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# Who We Are

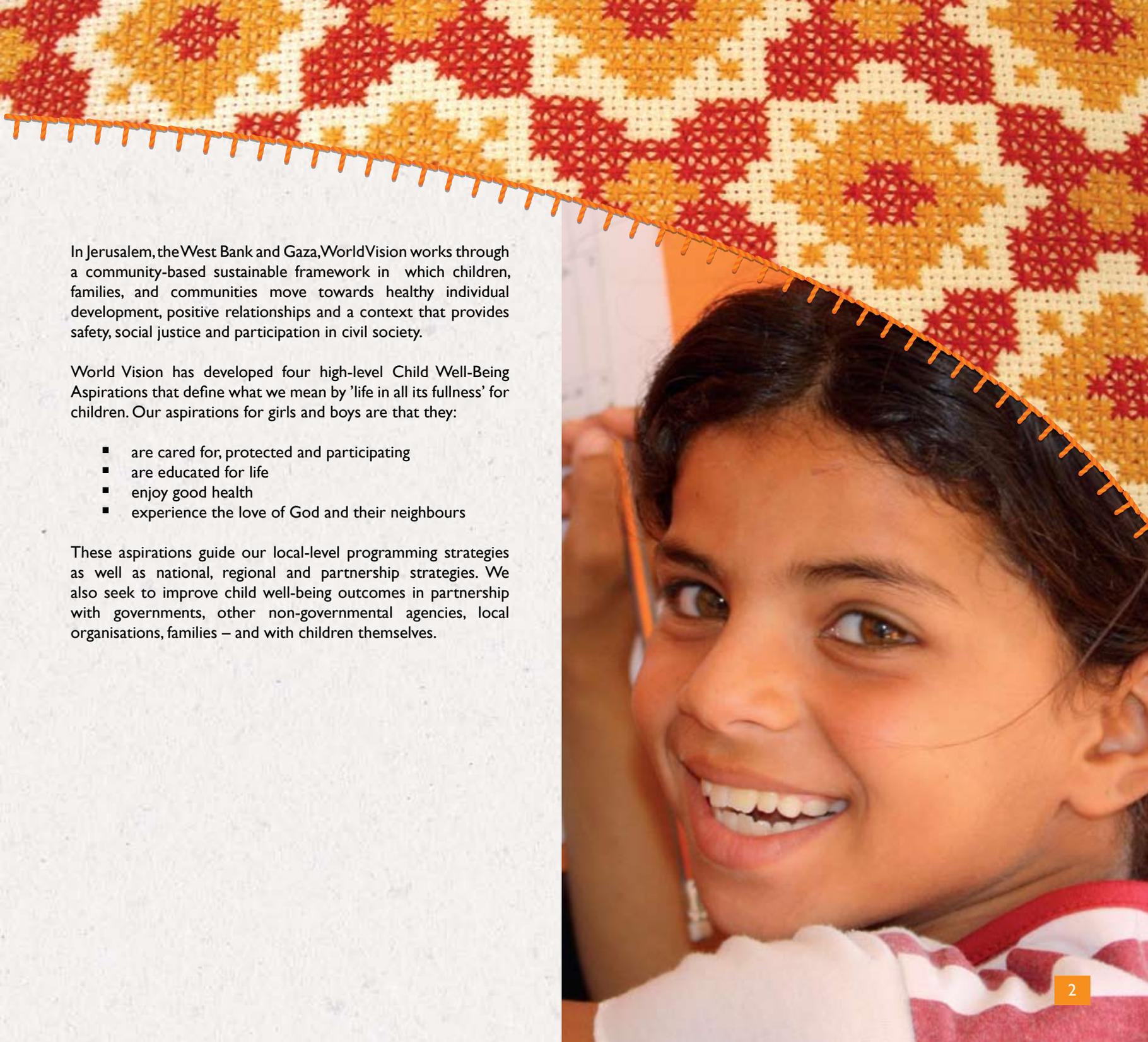
World Vision is dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. As a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation, we are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

*Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;*

*Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so*

World Vision wants to see that every child has the opportunity to live a full life. World Vision focuses on improving children's well-being through child-focused transformational development, disaster management, and promotion of justice.





In Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, World Vision works through a community-based sustainable framework in which children, families, and communities move towards healthy individual development, positive relationships and a context that provides safety, social justice and participation in civil society.

World Vision has developed four high-level Child Well-Being Aspirations that define what we mean by 'life in all its fullness' for children. Our aspirations for girls and boys are that they:

- are cared for, protected and participating
- are educated for life
- enjoy good health
- experience the love of God and their neighbours

These aspirations guide our local-level programming strategies as well as national, regional and partnership strategies. We also seek to improve child well-being outcomes in partnership with governments, other non-governmental agencies, local organisations, families – and with children themselves.

# Our Work

For more than 36 years, World Vision has been working with the communities, families, and children of the Holy Land. World Vision began working in the Holy Land in 1975, seeking to show God's love by serving the most poor and marginalised communities – especially children – and working through a progressive approach to development using Area Development Programmes (ADPs). An ADP is a holistic long-term (10-15 years) programme in a cluster of villages driven by the specific, self-identified needs of that community based on levels of marginalisation within its geographical area.

