



### East Nablus ADP

Food insecurity affects **4** of **10** Palestinians living in the West Bank. World Vision is seeking to help lower these numbers by providing poor families in East Nablus with sheep, hens, and rabbits. This has given families the chance to make and sell their own cheese, yogurt, milk, and eggs for their families and to those in their village.

Saeed, a father of six, explained how these types of initiatives help families in Nablus. *"I used to buy yogurt three times a week and could not provide milk for my family,"* he recalls. *"But now, all dairy products are available for my family! Now, I have six sheep, and my wife and I are working on strengthening our new source of income. We sell whatever exceeds our needs and look forward in confidence to the future."*

<p><b>East Nablus</b></p> <p>Distributed to families 2012 &amp; 2013</p> <p><b>113</b> benefited from livestock project</p> <p><b>2.3 L</b> produced daily per family</p>	<p><b>Central Nablus</b></p> <p><b>130</b> Trained farmers on harvesting &amp; oil pressing</p> <p><b>2,520</b> Distributed to 85 farmers</p> <p>Rehabilitated <b>124</b> dunams (almost 31 acres) of land to increase olive production</p> <p><b>4,091</b> benefited from rehabilitated &amp; roads in the West Bank &amp; Gaza</p>	<p><b>North Nablus</b></p> <p>Trained <b>5</b> for 20 hours on beekeeping</p> <p>Provided <b>12</b> over two years</p> <p>Trained <b>15</b> for 20 hours to produce beeswax products</p>
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### North & Central Nablus ADPs

With only **9** per cent participation in the labour market, women in North Nablus are in dire need of opportunities and support to enhance their role in the development of their communities.

World Vision has continued to support initiatives that empower women and enhance their role in the job market. Training sessions on beekeeping and mushroom production as well as distributing micro-tools has been the first step of many towards enabling women to launch their own projects and affect change in their families and communities.

One woman, Maha, is a divorcee and used to depend on her parents for money. *"I used to have a lot of time on my hands,"* she says. After learning about beekeeping through World Vision's training, Maha says her free time is now spent differently. *"Now, I use this time in being useful."* After learning about beekeeping, Maha now makes creams and cosmetics from honey which she plans to sell at the local market. *"I am excited because soon I will begin marketing my products and for the first time [and] be earning my own income."*

Agriculture is one of the main industries in the West Bank and slowly under threat. Since the beginning of 2013, around **4,050** trees and saplings have been damaged by Israeli settlers, endangering the livelihoods of Palestinian families.

As olive trees represent one of main income resources in Central Nablus, World Vision continues to support farmers. Through the rehabilitation of agricultural roads, World Vision has helped **80** olive farmers access their remote lands. World Vision has also distributed **2,520** olive seedlings to these farmers. This has helped increase the production of olive oil and improved the economic situation of the farmers and their families. *"I plant olive trees that represent hope, peace, and a better future for my children"* says Ahmad, one olive farmer from Central Nablus.

Source: United Nations OCHA oPt Protection of Civilians Report, 21-27 May 2013, [http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha\\_opt\\_protection\\_of\\_civilians\\_weekly\\_report\\_2013\\_05\\_31\\_english.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2013_05_31_english.pdf)



### South Nablus ADP

In South Nablus, female participation in the workplace is very low, at a mere **15.90** per cent. In order to combat this number, World Vision began working with women in South Nablus. These women were then offered the opportunity to participate in an agricultural income-generating activity—a unique beekeeping training workshop. This workshop helped **15** vulnerable women who were able to train, grow, and share their experiences together. They were trained on various topics and methods of modern beekeeping, such as: beekeeping as an alternative source of income, bees' diseases and treatments, and honey extraction as well as knowledge about the necessary beekeeping equipment, tools and their use.

