

annual review 2012





Dear friends,

Poverty, deeply rooted in the communities and the lives of thousands of Armenians, is still threatening the wellbeing and future of the country's children. Alarming official data says that one in every three children in Armenia lives in poverty. This number speaks about poorly functioning social, healthcare and educational structures and systems in the country.

Having a holistic, integrated approach to tackle the causes of child poverty, World Vision focuses its work both on the field, where children and their families are in dire need of direct support and guidance, and on national level advocacy work, where systems, legislation and approaches need to be changed so that we lessen the burden on the most vulnerable in the country.

I am thankful to all those who have faith for change and for a better life for children. In World Vision, we are guided by our faith, which enables us to think innovatively, to find solutions to burning issues and bring those ideas into life. I am also happy that World Vision is able to bring this faith into communities, our most powerful partners on the way to positive change and transformation.

Last year was remarkable in terms of our engagement in advocating for improvements both in communities and through national legislative bodies.

I call it a transformation when community children are empowered to request their right for regular health check-ups from the head of the regional administration. While on the national level, World Vision mobilizes civil society partners to facilitate Parliamentary hearings and involves country's respective officials to raise the need and to bring critical changes in child-related structures within the country.

In 2012, World Vision was able to enlarge the geography of its activities by embracing two more vulnerable areas of the country – Tchambarak and Amasya. In these areas unemployment and lack of basic means compels people to leave their communities for seasonal job opportunities outside of Armenia.

Last year was also remarkable in terms of boosting local fundraising initiatives – a new approach to generate and mobilize resources for Armenia's children within Armenia.

This report is packed with information of what was done in 2012 both to support children in need, and to improve the existing state structures and legislation to create a basis for sustainability and faith – the key to success for any charity.

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children and youth are educated for life

Building the critical thinking, emotional management and communication capacities of children across each stage of their development is what World Vision emphasizes through its work directed to children and youth.

Through training, master classes, peer-to-peer education sessions, thematic camps and day-to-day continuous work with some 121 student councils and active youth groups both in the provinces of Armenia and the capital Yerevan, World Vision strives to ensure students are actively participating in the school management processes and community life. They have their opinion heard to school and community heads, generate projects that aim to improve the living conditions within their communities and promote the culture of caring for others among children and youth.

World Vision also focuses on the quality of education children receive. Continuous capacity building of school staff, including school management and teachers was carried out to ensure child-friendly education methods are in place at schools and kindergartens, while education process is enriched with up-to-date education materials, games, school supplies and equipment.

Next to improvement strategy directed to formal education, World Vision also strives to ensure children are educated for their life. This is done through supporting extracurricular classes across the country, including robotics, first aid and disaster preparedness, debating, rhetorical art, critical thinking, proposal writing, painting, dancing, singing, cooking, handicrafts, welding, sports and more.

Community students nurture big expectations with eco learning opportunities

World Vision, with the support from Panasonic Europe, has initiated an educational club for high school students from Gavar and Vardenis areas, in the Gegharkunik Region. The club, located in the premises of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Gavar State University, aims to educate community children on how the environmental dilapidation can harm people's health and how pollution prevention and waste management in the communities can bring positive changes in peoples' lives.

"I am happy that the children are eager to gain knowledge on environmental issues and contribute to the development of their country," said Katrin Conzelmann-Stingl, Manager for Eco and CSR Promotion/Communications for Panasonic, in her address to the students during the opening ceremony.

Thanks to modern technologies and equipment inserted in the club, children get the chance for both theoretical and practical classes.

There are already 60 children registered in the club - 30 from Gavar and 30 from Vardenis.







Ani, a youth leader in her community

Ani, 17, was born in Gyumri where some 47 per cent of households are trapped in poverty.

For children living in Armenia's second largest city, there are few opportunities to learn new skills or broaden their horizon beyond the daily hustle. Yet, being a survivor, Ani climbed over the barrier.