Today, World Vision works with 121 communities in the occupied Palestinian territory<sup>1</sup> to help deliver health and educational improvements and support vital development in communities for more than 44,000 children.

Over four decades of military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza have had a destructive effect on infrastructure and basic services such as water, education and healthcare, as well as on the freedom of movement of children and families. The need for development is critical to help ensure communities are able to sustain themselves and children are cared for, educated, healthy and enjoying positive relationships with their peers, family and community members. In addition to its relief and development work, World Vision advocates for a just and comprehensive peace between Palestinians and Israelis so that all can live in peace and prosperity. In partnership with local organisations, World Vision works with communities, families and children to create a better future today.

<sup>1</sup> "Occupied Palestinian territory" (oPt) as referenced by the United Nations



**No. of ADPs: 14**

**Full-term staff: 127**

**Short-term staff: 3**

**Registered children: 44,516 (of these 35,492 are sponsored)**

**Communities served: 117**

**Direct beneficiaries: 168,537**

**Indirect beneficiaries: 325,594**

**Population served: 494,131 (includes direct & indirect beneficiaries)**

**Community-Based Organisations & schools assisted: 483**

**National office based in Jerusalem**

**Existing ADPs:**

**Bethlehem ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Australia, supports communities in Nahhaline, Al-Wallajeh, Al Ma'sara, Al Manshiya, Jurat ash Sham'a, Khalit Al Haddad, Marah Mu'ala, Marah Rabah, Umm Salamuna, Wade Al-Nis and Wade Rahal

**West Ramallah ADP** - sponsored by World Vision USA, supports communities in Rantis, Qibya, Aboud, Deir Abu Mashal, Ain Arik, Jifna, Dier Nitham, Kharbatha Bani Harith and Budrus

**East Hebron ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Canada, supports communities in Bani Naim Town, Zedat, Khalet Arabia, El Jalajel, Khalet El Wardah, Khalet Rahib, Al-Udaisseh, the Beduins of Masafer Bani Naim, El Masa'arah and Soar Maeel

**South Hebron ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Singapore, supports communities in Al Karmil, Khalet Al Mayyeh, Um Lasafa, Al Hathaleen, Zif, Alfaqir, Irfayiyeh, Albuwaib, Aldairat, Susyah, Altuwani and surroundings, Main, Alzuwaidin and Al Najada

**Northeast Jenin ADP** - sponsored by World Vision South Korea, supports communities in Jalbun, Em At Tut, Al Mugayyer, Jalqamous, Al Jalameh, 'Arraneh, Faqu'a, Beit Qad, Deir Abu Da'if and Raba

**West Jenin ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Canada, supports communities in Kferit, Tura Ash Sharqiyah, Tura Al Gharbiyya, Al Khuljan, Um Dar, Imreha and Ya'bad

**South Jenin ADP** - sponsored by World Vision South Korea, supports communities in Al Asa'sah, Al Fandaqomiya, Al Jadidah, Anza, Siris, Silat Al-Dahr, Al-A'ttara, Jaba and Misiliya

**Southeast Salfit ADP** - sponsored by World Vision USA, supports communities in Yasouf, Eskaka, Farkha, Bruqin, Kafr AdDik, Kherbit Qeis and Marda

**North Nablus ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Canada, supports communities in Nisf Jbeil, Sabastia, Talluza, Ijnisinya, Yasid, Deir Sharaf, Burqa, Bizzaryia, Beit Imrin, An Naqura and Qusin

**East Nablus ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Canada, supports communities in Azmout, Deir Al Hatab, Beit Dajan, Salem and Beit Furik

**Central Nablus ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Canada, supports communities in Asira Al Qibliya, Awarta, Burin, Einabus, Madama, Osarin, Yanon, Odala, Urif and Zeita Jamma'in

**South Nablus ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Taiwan, supports communities in Yatma, Talfit, Qusra, Qaryout, Jalud, Jurish, Majdal Bani Fadel, Amuriya and As Sawiya

**North Gaza ADP** - sponsored by World Vision Australia, supports communities in Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun and Jabalia

**South Gaza ADP** - sponsored by World Vision USA, supports communities in Al Shaboura camp and the Al Shouka village





# Greetings

It is with great pleasure that the team at World Vision Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza (JWG) presents this year's Annual Review.

Despite the reality of global economic challenges, the World Vision Partnership increased its commitment to the improved well-being of children in the Holy Land this year, resulting in our largest programme to date.

With increased resources we were able to introduce new projects and initiatives including humanitarian, health and economic development projects and a much stronger engagement with the historic Christian church.



It has also been a year of positioning our office for the future. Most significantly we developed a new country strategy. We believe that in the next six years we will see the World Vision programme continue to grow and diversify to reach our target of touching the lives of 1 in 4 Palestinian children.

Globally World Vision has adopted a set of Child Well-Being Aspirations and the core of our JWG country strategy focuses on child well-being. The next six years will see JWG contribute strongly to World Vision's global campaign to improve the well-being of vulnerable children.

I would like to thank our support offices, donors, partners and the Government and Governing Authorities whose efforts and cooperation make our work possible.