Om Ahmad, one of the women who benefitted from the project said that the experience has been life-changing. *"This training session gives me hope and optimism as an unemployed woman,"* she says, *"It makes me realize that beekeeping can provide us with ongoing income for years!"*

**20** Benefited from beekeeping training

Beekeeping average income **500 NIS/month**

As a result of the previous **2** years work, **500** effectively participating in their community



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World Vision is privileged to present a few quick stories of successful interventions that evidence joy experienced by individuals and communities and have led to a new sense of hope and purpose in the lives of people who were, and continue to be, impacted.

It is our prayer and encouragement that we look beyond the statistics and graphs and put ourselves in the shoes of those who have endured much and celebrate their resolve to living lives with honour and dignity.

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**14 ADPs & 1 PLANNED**

**59 PROJECTS**

- 143 Full-term Staff
- 4 Short-term Staff
- 48,450 Registered Children
- 530,214 Population Served
- 116 Communities Served
- 500 Community Based Organizations & Schools Helped

Direct Beneficiaries **202,891**

Indirect Beneficiaries **327,323**

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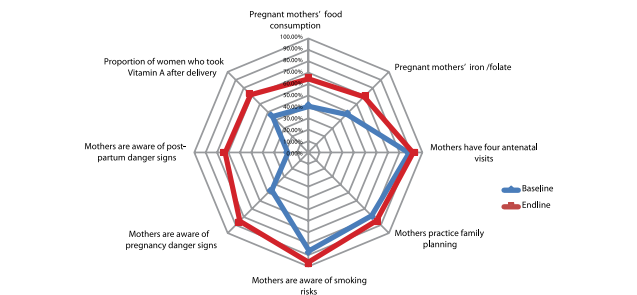
### Bethlehem ADP

In Bethlehem, **11** of every **100** children under the age of **5** suffer from chronic malnutrition. Between the years 2000 and 2010, the prevalence of malnutrition rose by **41.3** per cent on a national level. In Bethlehem, this malnutrition caused many other health issues and diseases resulting in **3.7** per cent of children being underweight, **19.4** per cent of children from the ages of **6** months to about **5** years old having anemia and other health issues.

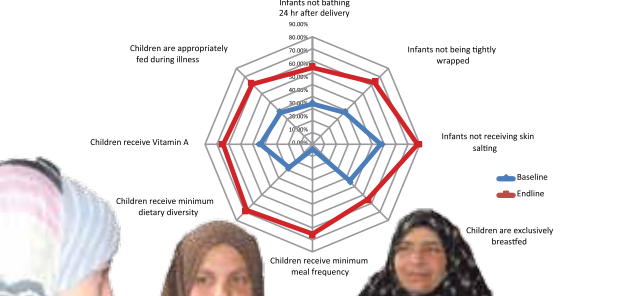
Due to this situation, World Vision, through the Mother Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) Pilot Initiative, made significant contributions towards improving health and nutrition for children under the age of **5**, mainly through "Timely and Targeted Counselling." Such counselling was undertaken at the household level and carried out by World Vision trained community health workers.

The impact of such an intervention is found in the story of one mother in Bethlehem. *"Confusion is what I used to feel,"* she explains. *"Before this project, I used to hear different opinions on infant care and feeding practices from my mother and mother-in-law."* Now, she says she is happy. *"I have one source of information that I can rely on, and I really can see the impact on my children's health!"*

### MCHN Practices: Mothers' Health



### MCHN Practices: Children's Health



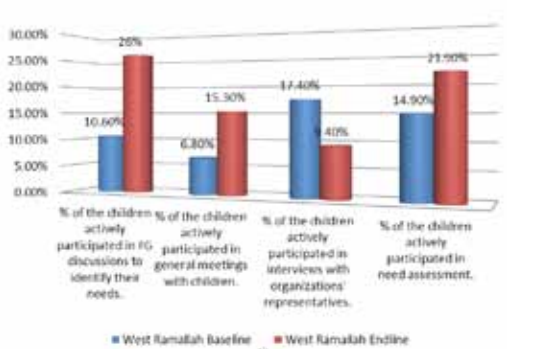
### West Ramallah ADP

Children are the future hope for our community. World Vision conducted an assessment in West Ramallah which found that children are not effectively engaged in their communities as active members. They lack self-confidence. Empowering activities are genuinely needed to help build agents of change.