At the age of 14, Ani became the student council leader at her school. She stepped into her new responsibilities with huge plans and was happy that World Vision supported the establishment of the council and promoted activities that bring change and development.

"Student council's every initiative introduced to World Vision was supported. We organized an environmental day – cleaned our surroundings and planted a lot of fruit

trees and flowers in front of our institution to make it more appealing for eyes. Now we take care of all these flowers and trees with hope to harvest fruit very soon," shares Ani.

World Vision Gyumri Area Development Programme began the "Children are Aware, Raising Voices and Taking Action" project (ART), in May 2012. The project gives an opportunity for active children and youth to have a larger impact on their communities through their environmental, cultural, sports and educational projects.

United, ART children and youth rally their peers from different communities. They became role models to those who are disadvantaged and lacking hope. Ani and 10 other ART members also took part in TEDxKids talk.

Yerevan

Highlights of the year

- 121 student councils were empowered and supported in six provinces of Armenia
- 92 projects were initiated and accomplished by the student councils 89 parents councils were established and supported
- 256 schools and kindergarten were supported with educational materials, equipment and furniture
- 111 schools were supported through capacity building of teachers and school management
- 60 communities were refurbished with safe and colorful playing grounds
- 676 children and youth engaged in projects aimed to care for their peers, community members and environment
- 4,550 children and youth enriched and developed their life skills through participation in various extracurricular clubs
- 144 youth, including from institutions, received vocational education

"On stage, I called to the youth to move forward, help others and do a lot of volunteering job. We all know that Gyumri is in appalling social condition now, and being active here is not that easy. However, things will not change until we put a lot of effort for that," she said.

Children's online safety – World Vision's special focus

During the last three years Internet access has become increasingly common among the children in Armenia creating a new challenge – internet addiction among children and adolescents.

World Vision and other organizations, concerned with child wellbeing issues in Armenia, are now seeking ways to support children identified as being addicted to the internet as well as find ways to prevent the

further addiction of many others who use the internet constantly.

To educate children on safe Internet behavior and protect them from both addiction and online threats, World Vision supported the establishment of a "Safe Internet" website www.safeinternet.am and educated the students of 22 schools across Armenia through its "Keep the children safe online" project.

The website and training courses also informed children about a 'Hot Line' service that allows individuals to report on-line and cell-phone threats, abuse cases, or negative remarks.

Many questions regarding children's safe Internet usage are still pending and remain unanswered, and World Vision is on the centre stage of developments to find ways for proper protection of children.





Working on domestic law and national policy to align with international child rights norms

Through active cooperation with the National Committee for Child Protection, World Vision supported the introduction of legislative and policy amendment recommendations on the Republic of Armenia Family, Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes.

World Vision specialists worked on the recommendations for the improvement of the national regulatory framework submitted to the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Justice, the Ombudsman Office and the National Assembly, as well as on the recommendations for improvement in the Family Code, incorporated in the 2012-2016 Child Protection National Strategy. The recommendations on the improvement in the Criminal Procedure Code were included in the New Criminal Procedure Code.

To affirm the responsibilities of the Government of Armenia to ensure proper functioning of the child protection systems in the country, World Vision has led the preparation of a unique report on the execution of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child in Armenia. This is an alternative report to the one prepared by the Government of Armenia, and it was prepared by the joint efforts of local and international non-governmental organizations to discuss those areas of child protection where significant work for improvement is required.

Revision and improvement of the Armenian legislation to harmonize with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child were included in the report. Issues such as promotion of child birth registration, insertion of better alternative daycare options for the children deprived of family environment and continuous deinstitutionalisation of the state-funded care institutions, early detection of disability in Armenia, as well as proper care and referral to rehabilitation centers, and inclusion into mainstream education system for children with disabilities are a representative sample of the many more issues reported on the alternative document.



Delinquent or not, children must be protected

Juvenile offenders in Armenia are all too often treated like adult criminals - a situation that has provoked World Vision and local partners to draw attention to the massive gaps that are falling youth caught on the wrong side of the law.

