World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision operates programmes in over 60 countries and serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

World Vision has worked in the Holy Land since 1975, implementing long term community-based development programmes focused on children in the education, health, economic development and protection sectors. The programmes aim to build resilience, sustainability and self-reliance within the societies, and are implemented in cooperation with local actors, and supported by technical experts based in-country and throughout the World Vision International partnership.

World Vision currently employs 150 staff, and is actively engaged with multiple local implementing partners. World Vision receives private funding, which enables us to engage confidently in longer-term programmes. World Vision also attracts project funds from a range of institutional donors such as: The Australian Government, the German Foreign Office, UNDP and the Gates Foundation.

World Vision Jerusalem – West Bank – Gaza has an annual budget of around $15 million.

**PRIORITY ISSUES**

Focused on improving the well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable, our main priorities are:

- Advocacy
- Child Protection
- Economic Development
- Education
- Emergency Response & Recovery
- Improving Health
- Resilience
- Peace Building

**WORLD VISION’S PROGRAMMES**

**Improving Health**

WV works to improve community health by promoting best practices in maternal and child health and nutrition through Community Health Workers. They provide timely, targeted counselling to 3000 pregnant women and young mothers; Community Active Groups are trained and organized to respond to community needs and act as a link between the targeted communities and the Ministry of Health.

In 2014, CHWs conducted regular counselling sessions with 3000 pregnant women/young mothers. This resulted in:

- 93% increase in children being correctly treated for diarrhea
- 46% increase in infants being exclusively breastfed up to 6 months
- 33% reduction in anemia amongst pregnant women/young mothers
- 124% increase in children receiving minimum dietary diversity
**Child Protection**

Child Protection is at the heart of World Vision’s work. With over 40,000 children regularly monitored through its programming, WV is in a unique position to monitor humanitarian and human rights violations that occur, particularly for children living in Area C.

**Peace Building**

World Vision is committed to peace, justice and reconciliation for all people. We believe in the possibility of peace in this region and we aim to break the status quo of occupation, division, hatred and conflict, by bringing justice, hope, opportunities and reconciliation to the children, youth, families and communities.

World Vision is open to partnerships with organizations committed to ending the occupation, peaceful coexistence and the realization of human rights of all citizens in the Holy Land.

**Economic Development**

World Vision aims to contribute to an improvement in economic opportunities through supporting small business, providing job pathways for youth and through women’s economic empowerment. In the agricultural sector, WV works across different value chains, supporting farmers to achieve improved production and enhance their connections with export markets.

- 35% increase in sale price achieved through WV’s value chain development work in Jenin
- 50% increase in income achieved amongst targeted farmers and fishermen in Gaza

**Emergency Response & Recovery**

World Vision has strong local capacity in emergency response, which is enhanced by resources and expertise from across the WVI partnership. With strong operations in Gaza, WV was an immediate responder to the Gaza War in 2014 distributing over 12,000 hygiene kits and 9,000 food parcels.

WV has strong programming in the Mental Health/Psycho-Social Support sub-sector, providing Psycho-Social Support to over 10,000 children in 40 Child Friendly Spaces.

Following the conflict, World Vision JWG has been providing early recovery interventions to approximately 90,000 people, and has rehabilitated over 1500 damaged agricultural properties.

**Advocacy**

World Vision desires that all children experience life in all its fullness. Many children in Palestine and Israel experience hardship, fear, and violence on a daily basis. World Vision is committed to advocating for the improved well-being of children, through a two-tiered advocacy approach:

1. International advocacy focused on ending the Israeli occupation as the primary cause of vulnerability in the region.
2. Local level advocacy that targets child protection and well-being issues. World Vision works alongside communities to build local capacity for advocacy using our Citizen Voice and Action and Child Protection and Advocacy approaches.

**Enhancing Education**

World Vision aims to ensure that all children are educated for life. In the West Bank, WV’s work focuses strongly on the improvement of teaching quality, through support for teacher training and improvement of the learning environment, with a particular focus on reading comprehension and mathematics. WV also provides remedial classes for the most vulnerable students.

- In 2014, WV’s remedial reading programme in Nablus saw significant improvement for 86% of participants (77% for remedial maths).
- WV works in strong collaboration with the Ministry of Education through a long term partnership. One of the exciting areas of collaboration is the co-development of an ECD curriculum and related research project.
- WV is active in promoting youth engagement through its life skills and youth leadership programmes.
- WV works actively to support vulnerable schools in Area C, including through the provision of temporary classroom caravans.

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