% of parents said their children loved the experience, and 90% noticed positive changes at home.

284

children attended summer camps theme around friendship, skills and resilience.

At the **Children City** in Korçë, **6,986 children** and **1,205 adults** benefited from art, sport, and scientific programmes promoting healthy parenting, life skills, and active citizenship.

1,500

children and adolescents benefited from psychosocial and mental health activities at the KIA Green Light Multifunctional Centre in Librazhd.

99

children with disabilities were supported in 7 **Development Spaces** (4 in Tirana, 2 in Durrës and one in Thumanë) to fulfil their individual education plans.

376

children and adolescents were trained in digital safety in partnership with the National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA), covering online risks, data protection, and responsible internet use. Youth then cascaded this knowledge to their peers and communities.

Smart Kids: Financial Literacy Gaming App in Albania

Youth in Albania face low financial literacy, leaving many vulnerable to poor financial decisions. **Smart Kids**, an interactive digital board-game app, makes financial education engaging through real-life gamified scenarios. More than 500 youth have already been reached through trainings and awareness activities, supported by strong partnerships with education and youth organisations.

A breakthrough agreement with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry for Youth and Children will help integrate financial literacy into the national education framework. This national adoption and collaboration with local and regional partners position Smart Kids for long-term, scalable impact.



It's fun, educational, and makes me think about my future."

-Jesmina, 15



60

adolescents participated in bootcamps and forums through the RISE Her project, building knowledge and skills on gender-based violence (GBV), its forms, and how to prevent and raise awareness among their peers.

Over 500 youth from the Elbasan District joined three awareness campaigns in Elbasan, Cërrik, and Librazhd under the banner "With You! For You! No Justification for Violence", raising their voices against GBV and domestic violence.

40

adolescents in Durrës and Tirana were trained in the Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) model for climate and environmental action.

Through the KODI Rinia project, **61 young people** in Durrës completed digital skills and ICT training at the Multifunctional Youth Centre.

100

adolescents participated in a two-week coding and innovation programme led by Code for Albania with instructors from Stanford University.

18

youth in Tirana participated in a practical work visit, with **2 securing employment** directly.

10

youths completed a **two-week internship** at Tirana Business University, and 20 attended a Youth Guarantee Programme session with UNDP and the Tirana Employment Office.

50

youth from vulnerable families were supported in **vocational skills** development through the SHKEJ partnership.

In the Cross-Border Cooperation programme with Montenegro, **20 young people** in Lezhë were **certified in digital and soft skills** through the SKYE methodology, and 23

completed professional internships at ICT companies and local businesses across both countries.

The **Multifunctional Youth Centre of Durrës** was inaugurated, established by the Municipality in cooperation with the National Youth Agency and administered by WVA. Over 400 young people benefited from life-skills workshops, psychosocial support, digital literacy, creative activities, and a podcast studio

A **Career Orientation and Counselling Centre** was opened in Lezhë at the 'Kolin Gjoka' vocational school through the CBC programme, equipped with 16 workstations for career guidance and employability training.

Puzzle mats were installed in kindergarten "Lulet e Jetës" in Tirana, benefiting 355 children aged 3–6.

AIM 2025 – WHAT THE DATA TELLS US?

93.3% of adolescents report high self-efficacy: They believe they can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals, reflecting the cumulative impact of IMPACT Clubs, training, and opportunities for youth participation.

Contributing Projects

- Boosting decent employment for youth and unemployed people in the cross-border area of Montenegro and Albania – Funded by European Commission, Cross Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020 under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II).
 - Children and Adolescent Projects in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV United States.
 - Community Development Projects in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV United States.
 - 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.
 - KODI RINIA- Këshillim, Orientim Karriere, Aftësim në Digjitalizim dhe TIK – Funded by National Youth Agency
 - 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.
- Local Marketing Initiatives:**
- *Lajthiza; Helios Gastronomi; Agrokorani; Melgroup; TBU; Luljeta Zanaj; Stela 2000*

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, community and faith 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:



Contributing in the reduction of food insecurity of vulnerable families.



Protecting children, especially girls, from violence and exploitation.



Strengthening child protection systems.