The Republic of Armenia law On Treatment of Arrestees and Detainees doesn't provide any peculiarities when it comes to minors, so minor offenders are arrested or detained just like adults. World Vision considers this to be something that needs to change.

"Sometimes it is hard for judges to deal with juvenile offenders as we don't want to deteriorate their life by placing them into a detention place, but at the same time we happen to have no other choice," says Karine Ghazaryan, Judge of the Criminal Court of Appeal. "This is why many judges just place minors in detention places, yet it is an extreme decision, and should be avoided if otherwise diverting mechanisms exist. It would be much easier for us if this was regulated by law," continues Karine Ghazaryan.

Best international practice requires juvenile justice to be conducted only by relevant specialists. It is but obligatory to train judges on additional guarantees for the protection of the rights of minors, improve state legislation with the insertion of best international expertise, as well as take an innovative approach while applying this expertise.

In cooperation with a range of key stakeholders and following a series of workshops, World Vision has helped to draft solution paper that has been presented to the National Committee for Child Protection of Armenia to highlight both the challenges and recommendations to improve Armenia's juvenile justice system.

As part of its efforts to ensure all children are cared for and protected, World Vision also conducted a series of sessions for the judges across the country to update them on the recent developments in the national and international legislation regarding minors.





World Vision also supports the Republic of Armenia Police and other international NGOs through establishing rehabilitation centres for minor offenders, where the services of specialists are available, to help them to reintegrate into society and learn crucial life skills.

Within its efforts to ensure children are cared for and protected, World Vision (together with partners), facilitated Parliamentary hearings by involving the country's respective officials and partner NGOs to talk about the need of bringing critical changes to child-related structures within the country and stop the vicious trend of poverty rate increase.

Together with the partner NGOs working in the field World Vision has developed a resolution document where the child-rights related issues in Armenia were highlighted and solutions were offered. The document was provided to Armenia's Parliament right before the Parliamentary hearings for the parliamentarians' consideration and action.

One of the major issues raised by World Vision was the need for establishing the social worker's position in the communities of the country. This position will be state's helping hand for the most vulnerable families, as one professional social worker can contribute to the well-being of dozens of families and reduce poverty. Through preventative actions, he or she can also significantly reduce the number of children appearing in special institutions.

"The government always justifies the absence of the social worker's position due to the lack of financial resources to regularly pay for such services. Observations by World Vision, however, show that this position may significantly reduce the current resources spent by the state, particularly by preventing institutionalisation of children," says Grigori Grigoryants, World Vision Armenia's Child Welfare Advocacy Officer.

To fill in the gap in the communities as well as create a basis for the evidence-based advocacy for the insertion of social workers in the communities of Armenia, World Vision also financed the education and certification of 85 social workers from six provinces of Armenia at the Yerevan State University.

Currently 68 of these specialists work as social workers, while 25 of them are enrolled in the Guardianship and Trusteeship Committees of the communities, thus being the first support to children and adults in need. These positions are currently co-financed by the local governments and World Vision continues its work with the local governments and the Government of Armenia to ensure the gradual transition of the social worker's compensation to community budget.

Highlights of the year

- 85 social workers from six provinces of Armenia received education and certification at the Yerevan State University
- 475 staff members of nine residential institutions and Guardianship and Trusteeship committees received formal and on-the-job training
- A Resource Centre with a library, including 149 units of professional materials, was established
- A series of training sessions for mass-media representatives was organized related to child protection issues in the country
- Close cooperation was established with the Child Protection Network, the Ministry of Education and a Science Monitoring Group for special schools
- Two winter and one summer educational schools were organized for 108 children from residential facilities





WorldVision considers family and home the best place for every child's full development, and therefore actively supports the Government of Armenia's Deinstitutionalisation Strategy by implementing it at eight institutions in six provinces of the country.