In West Ramallah, World Vision focuses especially on children and empowering them towards contributing to this future. This is being done by providing capacity building activities for children to encourage them and build their skills. Through activities, such as a workshop conducted on child protection and children's rights, in collaboration with Defense for Children International. Such interventions are geared towards ensuring children are cared for and protected but also participating!

One young chairman of a local Ramallah child committee, named Yara says that workshops like these are life-changing. *"It provides us with the know-how about our rights."* Excited, she continues, *"Now we are able to defend ourselves and ask for our rights!"*

### Children participation- West Ramallah





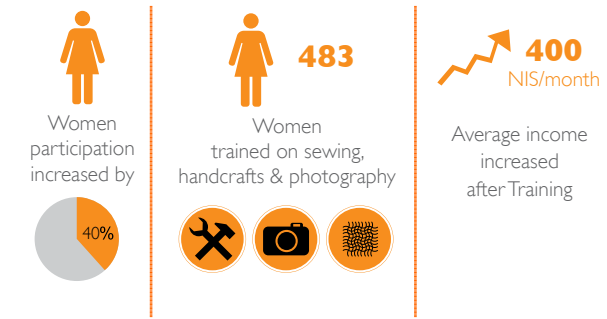
### Southeast Salfit ADP

Unemployment in Salfit is **15.2** per cent with more women (22.4 per cent) unemployed than men (12.8 per cent). Of those participating in the work force, only **23.6** per cent are women compared to **69.7** per cent of men. To improve the community's perception towards women's participation and increase family income, World Vision is working to enhance women's role in the community in southeast Salfit.

World Vision has held courses to train women on how to make handicrafts and improve their productive skills and capacities. These courses and training have offered women the chance and enabled them to run small businesses in production of various handicrafts. All this can be done while at home with their children. Women are afforded the chance to contribute to their local economy and their own futures.

Hanan, 23, says that this has given her the unique chance to not only make and sell her work in her village, but also to tourists and visitors as well. "My life has changed," she says. "Since I learned how to make beaded handicrafts in different shapes, I have begun to produce many pieces, such as change purses, necklaces, jars and even table covers. They are being sold at good prices, which makes me so happy, because now I can help support my family."

Sources: Palestinian Ministry of Labor, [www.mol.gov.ps](http://www.mol.gov.ps)

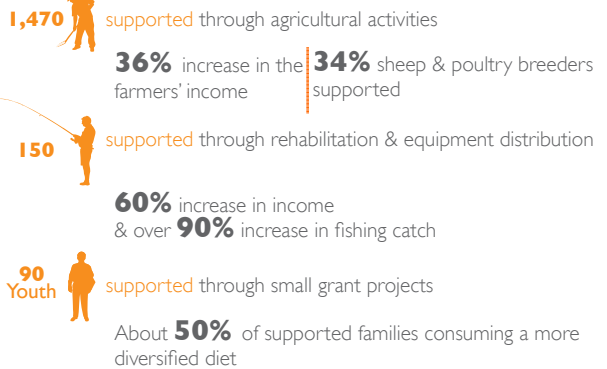


### North Gaza ADP

Humanitarian needs in the Gaza Strip have continued to suffer as a result of decades of conflict, with **44** per cent of the population food insecure and an additional **12** per cent subjected to food insecurity.

World Vision is building the capacity of farming families to work together to address the root causes of Gaza's food insecurity. As part of this work, World Vision has rehabilitated green houses, agricultural lands, and roads offering access to several dunums/acres of agricultural lands, in addition to setting up home gardens for needy families.