Finally, I would like to thank the very special group of people who together make up the World Vision Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza team. Your passion, skill and dedication is making a difference!

God Bless,

# Sponsor a child today!

Experience has taught us that the best way to change a child's life is to transform the world they live in; by supporting families and working in their communities. Through Child Sponsorship, World Vision is able to help do just that. Child sponsorship gives sponsors the opportunity to learn about the daily life of a Palestinian child under occupation. Child Sponsorship is not only an important funding source for World Vision— it provides an opportunity for donors to really engage in our work and see how their contribution touches the life of a child.

World Vision works with children, families, communities and sponsors worldwide to improve the well-being of children. We believe that the best way to help children is to work with them, along with their families and communities, to make changes that last. Child Sponsorship builds relationships among children, their families, sponsors and World Vision staff. Each person in these relationships improves the life of others by sharing resources, hope and experiences in overcoming poverty through child-focused development programmes.





Currently, 44,516 children in the Holy Land are registered (of which 35,492 are sponsored) with World Vision donors from around the world, such as the USA, Australia, Canada, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore. World Vision also receives additional funding from private donations, foundations, companies, and government grants.

Thanks to sponsorship, in this year alone, more than 41,000 children were able to participate in activities such as health awareness training and summer camps, as well as receive school bags, educational supplies and hygiene kits. Families have also benefited from agricultural projects, green houses and fishing boats.

Sponsors from all over the world and their sponsored children are also able to share letters and gifts, fostering personal relationships which can last a lifetime. Not only are friendships made, but through sponsorship, thousands of children in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza can now enjoy a higher quality of education and a safer and healthier living environment.

To sponsor a child, visit [donate.worldvision.org](https://donate.worldvision.org)!

Our work towards improved child well-being for children...

## Ensuring children are cared for, protected and participating!

**Need:** World Vision has been working in the little town of Bethlehem since 1999, working with 11 different villages. Like many other Palestinian cities and towns, it is encircled by Israel's separation barrier, 'Israeli-only' roads and checkpoints. The villages in which World Vision works are in close proximity to the illegal Israeli settlements and the route of the separation barrier has already confiscated 26.7% of villagers' fertile lands, with more agricultural lands under threat of confiscation. The movement restrictions and a high unemployment rate of 27% have left those communities vulnerable and in dire need of help, as they continue to struggle for survival under the Israeli military occupation.

**Response:** In Bethlehem, World Vision seeks to empower communities towards social change and child-focused development. One way is through its child committee, established in 2009 and made up of seven children. This committee advocates for and represents the needs of children, while training them in leadership.



Sabreen is a 17-year-old girl from the Bethlehem village of Wadi Al Nees and a member of this committee. **Her passion is improving the lives of the children in her village.** The committee began by reaching out to children in elementary and high schools and then expanded to working in preschools. Sabreen is proud to be part of the child committee, and even prouder to be a young female leader.

"I used to be an ordinary and not very social student in my school, but now I've changed. I won the Student Council elections for two years in a row and head the child committee which speaks to World Vision about the needs of the children and the local community. I have more self confidence; I enjoy listening to children's ideas and love helping them."



“When I visited the preschool at Marah Muala village with the committee members, we saw the children and listened to them express their needs. Their classrooms were very cold in winter, where they had no heaters, and they used to stay at home for many days during the winter time to avoid the cold in the preschool. After the visit, we managed through World Vision to provide the preschool with carpets and heaters. A month later, we visited the children again and they welcomed us with their beautiful smiles!”

**“I feel more respected in my community.** Now, they think of me as one of the future leaders. One day I will be a skilled adult and my dream is to see my village become the most beautiful village without trouble or challenges; and that villagers can support themselves, and children can enjoy education and good health!”

**Need:** Expanding illegal Israeli settlements continue to cause problems for families in Nablus, including settler violence, movement restrictions, surrounding checkpoints, and land confiscation. This has, in turn, increased poverty and unemployment, which now stands at 54%. Educational systems are poor and children in Nablus suffer in particular from a lack of extracurricular activities.

**Response:** Since 2009, World Vision has worked with families in 35 villages in Nablus to help ensure children are cared for, protected and participating. In East Nablus, World Vision aims to improve the educational, health and economic situation of its communities. A leadership and team-building training course for its child committee addressed the ‘how’ and ‘why’ of ensuring children are cared for and protected in a loving, safe, family and community environment. Children are also empowered as respected participants in decisions that affect their lives and act as agents of change in their communities.

One boy and one girl were selected from each of the five villages in East Nablus where World Vision is working, with a total of 14 children participating. Eleven-year-old Zeina from Beit Furik said, “I had never dreamt to have this opportunity and will never forget this experience and knowledge or the team that I am part of now! I got the chance to visit three villages near mine for the first time and children from these villages. Thanks to World Vision for this opportunity!”

**Response:** The improved well-being of children and the fulfillment of their rights within families are promoted by World Vision in North Nablus.

Recreational activities for children within and after school hours in the 11 North Nablus villages are one practical way that World Vision is helping to ensure children are cared for. These activities also help children with special needs who suffer from lack of care and relevant services. Through this activity, 35 children with disabilities, together with their mothers and other children, enjoyed a day of fun, including a trip to an amusement park and a swimming pool.