Through the active work of the social workers, as well as enhanced cooperation and dialogue between community and regional level child protection actors, in 2012 alone WorldVision deinstitutionalised 82 children and returned them to their families. To make sure the children are cared for and protected in their families, WorldVision not only provided social and psychological assistance to these children and their caregivers, but also improved their economic status, thus ensuring the family can have income to provide for the basic needs of the child.

WorldVision's work with the most vulnerable children also included the prevention of institutionalisation of other children.

Those appearing in a difficult social, economic or psychological situation received assistance and support through social workers.

Supporting the most vulnerable families economically

To ensure children are well cared for and their basic needs are met, WorldVision strives to build the capacities of their parents through new technologies of land cultivation, animal breeding, as well as other income generating opportunities, thus creating basis for sustainable livelihoods.

Highlights of the year

- 82 children returned home from state care institutions
- 126 deinstitutionalized children were integrated into mainstream schools
- 250 parents of deinstitutionalised children received material support and consultation in order to meet their children's basic needs
- 600 children in especially difficult circumstances and at risk of institutionalisation are now receiving social assistance according to their individual development plans

Highlights of the year

- 1,239 families are involved in economic development projects
- 627 farmers are trained on modern agricultural technologies and financial literacy
- 499 families started applying modern agricultural technologies
- 432 youth received professional orientation

On the road home

Manukyan children took the bus home

The noise and laughter of her beautiful children are no longer heard in her house. For the last two years Anoushik has not felt like a proud mother of six. She couldn't as long as four of her children lived in a residential institution, waiting to come home.

"At that time, we had five children and they were going to bed with empty stomachs. Armen (Anoushik's husband) was out all day long trying to find any job to feed us. But what he could find was never enough," remembers Anoushik.

Armen and Anoushik made the hardest decision in their lives. They decided the only way to save their children was to leave them in an institution.

The warm and welcoming entrance of the Gyumri Institution for child protection and care seemed gloomy to Hamlet (now 14), Jemma (now 13), Sarnvel (now 12), and Stepan (now 10). "It was good that four of us were together and we were speaking of home all the time," remembers Hamlet.

Crying and feeling helpless, Anoushik took her neighbour's advice, which brought her to the steps of World Vision Armenia's office in Gyumri. Soon after her visit, the family was visited by social workers employed by World Vision to assess the needs of the family.

"As father's employment and stable income were the key issues in the family, all our efforts were directed to sort that out," remembers Azatuhi Pharajyan, the social worker for "Stakeholders acting together for improved child protection system in Armenia" project, funded by USAID.

Soon Armen received unique construction equipment, which allows him to offer services in greater demand than he could previously. As the family became somewhat economically stable, the decision was made to bring the children home.

Through regular visits, advice and orientation, social workers put the family on firm ground. World Vision has already registered Hamlet in free-of-charge jewellery making classes, provided the children with warm clothing and stationery. Jemma is also actively engaged in World Vision's ART classes that help her discover her talents and participate in her community life.





Milk means clothing and stationary for Armenian children

Siblings Laura, 5, and Sergej, 6, might not know the exact dollar increase that a newly established milk collection unit has brought to their family, but they do know that the family is selling more milk and with it, their parents are better able to meet their needs.

Development Valley LLC, founded by the community-based organisation "Valley of Initiatives and Activities NGO" and supported by World Vision Armenia, is a unique milk collection unit in four communities of Gavar Region. It allows the villagers to deliver their milk quickly and easily at a good return. This system is much different from the past, where the milk couldn't be delivered locally and the profits were lower.

The unit aims to strengthen production so that it turns into a stable income source in these communities. For Garik Sargsyan, the collection unit

offers a new chance to take good care of his two babies. "Before the opening of the unit, the milk often used to just spoil, as we had no place to deliver to. Today, I can care for my family and even think of expanding the cattle," says Garik. This milk collection unit is designed to operate for the sake of the villagers and their interests are of the highest priority. There are several companies who collect milk in this area, but they usually pay less and count the value of the milk depending on its quantity not its quality.