Life Story – Eljani’s Story: How he Found his Voice with Speech Therapy

When Eljani was very young, his mother Gerta worried because he could not speak. Communication felt out of reach, and she feared how this would affect his future.

Through speech therapy services provided by World Vision Albania and the Kia Green Light Project in Librazhd, Eljani began to make steady progress. With regular support from therapists, he gradually learned to pronounce words, express himself, and interact with others.

Today, Eljani is a more confident and expressive child who enjoys socialising and engaging with people around him. His journey reflects the transformative impact of specialised support for children with developmental challenges.

At the Kia Green Light Multipurpose Health Centre, children like Eljani and Sara receive integrated services including speech therapy, physiotherapy, and developmental support. Currently, 63 children and young people with disabilities in Librazhd are benefiting from these services, gaining the skills and confidence needed for greater independence.



Scan to read Eljani's life story



ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, we prioritised supporting families, protecting vulnerable groups, and strengthening local social care services. We provided direct assistance to families and children in need, expanded disability services, responded to emergencies, and enhanced the capacity of local institutions to protect children.

1,563

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

50

families received mattresses, blankets, and bed sheets, while 5 severely impacted families received furniture and household appliances following the January 2025 floods in Durrës

120

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

668

families (3,247 beneficiaries) in Dibër received 13,772 clothing items through the Gift-in-Kind distribution from Youngone Corporation and WV Korea, helping families prepare for winter.

200

women received gifts in kind (clothes) in Elbasan area.

67

children per quarter received specialised therapy services, with approximately 1,699 therapy sessions delivered across the year in KIA Green Light Centre.

66

parents of children with disabilities in Librazhd were trained on child development milestones and early identification of disability signs, empowering families to seek support sooner.

30

nurses and midwives in Librazhd received the same training, strengthening the health system's capacity to detect developmental delays at the earliest stage.

56

professionals in Librazhd (psychologists, social workers, teachers, and support teachers) were trained on mental health topics, building a stronger referral network around vulnerable children.

22

children in Durrës and Elbasan were supported with assistive devices (wheelchairs, hearing aids, walkers, scoliosis braces, orthoses) and two children received life-

changing surgical interventions. An ECG equipment for Librazhd Hospital will benefit 7,022 children.

The Kurbin Community Resilience Centre provided services to **23 children with disabilities** and 84 adolescents participated in the centre activities.

14

children with disabilities in the Municipality of Laç received 277 speech therapy sessions during May–July 2025. The sessions were conducted in the Development Spaces of two local schools, previously equipped by World Vision, helping to fill the gap left by the closure of the Kurbin Community Resilience Centre and ensuring continuity of services for children who depend on them.

The Emergency Centre in Durrës provided support to **40 high-risk children and mothers** and 35 individuals received psychological support.

66

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

72

volunteers (64 female, 8 male) were mobilised across 14 municipalities, trained in social service delivery and actively supporting disability services, child protection, and gender equality.

94

training sessions were conducted for 126 **municipal employees** on case management and data systems, resulting in 420 social care cases registered in the National Register across 14 municipalities.

CSOs were actively engaged in addressing gender inequalities and GBV, with 9 CSOs trained and **6 sub-grantees** implementing community projects.

160

women (victims or potential victims of domestic violence and GBV) across 7 municipalities in the Elbasan District received psychological, legal, social, and health support, with 859 counselling sessions delivered through the RISE Her project.

40

men and boys participated in online coaching and mentoring sessions on GBV, engaging them as part of the solution.

22

professionals from NGOs working with women and girls affected by GBV received supervision services to strengthen the quality of their support.

49

professionals from municipality Violence Coordination and Referral Mechanisms across the Elbasan District were trained on updated GBV and domestic violence legislation and response protocols.

AIM 2025 – WHAT THE DATA TELLS US?

75.3% of adolescents report positive relationships with their parents, they feel respected, understood, and trusted by their parents. Gender-equitable attitudes are held by **79.3% of adolescents** and **74.9% of adults**, reflecting the sustained investment in positive parenting, family strengthening, and gender equality across WVA's programmes.

Contributing Projects

- Child Protection Projects in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV United States.
- Community Development Projects in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV United States.
- 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) – Youngone Corporation and 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.
- Safe Haven: Expanding Shelter Resources for Trafficking Survivors in the Western Balkans – Funded by U.S. Department of State.