Hatem, a 34-year-old farmer is now being supported through one of World Vision's land rehabilitation activities. "There is an old proverb that my father always used to say- 'The one who's living comes from his axe, then his decisions are from his own mind'," recalls Hatem "This land returned our lives to us and our dignity. Now, I have a source of income for my family. The day of selling crops is a celebration for my wife and all my children. Difficult days have passed and now a new beginning is starting."



### South Gaza ADP

With the increase of food prices, decreases in income, and the reductions of imports through Gaza's tunnels, the Gaza Strip continues to suffer from food insecurity. Approximately **60** per cent of Palestinians in Gaza remain food insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity. With its unique context in which natural resources are scarce and restrictions imposed on trade and movement, make it hard to get what they need. On top of the general scarcity of items, the unemployment rate of almost **32** per cent. Gaza is in dire need of support.

For the past few years, World Vision has and will continue to focus on economic development in the Gaza Strip. World Vision seeks to partner with its communities in Gaza to encourage creative initiatives in order to support people in Gaza and help them overcome poverty and ensure a high quality of life for their children. World Vision is doing this through different projects, such as livestock production and home gardens. These projects are helping families generate income for their families and ensure food security for their children. Over the past five years, World Vision interventions have assisted a significant number of families in need, including **75** per cent of which were vulnerable female-headed households.

For mother of six, Said, whose husband is unemployed and suffering from cancer, this project has been a life-saver. "We already have two small sheep," says Said happily "We plan to keep the females and younger sheep during the next year so they can breed and we can use their milk. My children are very happy with them and compete [for] who will feed them first!"

Source: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East - UNRWA, [www.unrwa.org](http://www.unrwa.org)



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### East & South Hebron ADPs

In the Hebron governorate, **33** per cent of households are food insecure and another **11** per cent are vulnerable to becoming food insecure. Hebron, along with Jenin and Tubas, record the highest rates of food insecurity in the West Bank. More recent statistics show these rates are increasing. According to a World Food Programme survey from 2012, **33** per cent of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Territory are food insecure and **13** per cent of them are vulnerable to becoming insecure.

In response, World Vision has provided more than **150** families in east and south Hebron with livestock and home gardens. These projects have provided families with food security and with additional sources of income to improve their overall situations.

Fatma Zeidat, a mother of eight children between the ages of 1 and 17, is one of the beneficiaries of World Vision's livestock income-generating project. "WV has provided us with **10 sheep and one lamb**," she remembers. "Now, we have increased this number to **18 sheep as well as two new born sheep!**" Fatma says that the project has truly changed her and the life of her family. "It has improved our economic situation and helped us utilize more food for our personal consumption and for selling, especially the dairy products: like yogurt, cheese, and milk. In return, my children's health is better now, and I can depend on this project for my children's education and to develop our financial situation to become more independent."

Sources: World Food Programme, [www.wfp.org](http://www.wfp.org)  
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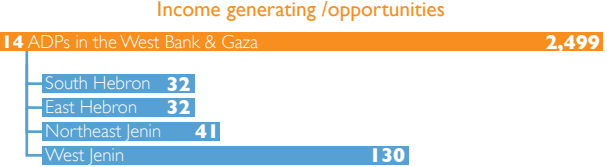
### North-East Jenin ADP

In the Jenin governorate, the unemployment rate is the highest among the northern parts of the West Bank. According to UN OCHA, the unemployment rate in the Jenin governorate is **21.7** per cent, while **34.5** per cent of the Jenin population was found to be food-insecure with **45** per cent of households spending almost half of their income on food. According to World Vision's assessment report findings in Jenin, only **5.2** per cent of women contribute to their household income.

In Northeast Jenin, World Vision has achieved tangible progress in enhancing women's role in income generation and improving food security by distributing livestock to vulnerable families headed by women to secure their living.