The small 1,300 litre capacity Milk Van with a refrigerator and tiny laboratory already has a stable customer – a big milk processing company that is eager to purchase as much milk from the "Development Valley" as it can provide.

Development Valley LLC sells the milk collected from the villagers to this company. Its profit is pulled together and will go towards meeting the most urgent needs of the community's children.

children enjoy good health

To improve the healthcare sector and ensure quality healthcare services are accessible to the most vulnerable across the country, World Vision continued its efforts on three fronts: capacity building of medical personnel in the field, awareness raising among parents and caregivers on issues related to healthy nutrition, child care and development, as well as strengthening the mechanism of public monitoring of healthcare services in communities.

The particular focus for the organisation continued to be the maternal and child healthcare issues in Armenia that require solutions at both national and community levels. World Vision in Armenia looked at those issues in a holistic way, targeting national and policy level problems, as well as addressing issues that can be solved right in the communities through educational and preventative initiatives.

With World Vision's global Child Health Now Campaign, the organization works hand-in-hand with the Government of Armenia, civil society and community members to reduce preventable deaths of children under 5 living in Armenia.



Holding authorities accountable, calling for systemic changes

Armenia's Mother and Child Health Advocacy Alliance seeks to hold the Government accountable for maternal and child health issues in Armenia. World Vision Armenia, one of the leading organizations of the alliance of 44 non-governmental organisations, focuses on three main causes of malfunction in the maternal and child healthcare system: lack of funding, human resource capacity and public health education.

Only 1.6 per cent of Armenia's gross domestic product (GDP) is spent on the healthcare sector. Most developed countries spend between seven and ten per cent of their GDP on healthcare.



The state expenditure covers only 39 per cent of healthcare expenditure, with the remaining 61 per cent falling on citizens to pay. This is a huge burden for citizens, especially the 35 per cent of the population who live below the poverty line.

World Vision introduced alternative financing mechanisms (increased tobacco and alcohol taxes) that could significantly surge the state budget revenues if relevant legislative reforms are in place.

“Despite of some increase of government funds spent on healthcare, the financing remains unsatisfactory, and World Vision advocates for alternative financing resources which will help improve the quality of healthcare services provided especially to children,” says Naira Gharakhanyan, World Vision Armenia’s Child Health Now Campaign manager.

Highlights of the year

- World Vision provided significant input to the process of the endorsement of “Promotion of breastfeeding and marketing of infant food” law to be accepted by the National Assembly of Armenia
- More than 1,400 mothers participated in educational sessions to learn about exclusive breastfeeding and healthy nutrition
- More than 1,000 parents learnt about child health, care and nutrition
- Maternal and child health rights information was regularly spread within the communities through training, workshops and individual meetings
- Around 100 primary health care providers received training in Integrated Management of Child Illness
- Educational materials were developed, printed and distributed to make sure community members know their rights while referring to healthcare services
- Regular training is carried out among the school students across the country regarding healthy lifestyle issues, including topics on healthy food, smoking hazards, sexual education, HIV and AIDs prevention and more

Aid that works: World Vision turns local nurses into healthy lifestyle counselors

With the ongoing demand of Armenia’s rural communities for improved access to quality primary health care services, World Vision pays increased attention to the prevention of diseases and provides important information to community members about healthy lifestyle issues.

In many of Armenia’s rural and sparsely populated communities the local nurse is the first person responsible for primary healthcare services.

Rural community nurses often have little access to professional literature and the novelties in public healthcare. Rare capacity building initiatives, organized by Armenia’s Government, barely meet the need in the communities. Hypertension, diabetes and smoking hazards – the selection of the topics for the Job Aids, initiated and published by World Vision, was based on the prevalence of illnesses and promotion of healthy lifestyle in the country.

The Job Aids, a two-sided publication with illustrations, guides and aids nurses to provide appropriate comprehensive counselling to community members in a unified and professional way. To enlarge the scope of support and counselling within the communities, World Vision also carried the formation of community action groups where the nurses share up-to-date information with the group members: mothers, grandmothers and young women of the communities.



