

Akkar



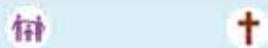
Bekaa



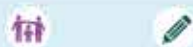
Mount Lebanon



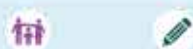
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Ali's father, Issa, refused to leave Aleppo. However, minutes after a missile fell on the next-door building, he changed his mind decided to head to Lebanon with his wife Sabah, his son Ali, and daughter Alissar. "I cannot begin to describe what we saw during our journey. People we spent a lifetime with were lying on the floor injured or dead. My children were deeply affected," Sabah recalled. In Lebanon, four-year-old Ali stayed inside the tent most of the time. "The destruction and all the drastic changes reshaped his personality", stated Sabah. He wasted time by gazing silently at the walls of the tent.



Issa and Sabah heard about the Early Childhood Education programme World Vision was implementing in Bekaa. Ali and his sister Alissar were both enrolled in the programme. At first, Ali refused to mingle with other children. Nevertheless, he was very interested in the class activities. "I was the first to grasp the names of the week days in English," he said with a big proud smile on his face. Sabah believes that ever since her son went to the center, he started talking about the future. "He wants to become an architect. He has plans for the future. It means my son gained back hope in his life again," stated Sabah.

Ali was very excited about finishing the ECE programme and going to a public school. "I can't wait to learn more and make new friends," he explained. Sabah believes that had Ali not participated in the ECE programme, he would have never been interested in the world of education. "This was the best opportunity for us as a family ever since we became refugees", Sabah asserted.



Amar Ismail is the head of World Vision's Children's Committee in Akkar - northern Lebanon. Sectarianism is heavily present in her community and draws boundaries between children of different religions who sometimes are not allowed to mingle with each other. "Our committee meetings in World Vision's offices helped us meet people from different backgrounds and we became friends. This is how I got the idea for a play," said Amar. She wrote a play about the harm caused by segregation. It featured four actors, one Muslim Sunni, one Christian, one Alouite and a World Vision staff member (played by Amar). The performance was hosted by the municipality of Tal Bire and got many standing ovations. Amar's message is simple - children have the right to an ID, girls have the right to education, and sectarianism is toxic.

Julia is an active member in one of World Vision's youth committees in Lebanon. She understood the impact a good messenger could have on his surroundings. When it was time for the committee to choose a child-related topic for a play they were organizing, she suggested Early Marriage. "I needed to raise my voice against something very common in my environment. I needed to tell the people around me that girls my age should study and play - not more." Julia played the role of a young girl whose parents plan to marry her off to an adult. "I was overwhelmed with emotions. People were applauding before the scene ended," she remembered.



World Vision is a Christian relief, development, and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families, and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. With more than 45,000 staff members in nearly 100 countries, World Vision is committed to working with the world's most vulnerable people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. In Lebanon, World Vision employs 278 people.

List of Partners for FY 17

Local NGOs/institutions | Skoun, Dar Al Amal, Spring of Life, Karagozian, Dorcas, Sin El Fil / Bourj Hammoud Coordination Committee, Caritas

Municipalities | 21

Social Development Center | 5

Schools (Private and Public) | 39

Mosques | 4

Churches | 23

Youth Groups | 10

INGO | Islamic Relief

Others | Sesame Street WASH Up Education Initiative

Through our long term Child Sponsorship programme, children and their families are provided with opportunities to actively participate in the development of their communities. Programme activities focus on life skills as well as child rights and child protection. This programme is supported by five of our Funding Offices who together assist 19757 children and the hundreds of communities in which they live. This programme allows us to build long-term relationships with families, communities, schools, municipalities, faith communities and other civil society actors. It also provides a solid platform for shorter grant funded projects.

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Annual Report 2017

World Vision's fiscal year starts in October and ends on September

Seven years into the Syria crisis, a political solution is not yet in sight to the conflict and Lebanon continues to host the largest per capita number of refugees in the world. When also considering the Palestinian population, almost one third of current residents in Lebanon consist of non-citizens. This places an enormous strain on Lebanon's already fragile economy, society and politics.