Rami, a 15-year-old boy from the Al Naqoura village said excitedly, **“I have never been happy as I am today!”**

Rami’s mother added that this was the first time she and her son had the opportunity to participate in such activities. “I have never seen this smile on his face,” she said. “Thank you World Vision for taking care of these children in our community.”





**Response:** In the Central Nablus area, one little boy's life was changed. Here, World Vision is working to care for, protect and encourage children to participate in their communities and families by enhancing their opportunities and capabilities. One such opportunity was a World Vision summer camp for children aged eight through 12.

Nine-year-old sponsored boy Abdallah from Assirah Alqiblah is physically challenged because he was born with one arm. Abdallah was given the opportunity to attend this summer camp in his village, one of 10 with which World Vision is working in central Nablus. He was thrilled to share this experience with his friends and spend time doing the thing he loves – dabkeh (traditional Middle Eastern folk dance). "I would love to join a dabkeh band and dance with my friends!" said Abdallah. "The summer camp with World Vision gave me the chance I always wanted and to practice all the things that I am good at – especially dabkeh dancing."

**Need:** In the West Bank, Jenin is surrounded by the Israeli separation barrier in the north, east and west, with families having to endure closures and the confiscation of their family lands. Jenin's suffocated communities face the highest food insecurity rate in the West Bank at 34.5%. Here, 43.1% of cluster residents are unemployed, with 81.1%



spending more than 45% of their income on food, and 19.1% are considered to be living in dire conditions. These challenges have left the families living in Jenin distressed, with a large number of children suffering from stress disorders, anxiety, fear and depression.





**Response:** World Vision works in 26 villages in the northeast, west and south of Jenin to ensure children are protected and participating in the development of their communities. So far, World Vision has helped form three child committees in the northeast alone. Nine-year-old sponsored child Rahaf, the youngest member of the Em Al Tut Village Student Committee, says she loves it. “The best thing in this programme was achieving one of my dreams, which is to learn music and singing. **I never thought I would ever get to be part of a choir!**”

Jala’ Zakarne, Rahaf’s mother and principal of the Em Al Tut Girls School, says in some ways this has changed the village. “Em Al Tut village is a conservative community, in which girls are not allowed to participate in some activities, including singing and music”, she explained. “We were concerned at first, but I was so glad to see in my hands the parents’ written approvals to allow the girls to be part of such an activity.”

Rahaf says, “This was one of the best experiences I’ve ever had!”

**Response:** World Vision continues to work towards the improved well-being of children, ensuring that they are cared for, protected and participating. In the Jenin village of Siris, one of the most impoverished villages in the South Jenin cluster, the majority of the population

lives under the poverty line of \$1.25 per day. Its residents were completely dependent on the labour market inside Israel, but after the construction of the Israeli separation barrier, which restricted access to Israel, hundreds of breadwinners found themselves without the means to support their families. This dramatic impact has increased tension within families and has also led to increased violence among children and youth.

To alleviate this poverty and to address the needs of children, World Vision began a job creation project through which 102 skilled and unskilled workers benefited from 3,548 working days as they built a playground. Besides being one of the only places available for children in the village to play, the playground also serves as a peacebuilding facility and recently hosted an anti-violence summer camp at which the children of Siris learnt about peaceful conflict resolution.

The head of the ADP Village Committee in Siris village, Ahmad Shawar, says that the main cause of violence in the village is the wide-spread poverty and poor nurturing conditions. **“Children are exposed to violence in their community and on television.** This is made worse by the absence of child-friendly facilities where children can release their energy in a peaceful way.”

One father, Mufeed Barham, says that his children are asking him to take them to the playground every day. “I enjoy it now too. I can see how lovely the park is for my children, and I feel the difference in their attitudes at home!”





And the children also love their playground. “I come to the park every day and I love to play on the horse!” says Mufeed’s four-year-old daughter Aseel, whose brother Usaid is a sponsored child with World Vision and also part of the anti-violence summer camp.

**Response:** In West Jenin, World Vision is working to improve community resilience and alleviate poverty through economic development activities. Food processing has been identified as one of the key economic sectors in West Jenin. In partnership with the Palestinian Fair Trade Association (PFTA), World Vision is providing training for 226 women in four localities from the northeastern, western and southern parts of Jenin on food processing, after which these women’s groups can be linked to the fair trade market. These women will work on processing various foods, beginning with couscous and continuing with sun-dried tomatoes and as the seasons change will move on to pickled olives and organic honey. Some will also be able to participate in further training to process other foods and will receive commercial grade processing equipment.



Samaher Qabaha, one of the participants, says that now she is better able to support her children. Samaher describes the significance of seeing the knowledge of older generations in food preparation being passed down. “I didn’t used to know; now I know. The older generation used to do everything and people my age didn’t know. We didn’t know our traditions, our culture.” Wiping a bead of sweat from her brow, she continues, **“The money is not as important, but what is, is that we are working together as a community. One hand, one work.”**

Tariq Qabaha, head of the Tura Gharbiyeh Village Council recognises the importance of this project for the women of the village, and the village as a whole. “Development programmes have a future, which is why they are so good for communities. Not just for today and tomorrow, but for our future. Helping people is good, but if there is continuity, it is better.”