WorldVision works hand-in-hand with the Armenian Churches to reinstate and support the growth of spiritual values among Armenians, through promotion of Christian education.

In 2012, World Vision continued the development of Christian educational textbooks for children of different age groups and teacher manuals to be printed and distributed, thanks to the partnership with Armenian Apostolic Church.

World Vision also worked with the teachers of Sunday and regular schools who were trained by the clergies to enhance the methods of educating children on Christian faith and traditions.

Last year was unprecedented in engaging local priests from communities to provide family counselling and training on drug prevention by using the "Into the Deadlock" movie, prepared with World Vision's support. HIV and AIDS prevention and fighting against stigma and discrimination, based on the knowledge received through World Vision's Channels of Hope (COH) methodology, was also on the agenda of the local priests while providing training sessions.

In 2012, the "My Way to Church" film series was developed. The series aimed to share the real stories of people, who found the Church and regained hope after years of challenge and struggle.

World Vision continued one of its best and joyful initiatives of the year; Christian summer camps were organized for the children across the country. Nutritious meals, recreational activities, lots of fun, joy, and Christian education classes were on the agenda.

Highlights of the year

- 22,788 children and youth participated in initiatives aimed at nurturing spiritual education
- About 10,000 copies of Christian textbooks for children and about 1,000 manuals for teachers were distributed in Armenia's communities
- About 2,400 Christian educational booklets and books, including Bibles, were allocated to communities through cooperation with Armenian Apostolic Church
- In summer of 2012, nearly 2,800 children from different regions and Yerevan (including children with special needs) spent their holidays in World Vision Christian summer camps





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Poverty is not new in Armenia, but levels of poverty and unemployment have sky-rocketed since the beginning of the global economic crisis, with 34.1 percent of the population registered as poor, and unemployment rate hovering around 30 per cent as well.

More than 60,000 Armenians go to different foreign countries every year as seasonal migrant workers. Official statistics show that more than half of those living with HIV and AIDS in Armenia become infected outside of the country, making the migrant population and their families the most vulnerable. Thanks to training, information and other initiatives by World Vision, migrant workers and their families are learning about the potential risks they face both now and down the road.

Along with educational and advocacy initiatives at the community and national levels, World Vision is also partnering with the State Employment Service Agency in Armenia, which is designed to provide professional assistance to job migrants, including guidance on the legislation and rights of the workers in the destination country.

World Vision ensured that proper knowledge and information materials are now in place and the specialists of the Agency offices are able to provide trustworthy knowledge to migrants. Additionally, a series of training have been conducted with the specialists of the Employment Agency in Yerevan and Gegharkunik Marz about HIV prevention and the means of transmission, as well as the need for HIV testing. Educational materials were also provided to be distributed among the possible migrants.



- **“Health for Families”** project, funded by USAID, aimed to improve the health status of families in 59 target communities of Sisian, Goris, Alaverdi and Meghri. Through this project, World Vision worked to contribute to a decline in disease and mortality rates through providing knowledge and raising awareness about the importance of healthy lifestyle, disease prevention, regular health check-ups and referrals to doctors.
- **“Cross-border Cooperation for HIV Prevention and Impact Mitigation in Southern Caucasus and Russian Federation”** project, funded by the European Union, aims to mobilize National Government organizations and non-state actors in Southern Caucasus and Russian Federation for joint actions to mitigate HIV and AIDS risks among migrant workers and mobile populations from Southern Caucasus, ensuring improved access to prevention, treatment, support and care services in both source and destination countries.
- **“Reducing violence against children in Armenia”** project, funded by the European Union, aimed at building the capacity and coordination of state agencies to protect children against violence, as well as at amending the domestic law and policy on child care and protection services to align them with international child rights norms and seek for the implementation of these norms.
- **“Stakeholders acting together for strengthened child protection system in Armenia”** project, funded by USAID, aimed to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable children in Armenia, through strengthening the Child Protection system and empowering actors at national, regional and community levels through cooperation with the Government of Armenia.