World Vision in Lebanon (WVL) has been addressing relief and development needs in Lebanon for over 40 years. Through our long-term presence we have developed an integrated, participatory and community-led strategy that builds on our engagement with a range of local governmental and non-governmental actors, including Christian and Muslim faith leaders, to respond to the needs of refugee and non-refugee children, families and communities. Our national strategic focus areas have been in Child Protection, Education - with a focus on Early Childhood Care and Development, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene as well as Food Security, Basic Assistance and Livelihoods.

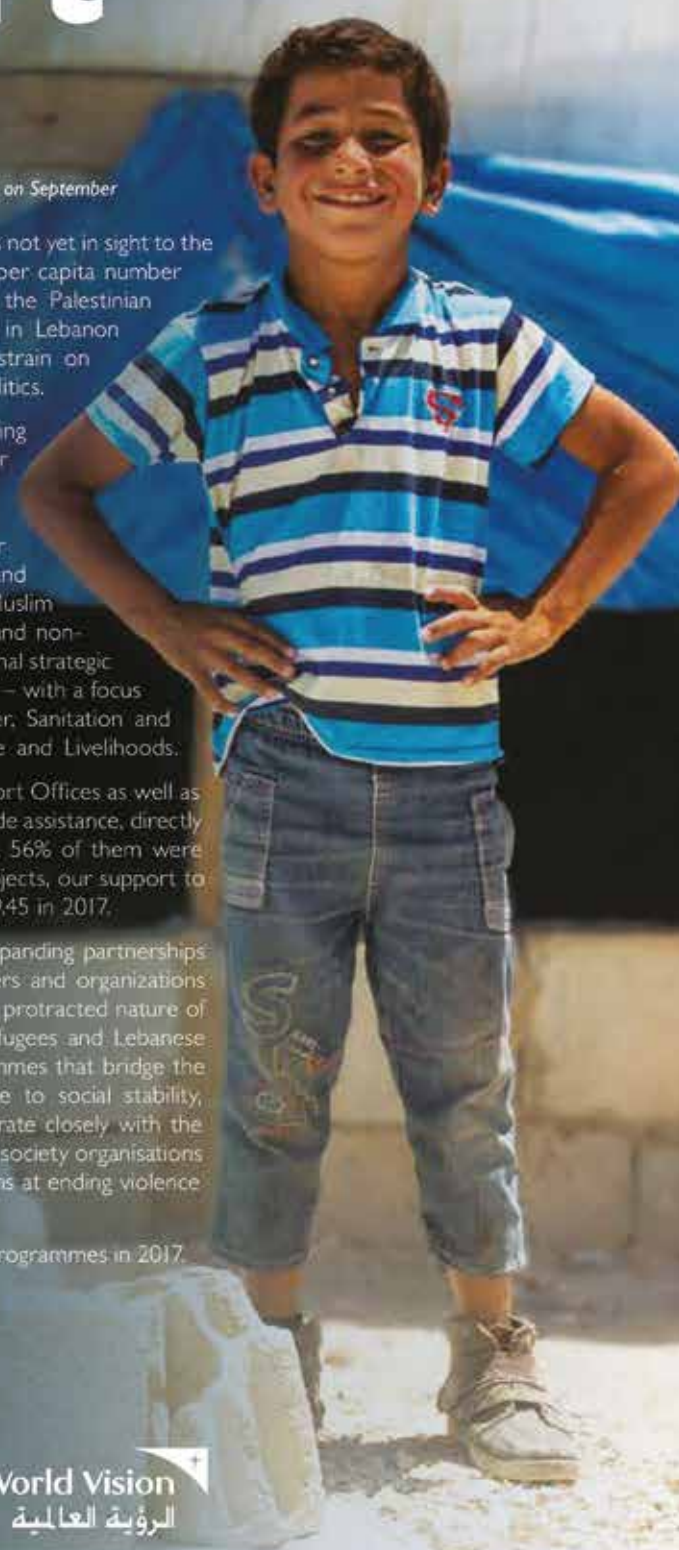
With the support of a range of World Vision Support Offices as well as local and international donors, we were able to provide assistance, directly and through our partners, to 291,033 beneficiaries, 56% of them were children. Through the implementation of diverse projects, our support to Lebanon amounted to a portfolio of US\$ 75,716,689.45 in 2017.