**Need:** The North Gaza governorate is one of the most impoverished governorates in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) and the neediest in the Gaza Strip. North Gaza’s food insecurity rate is the highest in the Gaza Strip at 60%. Since the blockade was imposed on the Gazan community in June 2007, a higher unemployment rate of 36% and the rise of food prices as a result of the shortages have kept more than four in five Gazans dependent on humanitarian aid.





**Response:** World Vision has worked in North Gaza since 2008, towards the improved well-being of children through the development of caring, protecting and participating families and children. One problem facing the three communities in which World Vision is working is early and inter-related marriages – one consequence of which is the rise of disabilities. The disabled in North Gaza are unable to truly be involved in their own communities, as several places such as parks and other recreational areas do not have the necessary provisions for people with physical disabilities.

World Vision established the AL Bassma Club for the Disabled (ABCD) in the northern Gaza village of Beit Lahia, which has the highest population of people with disabilities in Gaza, to help change



this. The club aims to give the male and female deaf and disabled community the chance to take part in training and activities around soccer, volleyball, tennis, swimming and other forms of recreational activities.

Thirteen-year-old Khalid is one of 200 youth who is enjoying these activities. Deaf since birth, Khalid says that he loves soccer very much and used to have to play in the street. “When I saw other deaf children playing soccer in Al Basma Club, I started to join them in the playground when training was taking place”, he says. “Then I joined up and got to take part in a lot of different activities at Al Basma, and I’m now a key player in the junior soccer team!”

Ousama is 26 years old and has been deaf and mute since birth. He joined ABCD three years ago and was given his very first opportunity to play soccer. He now has the chance of becoming a professional soccer player and was chosen to play for the Palestinian Federation of Football (Soccer) for the Disabled as one of the Palestinian players who recently won the Soccer League Cup for the Hearing for 2010. Ousama is proud to have been chosen as the best player in the club’s youth team and now, as the Coach of the ABCD soccer team.

Ousama’s wish is to represent Palestinian soccer abroad, if only one time, and to continue working as a trainer for new players, to hone their talents and help others like him. “Finally I did it!” he says. “My dreams are going to come true. By joining the ABCD-linked Soccer Youth Team supported by World Vision, my soccer skills have been highly developed. **Now, I am the first deaf coach for the ABCD Youngsters Soccer Team!**”

Our work towards improved child well-being for children...

## Helping children become educated for life!

**Need:** With an unemployment rate of about 30%, the people of Hebron are facing severe food insecurity, as well as educational and health problems. Poor living conditions for families and children in Hebron are being exacerbated by Israel's military occupation, the land confiscation for illegal Israeli settlements, as well as restrictions that prevent Palestinian families from effectively utilising their natural resources.

**Response:** World Vision has worked in Hebron towards improving the lives of children and families in 24 communities since 2003. Working with communities in eastern and southern Hebron, World Vision seeks to empower them and enhance the role of civil society institutions as agents of change. This will help ensure that positive change is initiated and sustained by the communities themselves, for the well-being of the most vulnerable such as women and children. **One key aspect of empowering communities is education.**

World Vision recently opened the Al-Mustaqbal Kindergarten in Al-Arabeyyah area, one of the poorest and most marginalised areas in Bani Naim, East Hebron. This facility is the sole kindergarten in the area and has enabled 56 children, aged three to five, to access pre-school education. Many of these children had not attended kindergarten before.

Children can also enjoy extracurricular activities run by the kindergarten, such as puppet shows, storytelling, birthday parties and drama activities.

Not only is the kindergarten helping children – their mothers are also benefitting by having the opportunity to work in the kindergarten or have more time to care for other family members.



Thurayyah, a 26-year-old mother of three, says that being able to send two of her children to the kindergarten has made all the difference. “Sending my two children, Kawthar and Thara, to the kindergarten has enabled me to better look after my newborn child, give him the attention he needs, and have some spare time for myself to be active in social events.”

Mother of seven, Entisar, is thrilled to have two of her children enrolled in the kindergarten. “It was great to have a kindergarten in our neighbourhood – it enabled me to interact with my children’s educational activities, and I can really see the impact of the kindergarten on Wala’ and Ala since they are more committed and enjoy being a part of it.”

The children are also enthusiastic about their school. Entisar’s sponsored daughter, five-year-old Wala’ said, “I love the kindergarten contests. **I really love the kindergarten because we do so many activities, and we love each other!** I have many friends and we study many new things. I like to draw and I love studying English. They also gave me a birthday party which I liked a lot. I got a present and they drew on my face. I am happy and I like to go to the kindergarten.”

Wala’s teacher Kifah has also witnessed positive changes. “At the beginning Wala’ tended to be shy and not willing to participate in the activities, however, day by day she is becoming more active and wants to participate in everything!”