Private Sector Collaboration:

TITAN; Fashion Group Albania; Jumbo Albania; Spar Albania; Kredo.al; TIA.

LIVELIHOOD AND 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:



Supporting sustainable livelihoods and economic resilience.



Encouraging women's participation in economic activities and promoting financial independence.



Providing skills and financial education.



Encouraging environmental sustainability.

Life Story – Nourishing Futures: Franci’s Story of Hope and Economic Empowerment

In the village of Katund, Sukth in Durrës, six-year-old Franci begins many of his mornings playing near the family barn, where a cow and its newborn calf have become part of daily life.

For Franci’s family, the cow provided through a World Vision Albania project represents much more than livestock. It has become a reliable source of milk, cheese, yoghurt, and butter, ensuring healthier nutrition for Franci and his three brothers while reducing household expenses.

The family once struggled to make ends meet, four young children, elderly parents, and a paralysed grandmother, all resting on the shoulders of one man. When their previous cow fell sick, they couldn’t afford a replacement.

Through the project, the family received not only a cow, but also a renovated barn, animal feed, veterinary services, and training on livestock care.

This support has strengthened the family’s income and stability, giving them the opportunity to build a more secure future. For families like Franci’s, livestock farming offers both economic empowerment and improved well-being for their children. Across the Durrës area, the initiative aims to support 200 families and improve the well-being of more than 620 children through sustainable livestock farming and better nutrition.



Scan to read Franci's life story



ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, World Vision Albania supported families and communities to build sustainable livelihoods, from livestock and agriculture to medicinal plant cultivation, women's economic empowerment, and youth-led environmental action.

159

families in Durrës were supported with 65 dairy cows and 62 goats, with 55 calves already born.

230

farmers were trained in animal care, farm management, and dairy processing.

52

mothers participated in dietary diversity training, learning to create balanced meals from locally available foods.

65

families are generating income from medicinal and aromatic plant (MAP) cultivation, earning four to five times more than from traditional crops.

40

women were trained in MAP collection, drying, and processing techniques. A solar-powered medicinal plant dryer was installed through a partnership with NOA, supporting sustainable processing.

2

panoramic viewing platforms were built at Shebenik National Park, 920 metres of trail were improved, and 44 touristic activities were organised to promote eco-tourism in the area.

12

firefighting kits were distributed to community fire monitors to protect forests and biodiversity.

15

small business owners trained on protected areas law and sustainable tourism.

32

farmers were supported with walnut and hazelnut seedlings, and 51 farmers were trained in agricultural value chains in Librazhd.

15

long-term unemployed women (ages 31–46) in Lezhë completed combined employability and hospitality skills training, achieving a 42% average skill improvement and 96% satisfaction. Nine were referred to local hospitality businesses and have commenced employment.

10

women completed hairdressing vocational training in Tuzi and Podgorica through the CBC programme.

17

vulnerable beneficiaries (16 female, 1 male) in Lezha enrolled in a professional cooking course, piloting a new government decision on financial support for professional training.

105

vulnerable women from 7 municipalities in the Elbasan District were trained in microfinance and business planning through the RISE Her project, strengthening their path toward economic independence.

Of these, 16 women developed and delivered their own business plans, and **5 were selected to receive start-up** support based on technical feasibility and vulnerability criteria.

Young people also took environmental action into their own hands through CVA climate initiatives:

- In Tirana, the “Aloe” CVA initiative planted 200 trees and 100 medicinal plants at Paskuqani Lake Park.
- In Durrës, the CVA initiative developed and implemented a solar-powered road lighting project in collaboration with the municipality.
- 52 trees were planted by adolescents in Thumanë (30 pine trees) and at Paskuqani Lake (22 trees, with the support of OTP Bank), contributing to greener, healthier communities through youth-led environmental action.

AIM 2025 – WHAT THE DATA TELLS US?

Only **17.3% of households** report **diversified income sources**, while 72.2% have no alternative income at all, underscoring the critical importance of livelihood programmes that help families build resilience through livestock, agriculture, and skills training.

64.6% of households report **good collective efficacy**, communities increasingly believe they can work together to address challenges and improve child well-being.