Our strategy for the coming year will focus on expanding partnerships and collaborations with a range of local stakeholders and organizations and implement innovate programmes to address the protracted nature of the crisis and the needs of the most vulnerable refugees and Lebanese communities. We will increasingly invest in programmes that bridge the relief and development divide, and that contribute to social stability, stabilization and sustainability. We will also collaborate closely with the Lebanese government as well as a wide range of civil society organisations in our global campaign "It Takes a World", which aims at ending violence against children.

We are pleased to share the achievements of our programmes in 2017.

Rein Dekker
National Director
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Child Protection



32,617 individuals
including **15,992** children

WVL and its partners reached 15,993 individuals (11,003 girls and boys and 4,990 adults) through a holistic Child Protection programme, in Akkar, Bekaa, South and Beirut/Mount Lebanon. The programme includes:

- Provision of a Life skills for child protection program in partnership with Skoun to children from grade 1 to grade 8 in public and semi-private schools in South, North, Beirut and Mount Lebanon and Bekaa reaching 86 schools (47 public/Semi-private schools & 39 private schools). Teachers are trained to facilitate the sessions for children and provided with regular coaching and support to improve delivery of sessions.
- Capacity building for caregivers on non-violent communication and active parenting/positive discipline and training for teachers on child protection, children rights, online safety, violence and positive discipline;
- Establishment of 33 Child Protection & Advocacy groups and initiation of 38 Community Based campaigns jointly led by local stakeholders and children as well provision of child protection awareness activities and awareness on identification & referrals of children subject to violence for caregivers and community stakeholders
- Provision of Community Based and Focused Psychosocial support (PSS) sessions for Syrian girls and boys; in Akkar, BML and South Governorates to improve the psychosocial wellbeing of the most vulnerable children.

Donors: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and private funding from WV Hong Kong, WV United States, WV Australia



\$ **4,713,170**

Through its partnership with UNICEF, WVL has provided 34,924 Syrian and 6,590 Lebanese Households (26,360 individuals) with access to potable water through construction and rehabilitation of water networks in the Bekaa Valley and Akkar, North Lebanon. In addition, WVL regularly provides water to Syrian refugees living in 253 Informal Tented Settlements (ITS) of Central and West Bekaa through water trucking.

Furthermore, WVL WASH interventions focus on enhancing access to adequate sanitation facilities and solid waste management services through construction/rehabilitation of 254 latrines, carrying out monthly desludging activities in 253 ITSs of Central and West Bekaa and rehabilitating 3 Psychosocial Support Centers and 13 schools.

6,587,640



In parallel to the above activities, WVL piloted the Sesame Street Wash Up educational initiative and provided sanitation and hygiene sessions to a total of 29,827 Syrian and 26,194 Lebanese individuals.