**Need:** Since 2001, World Vision has been working with the communities established in 2001 to target the large Palestinian refugee populations living in the highly congested and impoverished area of Al Shaboura, as well as with the rural Bedouin community of Al Shouka Village in South Gaza. In Al Shaboura, the entire population of about 40,000 people lives in one square kilometre and 700 people live per square kilometre in Al Shouka. Around 42% of families in South Gaza are living in extreme poverty and unemployment is at a staggering 36.4%.

Education has served as a means of empowerment and played a significant role within the Palestinian community since the occupation. Over half of Gaza's population is under the age of 18, and they continue to live amidst constant insecurity, poverty and Israel's illegal land, air and sea blockade. Coupled with overcrowding in schools, education continues to be a major challenge for communities in Gaza.

**Response:** Access to quality education is one of the key measurements for the well-being of children, families and communities. Through a remedial education project, World Vision is hoping to improve the quality of life for children through improving the quality of the education. World Vision has been providing remedial education to children with learning difficulties, hoping to develop their skills in reading and writing and improve their overall level of education, especially children living in marginalised areas within low-income families. So far, the South Gaza ADP has helped more than 635 children and 21 teachers in eight centres.

Ten-year-old Razan is among the students who struggle with learning difficulties. After visiting with her and her family, World Vision staff were able to encourage Razan to participate in the education project. With every class, Razan's participation improved and her excitement grew. Razan's teacher likes to sit after class with Razan for friendly chats. Sana' Zatma says that being Razan's teacher is a



joy. "I am proud of her. **Her improvement proved that we can do better for our children.**" Razan has improved, not only in her educational skills but also in her relationships with other classmates, who are now her friends. "I like coming to the centre to meet them," says Razan, "We have nice times together." Her mother, Hana' El Nairab, is overwhelmed with Razan's progress. "Her success brings happiness to my heart."



Our work towards improved child well-being for children...

## Ensuring children enjoy good health!

**Need:** Nestled alongside the largest Israeli settlement of Ariel (population of 20,000) and the largest Israeli industrial zone in the West Bank, Burkan, the communities of Salfit live under a shadow of instability. Salfit has an unemployment rate of 38-58%, due to lack of freedom of movement to Israel, where many Salfit families used to work. As a result of the Israeli occupation and ongoing restrictions on freedom of movement, many families who used to rely on employment in Israel are unable to travel and have subsequently lost their jobs.

Families are repeatedly exposed to targeted illegal Israeli settlement activity and land confiscation. The villages of Salfit suffer from a lack of water to irrigate their lands, crippling one of the main economic sectors in Salfit. Families in Salfit are also beleaguered by the dumping

of sewage waste water from Israeli settlements, much of which passes next to family homes, causing major pollution problems and health risks, especially to children.

**Response:** World Vision began working with seven communities in southeast Salfit in 2001 towards the improved well-being of children, transformed relations, and interdependent and empowered communities. A five-year project is addressing three major issues in the communities of southeast Salfit – the educational, health and environmental conditions in which children and families are living, as well as the livelihoods of struggling families. In partnership with governmental units and other organisations, World Vision is working with 8,108 males, and 7,545 females, 10,000 of which are children, to improve the living conditions of families in Salfit.





One of these children is nine-year-old Qassam, whose father was killed by Israeli forces in early 2005. Qassam is in the fourth grade and has participated in the life-skills activities within this project, including awareness sessions on health, hygiene, nutrition and safety.

Shareefa Isma'el, Qassam's mother, said that Qassam used to eat unhealthy food and didn't understand the importance of nutrition. After awareness sessions with World Vision and the Ministry of Health, Shareefa says both she and her son have learned more about nutrition and healthy eating. Shareefa says her son has changed. Qassam has stopped eating nutrient-poor foods, and has started to take care of his teeth – something which he did not do in the past. "Qassam now brushes his teeth on a daily basis", says Qassam's mother. Qassam agrees. "We have to be aware of the junk food since it causes diseases."

Not only has Qassam learned how to stay healthy, but also to stay safe. After a road safety skills awareness session, he has learned how to stay safe while walking on the busy roads. He is also eager to share the knowledge with his grandfather, asking him to follow the traffic signs as Qassam now does.

"I never paid attention to the signs on the sidewalks as I didn't really know what they meant", explains Qassam, as road safety for children is a concern in Salfit. "Now, I look carefully at the signs, and follow the instructions on them so I can stay safe." Qassam is grateful that he now knows about safety, health and nutrition and says he would love to learn even more.

**Need:** The reality for families in Nablus in the West Bank is continuing expansion of illegal Israeli settlements, which includes land confiscation, violence by Israeli settlers, restrictions on movement and checkpoints. In addition to the resulting increased poverty and unemployment, health care systems in Nablus are poor and these communities continue to suffer from a lack of proper sanitation.

**Response:** Since 2009, World Vision has worked with the communities of Nablus, now in 35 villages, ten of which are in South Nablus. Working to improve the living conditions here, World Vision works with these communities to ensure their children and families are well nourished and have access to essential health services. One step towards improving nutrition was the provision of home gardens for 15 families in the South Nablus village of Majdal Bani Fadel, while encouraging them to adopt organic fertilisers and planting. Families were provided with seedlings, vegetables and plants to cultivate in their gardens.