Contributing Projects

- Boosting decent employment for youth and unemployed people in the cross-border area of Montenegro and Albania – Funded by European Commission, Cross Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020 under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II).

- Community Development Projects in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV United States.

- Children and Adolescent Projects in Durrës and Tiranë – Funded by WV United States.

- Community response/ownership development for biodiversity preservation in Korab – Koritnik Nature Park and Shebenik National Park – Funded by Prespa Ohrid Natural Trust Fund (PONT).

- Enhancing Employability through Vocational Training Support in Lezha Municipality – Funded by UNDP Albania.

- Empowering Lives through Livestock: A Journey of Hope and Prosperity – Funded by WV United States.

- KIA Green Light Project in Librazhd – Funded by WV Korea.

- 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.



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.

Policy Improvement

Lasting change for children requires more than programmes, it requires laws and policies. In 2025, World Vision Albania continued to work alongside government institutions and young people to strengthen the legal and policy framework for youth in Albania. On 17 March 2025, the Albanian Parliament approved the amendments to Law No. 75/2019 "On Youth" with 71 votes. WVA contributed through an extensive consultation process with the Ministry of State for Children and Youth and the National Youth Agency, including a national launch event, a 13-city consultation tour, and a three-day Bootcamp engaging 110 young people. The legislative change reaches 430,330 young people aged 15–29. The same approach was followed for Law No. 45/2016 "On Volunteering," approved by Parliament in December 2025.

Throughout 2025, WVA also contributed to the Manual and Guidelines for Local Youth Councils, consulted across all 61 municipalities, expected to launch in 2026. WVA initiated consultation on Basic Quality Standards for Youth Centres with youth specialists in all 61 municipalities.

Child Participation in Decision Making

In 2025, a total of 1,558 children and young people (60% girls) actively shaped World Vision Albania's programmes and advocacy, not as beneficiaries, but as co-designers, advocates, and peer educators.

The Children's and Youth Advisory Board, now in its third year, welcomed 21 new members (13 girls, 8 boys), each championing a cause they care about, from the inclusion of children with disabilities to cyberbullying, mental health, environmental protection, and the rights of Roma children. Their input directly influenced programme design, the ENOUGH and Youth4Green campaigns, and the CVA for Climate initiative.

Twenty-nine adolescents engaged directly with the EU Ambassador on Chapter 27 and environmental action. On World Children's Day, children met with the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection to advocate for children's right to healthy nutrition. And on National Youth Day, 28 young people co-organised the national celebration alongside the Ministry.

Citizen Voice and Action for Climate and Environment

Albania faces growing climate risks, floods, heatwaves, and biodiversity loss, yet children and young people, among those most affected, are rarely included in the local decisions that shape their environment. Through the IMPACT+ programme, youth in

Durrës and Kamëz identified environmental challenges in their neighbourhoods and chose to act.

World Vision adapted its Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) approach to channel that energy into local climate governance. Forty children and youth (60% girls) from IMPACT+ clubs in Durrës and Kamëz were trained in climate policy and the CVA methodology, using child-friendly materials developed in Albanian. In Durrës, youth proposed a solar-powered road lighting project that was formally endorsed by the Mayor and integrated into the municipality's Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP). In Kamëz, the youth-led "ALOE - Act, Learn, Observe the Environment" initiative planted 200 trees and 100 medicinal plants in Paskuqani Lake Park.

ENOUGH Campaign

For the second year running, World Vision Albania continued the ENOUGH Campaign, part of World Vision's global initiative to ensure every child has enough food to thrive. Building on the momentum of its 2024 launch, the campaign in Albania deepened its focus on improving nutrition, promoting healthy diets, and inspiring families and young people to adopt healthier eating habits.

The initiatives on "Healthy Nutrition & Food Waste" and "How Food Loss and Waste Affect Our Environment" engaged over 10,000 children in Tirana and Durres. Activities included nutrition lessons, food fairs, mini-projects, painting exhibitions, and ENOUGH Campaign awareness meetings.