Donors: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), PMU/RadioAid and private funding from WV Australia, WV Austria, WV Germany, Germany's Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), European Union



WASH



75,555 individuals
including **42,239** children

Education



5,412 individuals
including **2,990** children

WVL was able to ensure access for 2,990 Syrian and Lebanese children aged 3-5 to community based Early Childhood Education (ECE) and train 2,422 caregivers of children aged 0-5 years on early childhood parenting skills and practices and teachers on ECCD curriculum facilitation in Akkar, Bekaa and South of Lebanon

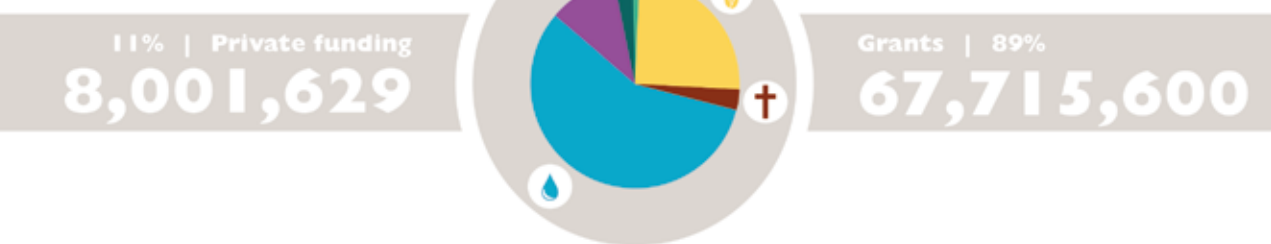
In addition, WVL supported the rehabilitation of 27 schools to ensure minimum standards and requirements are available to support children development in safe and child-friendly environments.

On a national level, WVL is finalizing in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health and the American University of Beirut a research project to test the effectiveness of the adoption of the Care for Child Development program in the daycare centers in the Greater Beirut area.

Donors: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), ADH, PMU and private funding from WV Hong Kong, WV United States, WV Malaysia, WV Australia, WV Germany



\$ **2,658,218**



WVL collaborated with churches and faith-based organizations from different denominations through the Church Refugee Engagement Fund (CREF) project and the Channels of Hope (CoH) project model.

799,589



The CoH project is in partnership with Islamic Relief in Lebanon and aims to improve the capacity of Muslim and Christian faith leaders from various religious denominations to address violence against children. The CREF project partners worked on 17 different projects aiming to improve child protection, access to Early Childhood Education (ECE), basic assistance, social cohesion and access to safe spaces.



Donors: WorldVision United States private funding

Faith & Development



5,695 individuals
including **3,307** children

Livelihoods



583 individuals reached

WVL started exploring feasible livelihoods programs addressing the needs of vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese in light of the increased vulnerability, economic development needs and high unemployment rate among host and refugee communities.

WVL partnered with the World Food Programme, the union of municipalities of Central Bekaa and the municipality of Jeb Jennine to implement two Cash for Work projects engaging Syrian refugees and Lebanese in income generating activities through labor intensive work to support and rehabilitate local community assets and build capacity of municipalities across several areas, such as agriculture, composting and solid waste management.

Towards the end of 2017, World Vision initiated its youth economic development project in Bekaa which aims at fostering the access of 50 Lebanese and 33 Syrian refugee youth to vocational educational training, life skills and apprenticeship and connecting them to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and employers in the local market.

Donors: World Food Programme and private funding from WV United States and WV Singapore



\$ **127,170**

In 2017, WVL, through its partnership with the World Food Programme, has provided food assistance to 28,358 Syrian households (170, 150 individuals) in order to ensure adequate food consumption and improved dietary practices among the most vulnerable population. Also, WVL has implemented multipurpose cash assistance program, supporting vulnerable Syrian refugee communities meet their basic needs in a dignified way. Under the Lebanon Cash Consortium, WVL supported 7,227 Syrian households (43,363 individuals) to meet their basic needs.

60,830,901



Moreover, in 2017 WVL was assigned as UNHCR sole partner for Bekaa covering the entire governorate. During this period WVL reached 51,261 households through distribution of E-cards/PINS and validation and 9,021 households through households visits.



Donors: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), World Food Program (WFP), and private funding from WV Australia, WV Switzerland, WV Hong Kong, WV Korea & WV New Zealand

Basic Assistance



176,938 individuals
including **101,542** children