"The support of World Vision has made it possible for 15 of the poorest families in the village to have their own home gardens", says village Mayor Waleed Othman. "This project has encouraged them to keep their land planted all year and has improved their attitudes toward organic planting."

One 13-year-old boy and his family have seen their lives transformed. Mohammed is a registered child with World Vision from Majdal Bani Fadel village. He lives in a small house with his four brothers,





one of whom is disabled, three sisters, his parents, and the wife and children of one of his brothers. His father's job is unstable, but through this project, Mohammad and his family were given seedlings, organic fertilizers and water to grow their own home garden.

For Mohammad and his family, things have changed for the better, and they feel healthier. "After our planted garden was ready, I helped my father take care of the plants." He continues, "Everyday when I get back from school, my brothers, my cousins and I all work in the garden together!" In these gardens, Mohammad and his family harvest a variety of vegetables such as sweet peppers, tomatoes and eggplants, allowing them to save expenses and meet other household needs for food while providing nutritious food for their family.

Mohammad's mother, Nadia Al-Zghayyar, says, "The home garden World Vision has provided to my family has given us a space for the family to gather, work together and spend time together."

**Need:** Ramallah in the West Bank is being swallowed by the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements, with **more than 60% of agricultural lands confiscated by settlements and the separation barrier.** World Vision is helping families and children in nine Ramallah villages, to build their capacity to create a brighter future. With this goal in mind, World Vision is working to increase child health awareness for children and their families.

**Response:** One initiative is school health activities, recently carried out at five schools for 350 students in the Ramallah villages of Deir Abu Mashal and Rantis. This project was implemented in participation with the Ministry of Education and the local CBOs represented by village health care centres.

A two-hour workshop on body care and hygiene gave children a better understanding of personal hygiene, dental care and preservation and cleanliness of the environment. Describing the experience, local dentist Dr. Isamel Otham from Rantis said, "I would like to thank World Vision for its role in promoting the value of hygiene among our children. I think this activity will help in enhancing the know-how of our children in the importance of hygiene and health."



After the workshop, 350 hygiene kits were also handed out to these five schools and children had the opportunity to volunteer in cleaning their neighbourhood streets and school centres.

Fourteen-year-old Mohammad agrees, "**Now, I know how to keep myself clean and the relationship between being clean and health.**" He continues, "I also learned how to protect myself from diseases and how to use disinfecting things that we were given and how we should keep using them!"

Twelve-year-old Heba was very excited. "I used to brush my teeth in the wrong way. Now, I know the right way! Before, I didn't care about what kind of food I ate, but now I know how to choose the right food for me!" Heba was also excited about the hygiene lessons. "I learned how to keep my country clean and about the environment and also learned how to keep my body clean! Thank you World Vision and please do more!"



Our work towards improved child well-being for children...

# Helping children experience the love of God and their neighbours!

World Vision works to help children, families and communities experience wholeness of life, with dignity, justice, peace and hope. Part of sustained well-being of children and fulfillment of their rights within their families and communities is ensuring that all children experience the love of God and their neighbours.

Due to Israel's military occupation of the Palestinian territory, unemployment, lack of travel and freedom of movement and human rights violations are growing concerns. In response, World Vision works with families, children and communities in different areas of the occupied Palestinian territory, through its church relations, to provide them with opportunities that will foster hope and vision for the future.



**World Vision also seeks to provide opportunities for children to enjoy positive relationships and value and care for others.** One such opportunity was the workshop held on “Difficulties of Relationship among Parents and Teenagers: Western Trends and Arab Traditions.” Together with the Guidance and Training Center for the Child and Family, World Vision conducted eight sessions on adolescence and its challenges for 21 girls between the ages of 15 and 16 from various schools and church backgrounds in Bethlehem. Not only did the workshops provide these girls with valuable information, but also helped transform and improve their relationships with their parents.



“The topic today was important which helped me to understand more about adolescence and I am now able to discuss and not be shy”, said Mary, who is 14 years old. “It was excellent”, says 15-year-old Hala. Salam, aged 14, agrees. “I can now understand better both my body and myself.”

Together with the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation in Bethlehem in the “Journey for Peace”, World Vision helped more than 1,000 children take part in the Journey to Bethlehem for Peace. Coming from all different areas of the occupied Palestinian territory, children joined together from Zababdeh, Jenin, Nablus, Aboud, Ain Arik, Jaffa, Birzeit, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Bethlehem to promote peace and hope for their futures.

Children became friends while in their own way addressing a message for peace, justice and freedom. Six-year-old Siwar said, “I was very happy when I was dancing and we jumped and sang together for the birth of the baby Jesus.”



Folk dance, music and clowns signaled the end of the procession to the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem, where children and representatives from churches and civil society walked towards peace. Upon arriving at the church doors, **the children released hundreds of balloons as their personal act of witness for peace and freedom.**

This was an opportunity to visit and worship in Bethlehem for children – many for the first time. Nine-year-old George from Jenin shared, “This is my first time in Bethlehem”, astonished to be in the birth town of Jesus. Twelve-year-old Jiad from Ramallah said this Christmas was the best Christmas he has ever had.