Fatima Abu Rob is one such beneficiary. "Through World Vision, I received two sheep with two lambs. Every day, I milk them to feed my children including one of my daughters with special needs. We also make cheese and yogurt and sell it for money." Fatima says that everything has changed. "Thanks be to God, the sheep bred and all of them had twins! I work really hard in serving and taking care of them, as my family and I depend entirely on them."

Sources: World Food Programme, 2011, [www.wfp.org](http://www.wfp.org)  
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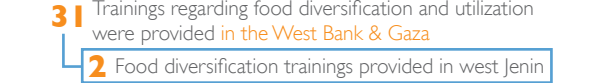
### West Jenin ADP

The construction of the Israeli separation barrier has severely affected all aspects of life for the communities in Jenin. The separation barrier has prevented laborers, mainly those dependent on working in Israel, from reaching their job sites and separated thousands of agricultural dunums (100s of acres) now inaccessible by their owners who are dependent on farming these lands. Marketing opportunities have been reduced to the local market, which is isolated and small in size. This, in turn, has forced farmers to lower their sale prices and affected their ability to sustain their business and support their families.

In West Jenin, World Vision is working toward providing sustainable income for vulnerable farming families through implementing land reclamation projects. Beneficiaries are supported through rehabilitating their lands, constructing water harvesting cisterns and planting olive and almonds trees on land farmers still have access to. Tractors and ploughs have been given to local village agricultural cooperatives to reduce costs and introduce new farming techniques to farmers. World Vision's hope is that that will help to increase the quality of product and the total revenue for farmers and their families, enabling them to produce more food on less land.

Atiyya Zaid is a farmer who has benefited from one of World Vision's land reclamation projects in West Jenin. "I'm a father of five children, and I used to own **10 dunums (around 2.5 acres) of agricultural land which I made my living from**," explains Atiyya. "My land was confiscated through the construction of the separation barrier." Atiyya says that World Vision helped him move forward. "World Vision supported me by rehabilitating and planting what was left of my land. I'm a farmer and my land is my only source of income for my family and allows us to live in dignity. Thanks to World Vision for this project that has secured our life and provided my children with hope for a better future."

Source: World Vision Jerusalem-West Bank-Gaza's Assessment

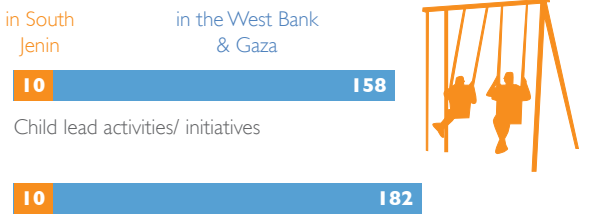


### South Jenin ADP

The Jenin Governorate is one of the poorest and most marginalized governorates in the West Bank.

In South Jenin, World Vision is partnering with children through the Sponsorship Project to improve living conditions and child well-being. Through sponsorship children continue to benefit from World Vision's interventions in the areas of education, child rights, empowerment livelihood, child friendly places, and psychosocial wellbeing. The healthy relationships being built between children and their sponsors are positively influencing children's personalities and self-esteem. They are better able to express their feelings, have improved their writing skills, and are exposed to new experiences and cultures with friends who love and care for them. This provides children with hope for a better future.

Eight-year-old Mohamad, a sponsored child in the third grade says that he is very happy to be in World Vision's sponsorship program. "I have friends from other countries who care about me and want to be my friends," exclaims Mohamad. "I'm very excited when I get a letter or gift from my sponsor, and I show them to all my friends and family! This is the first time something like this happens to me and it makes me feel very special." World Vision has also helped rehabilitate Mohamad's school and built a park in his village. "The best thing was the park in my village. I love going there with my friends and family to play on the slide and swing set. My favorite thing is the swing, where I feel like I am flying with the birds, and I am free."



**2** new safe play areas provided in South Jenin

**63** new safe play areas provided in the West Bank & Gaza