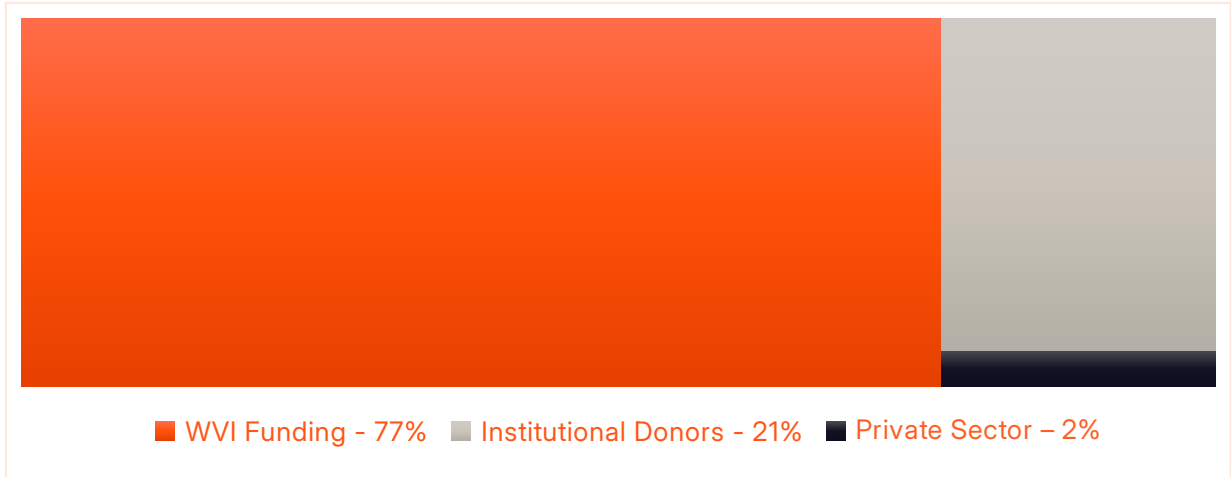
Albania also contributed to the regional Nourishing Peace Cookbook, released as part of the ENOUGH campaign across 12 countries in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, sharing Albanian stories and traditional recipes that celebrate food as a bridge between communities and cultures.

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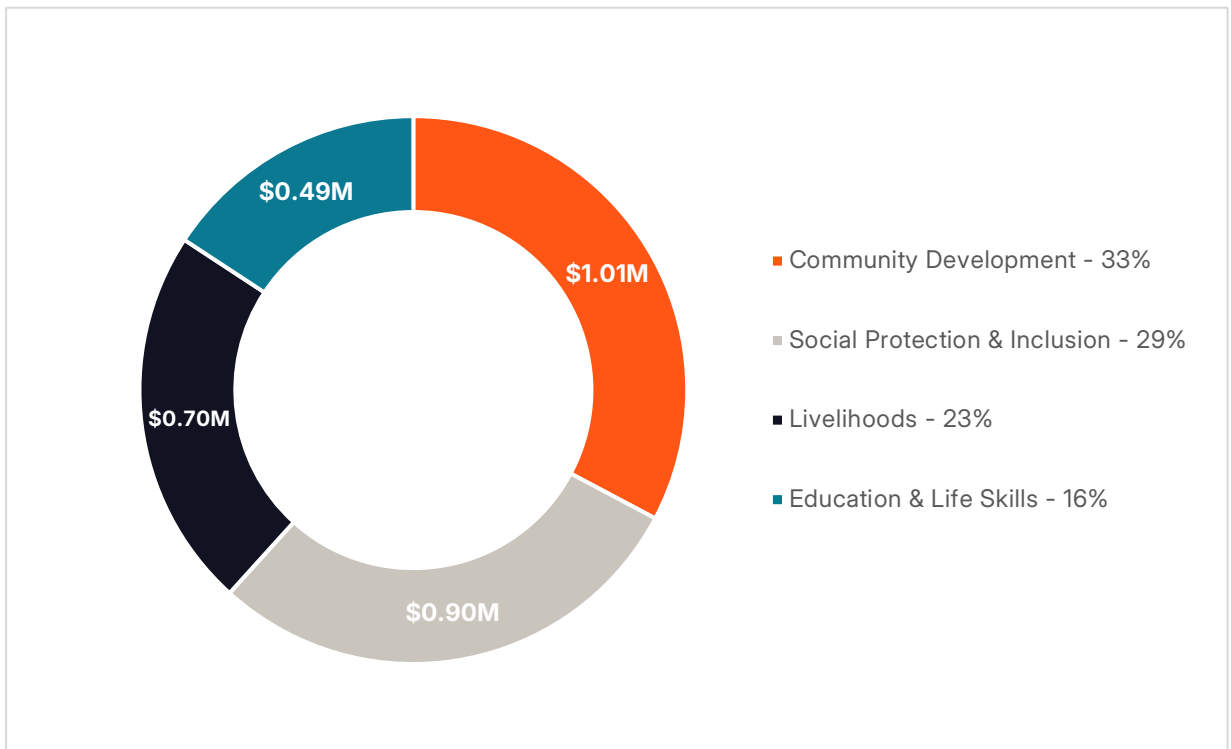