Since 2012, World Vision Armenia has adopted a strategic direction of increasing the share of local inputs in programmes implemented by the organization in six provinces of Armenia and the capital city Yerevan. In this regard, large corporations, medium-size enterprises and middle-class individuals will be targeted for outreach and fundraising purposes.

Why World Vision?

- Everyday operation in more than 200 communities throughout Armenia.
- Transparent and reliable procedures, regular feedback on the impact of donations.
- Excessive information on the existing needs in vulnerable families and communities.
- Development of customized project and mini-project proposals to better meet community and donor preferences.
- Matching funds by World Vision Armenia.

How?

1. One-time donation to address specific urgent needs.
2. Regular donations to contribute to mini-projects.
3. Donation of a share of income (e.g. from each sold item).
4. Long-term partnership with World Vision Armenia, envisaging joint development and monitoring of activities.
5. In-kind assistance.



actual cash expenditure by SO's (DPC + OOC)

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Armenia	31	16	59
Australia	66	80	151
Canada	935	1,152	1,152
France	360	422	589
Germany	106	363	422
Switzerland	717	626	759
Taiwan	589	851	1,035
United Kingdom	1,787	1,494	1,832
United States	1,823	2,977	3,595
totals:	6 414	7 981	9,594

cash funding by donors

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
USAID	798	1,134	360
EU	336	427	32
PPA	104	169	
World Vision support offices	7,689	8,241	8,069
totals:	8,927	9,968	8,461

Partnership established in Fiscal Year 2012

Orange Armenia and Orange Foundation – An SMS Campaign called “Let’s Keep Children Home” is underway. Customers of Orange Armenia mobile phone operator donate through sending SMS, while the company doubles every single individual contribution. The collected funds are channeled to selected vulnerable families that need income generation boost to bring their child from a special institution back home.

Cronimet Foundation – Through a partnership established in 2012, the foundation supports organisation of Christian Summer camps in three provinces of Armenia. It is also to renovate the Museum in Tchambarak and turn it into a Sports, Cultural and Handicraft Centre for youth. In 2013, 277 children will benefit from the summer camps component of this cooperation.

World Vision Armenia has envisaged a gradual shift toward increasing the level of involvement of local individual sponsors in supporting children in Armenia, with a special focus on border communities. While for a quarter of a century World Vision Armenia has enjoyed generous regular contributions from around 30,000 individual sponsors from all over the world, local contributions from individuals and companies have remained limited. With this shift, World Vision Armenia aspires both to increase the local funding base of the organization and to promote responsible citizenship among middle-class Armenians.

We call on you to join our initiative and become a local sponsor of a border village, a school, a kindergarten or even a family or a child. After all, we are the ones that ought to take responsibility for the development of our towns and villages across the country!

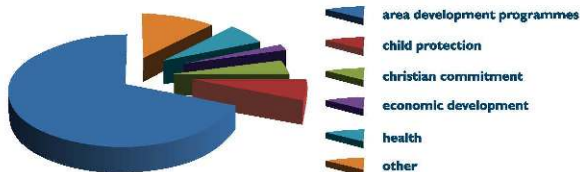


total budget FY 2011 - 2013 (in thousands of dollars)

	FY 2011 actual	FY 2012 actual	FY 2013 planned
project cost	7,142	7,905	6,669
commodity value	2,249	2,347	2,500
administrative cost	1,785	1,689	1,918
totals:	11,176	11,941	11,087

actual cash expenditure by sectors

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
area development programmes	4,420	3,613	4,155
child protection	391	1,234	3,065
christian commitment	283	618	504
economic development	124	715	822
health including (HIV / AIDS)	419	809	840
other	778	996	208
totals:	6,415	7,985	9,594



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the will to make it so...



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