World Vision has also begun a new initiative called the Palestinian Church Engagement Initiative (PCEI). This is just one initiative by WorldVision which continues to work towards achieving resilient Palestinian Christian communities by supporting the continuity of their presence and building relationships and awareness between international and local churches.



# Public Engagement

In addition to its relief and development work, World Vision is also committed to advocating for justice. Several decades of an illegal Israeli military occupation in the Holy Land have plunged Palestinian families and children into dire living conditions. The Israeli occupation has brought increased travel and work restrictions, illegal Israeli settlements, separation barriers and ongoing violence.

Through its advocacy work, **World Vision focuses on improving the well-being of children living under Israeli military occupation as well as empowering Palestinian and Israeli voices for change** – voices for a just and peaceful resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

World Vision's Public Engagement Department strives for this change by hosting a variety of church leaders, community groups and World Vision staff from around the world. This is a journey of learning where every person can experience the everyday realities of families living in Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. World Vision also seeks to engage its visitors and encourage them to spread awareness within their communities to help advocate for a just and lasting peace.

By working creatively, with an emphasis on non-violence, World Vision seeks to advocate for an end to the systemic injustices that are a byproduct of Israel's occupation. World Vision focuses on helping Palestinians, particularly youth, to tell their own stories through various communication and advocacy tools, such as teaching children to capture their lives through photography. Some of these photographs that children took can be seen on the next page.

In this spirit, World Vision continues to work towards transforming generations, while ensuring the improved well-being of children and fulfillment of their rights within their families and communities. World Vision continues to advocate for a fair and just peace, while supporting the search for renewal, reconciliation and justice in the Holy Land.





# Finance

## FY11 Income & Expenditure

Total income for the year 2011 is US\$13,249,983. The total annual expenditure for WorldVision JWG in FY11 was US\$11,923,910, with a 10% overall under-expenditure. Breakdown of costs include 23% in management support costs and 77% in programme costs.

## FY12 Approved Planned Budget

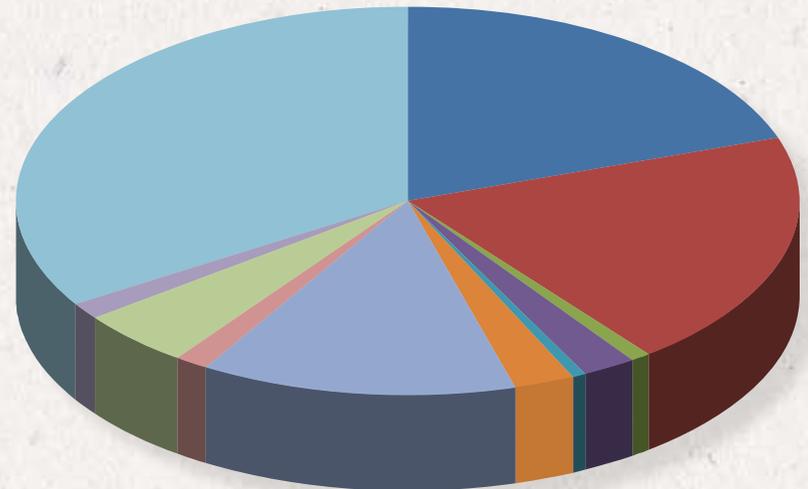
For the 2012 fiscal year, the approved annual budget is US\$9,754,047. The planned budget is generally less than the final budget at the end of the year.

## FY12 Financial Outlook

There is a possibility for a 10% budget growth in the 2012 fiscal year. The “approved planned budget” does not include various potential funding and projects approved after the submission of FY12 budgets.

# Financial Reports

Support Office	Income FY11 (USD)
Australia	2,620,284
Canada	2,597,899
Emergency Programme Relief Fund (EPRF)	123,420
Germany	304,679
Hong Kong	60,900
Jerusalem West Bank Gaza	327,754
South Korea	1,719,660
Singapore	200,000
Taiwan	636,799
United Kingdom	169,748
United States	4,488,840
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,249,983</b>



## Glossary of Acronyms & Terms

JWG: Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza  
ADP: Area Development Programme  
CBO: Community Based Organisation  
HDI: Human Development Index  
GDP: Gross Domestic Product

## Israel Profile

Human Development Index (HDI) Rank	17
Population (in millions)	7.64
Life expectancy	80.96
Adult literacy rate	97.1%
Unemployment rate	14.7%
Poverty rate (Majority Palestinian Israelis and Haredi Jews)	20.3%
Population without access to clean drinking water	0%
Population without access to proper sanitation	0%
GDP per capita (US\$)	31,004

## Occupied Palestinian Territory Profile

Human Development Index (HDI) Rank	97
Population (in millions)	4.05
Life expectancy (West Bank)	75.01
Life expectancy (Gaza Strip)	73.92
Adult literacy rate	92.4%
Unemployment rate (West Bank)	15.2%
Unemployment rate (Gaza Strip)	39.3%
Poverty rate (West Bank)	17%
Poverty rate (Gaza Strip)	33.2%
Population without access to clean drinking water (West Bank)	32.5%
Population without access to clean drinking water (Gaza Strip)	90-95%
Population without access to proper sanitation (West Bank)	30%
Population without access to proper sanitation (Gaza Strip)	65%
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,782

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