OUR RESOURCES

Our funding sources



Where it goes



Total budget: \$3,093,402

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 |
| Fjoralba Yokers | Member |
| Fred Westerink | Member |
| Imelda Poole | Member |
| Oriana Arapi | Member |

Senior Leadership Team

| Name | Role |
|------------------------|---|
| Eljona Elmazi | Executive Director |
| Artina Morava | Director of Operations |
| Endri Teta | Senior Programme Manager |
| Vangjush Terova | Finance Manager |
| Gerta Hagen | Director of Programs and Partnerships (<i>served until July 2025</i>) |
| Norbert Nebiu | Director of Support Department (<i>served until May 2025</i>) |

OUR PARTNERS

World Vision Albania believes that working closely with children, their communities, and our partners makes a real difference. We are grateful to the partners who walked alongside us in 2025.

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| ADRA Albania | Local Education Office Shkodër | Municipality of Tiranë |
| Agritra Vizion | Local Education Office Tiranë | Municipality of Vlorë |
| Agrokorani | Local Health Care Unit Librazhd | Municipality of Vorë |
| Ambassadors of Peace | Luljeta Zanaj | National Authority for Cybersecurity |
| AmCham | Mary Ward Loreto (MWL) | National Employment and Skills Agency |
| Balfin Group | Minister of State for Youth and Children | National Youth Agency |
| Children's Cultural Center of Durres | Ministry of Education and Sport | NOA |
| Christian Center of Durres | Ministry of Health and Social Protection | OTP Bank |
| Code for Albania | Mission Possible Albania | Përtej të sotmes Librazhd |
| Credo.al | Multifunctional Youth Center Durrës | Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust |
| Delegation of the European Union (EU) in Albania | Municipality of Belsh | Regional Directorate of Employment Lezhë |
| DigitAlb | Municipality of Cërrik | Regional Directorate of Pre-University Education Lezhë |
| Directorate of State Social Services, Elbasan | Municipality of Dibër | SHKEJ |
| Elbasan Health Care Services Operator | Municipality of Durrës | Spar Albania |
| Employment Agency of Montenegro | Municipality of Elbasan | State Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights |
| Evangelical Church "Emanuel" Tirane | Municipality of Gjirokastrë | STELA 2000 |
| Fashion Group | Municipality of Gramsh | The Albanian House of Nazareth |
| Fondacioni Dritan Hoxha | Municipality of Kamzë | Tirana Business University |
| Food Bank Albania | Municipality of Kavajë | Tirana Employment Office |
| Gazeta Shqip | Municipality of Korçë | Tirana International Airport |
| Helios | Municipality of Krujë | TITAN Albania |
| Information Network & Active Citizenship | Municipality of Kukës | To give live Association |
| Infosoft | Municipality of Kurbin | Tony's Breakfast & Brunch |
| Initiative for social Change ARSIS | Municipality of Lezhë | Top Channel |
| Institute of Romani Culture in Albania | Municipality of Librazhd | TV Klan |
| Interfaith Council of Albania | Municipality of Mirditë | UNDP Albania |
| Jumbo Albania | Municipality of Peqin | UNICEF Albania |
| Lajthiza | Municipality of Pogradec | URAT Network |
| Local Education Office Durrës | Municipality of Prrerjas | Woman Forum, Elbasan |



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Our focus is on helping the most of vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience fullness of life. We help children of all backgrounds, even in the most dangerous places, inspired by our Christian faith.

Hope, Joy and Justice for All Children



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