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# A Word From The Director

## Dear Friends,

The Middle East context is changing. 2011 was a dramatic year for the Arab world. "Arab Spring", first sparked by protests in Tunisia, resulted in the overthrowing of governments in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. Waves of protests keep occurring all over the Middle East, most recently in Syria.

Amidst all the turmoil, Lebanon remained stable, but we all know that peace is fragile.

To ensure our strategy for the coming years is relevant to our context, we conducted a poverty study. The study "Profiles of Poverty" maps different faces of poverty in Lebanon. Poverty is multidimensional and key factors are discrimination and exclusion, resulting in one out of three Lebanese people living under the poverty line.

Our strategy aims at children, families and communities working together to improve and sustain the well being of 90.000 children in Lebanon by 2013.

As organization, World Vision strives towards organizational effectiveness. We promote innovation, value collaboration with partners and want to leverage strategic alliances with the Higher Council of Childhood, Ministries of Social Affairs and Health and the United Nation's refugee agency (UNHCR) and many other international and local actors.

We recognize that the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in Lebanon are refugees; Palestinian and Syrian. We executed innovative child focused Programmes advocating for their basic rights, such as "Safe Spaces for Children".

This year we celebrated handing over the first Area Development Programme to communities in East Sidon after 13 years of close collaboration. With funds from donors in Australia the situation improved for farmers. Their families benefited from agriculture initiatives and water irrigation projects that boosted their income. Children in these communities are now educated and enjoy good health.

Without God's wisdom it would be impossible to face the complexity of our work environment in Lebanon. We thank you for your ongoing support, partnership and friendship in 2011. Through your contributions, children, families and communities in Lebanon have experienced a greater measure of "life in all its fullness".

**Anita Delhaas-van Dijk**  
National Director





# 2011 In Review

## Children enjoy good health

In 2011, World Vision participated in the celebration of the World Breastfeeding Week aiming at supporting and promoting breastfeeding. A coordination committee was formed gathering representatives from International Organizations to spread the word about breastfeeding in the communities using the 3D approach mobilizing influencers like husbands, youth and mother in laws. Around 15 awareness sessions were facilitated by students themselves in Beirut, South, North, and Bekaa where misconceptions around breastfeeding were corrected.

World Vision continued improving the health of children and women by providing them with information that enabled them to make healthy choices, and increased access to primary health care for communities through its support to the established mother actions groups in the Bekaa, Bsharreh and Akkar areas.

## Children are educated for life

Children enjoy quality education as a result of parent-teacher associations, donated equipment and teacher training on alternative methods of discipline.

Youth refugees had the chance to participate in developing their community, make good decisions and communicate new ideas on how to take initiative within the refugee camp setting and to bring about change within their communities through the implementation of community development projects for which they wrote proposals, planned the activities, and implemented them.

With the end of its "Right to Education for Palestinian children" project in 2011, World Vision celebrated the autonomy of a big NGOs network that supports children with disabilities in the Palestinian El Buss community to integrate them in the social and economic life of the camp and the Tyre city.

## Children Experience love of God and their neighbours

Children learned about what unites them during World Vision's ground-breaking peace summer camp, led for the first time, by Lebanese and Palestinians. Children and youth coming from different religious backgrounds and nationalities worked together and learned about each other, building trust and lasting friendships. Youth proved that the spirit of volunteering has no nationality, religion nor limitation. They were focused on showing the love of God through their action and dedication to their work.

After approximately 13 years, World Vision celebrated the end of its programmes in East Sidon. Situations improved in East Sidon for the farmers and their families who benefited from World Vision's agriculture initiatives that helped farmers boost their income through applying new agricultural practices, as well as through expert guidance and seed distribution. In the last couple of years, World Vision also installed water pipelines for irrigation in other villages of East Sidon and organised training on water management for the family members of farmers. World Vision started its work in East Sidon in 1999 where it sought to build bridges between local communities after the Lebanese war. Its projects also contributed to rehabilitating and equipping tens of child and youth centres, in addition to supporting an evening education programme to reduce school drop outs.



## Children are cared for, protected and participating

World Vision Children's Councils have been very active in their communities, leading child-led campaigns on anti-smoking and influencing their peers to make healthy lifestyle choices.

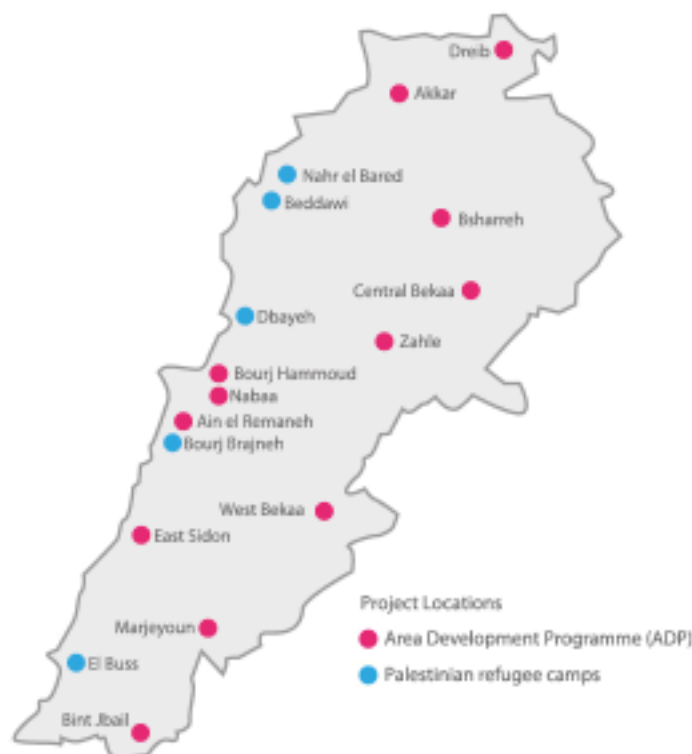
During 2011, the advocacy department conducted a global research on children's opinions on issues affecting them and on the national level, WVLC conducted several initiatives to strengthen a system approach to child protection. As part of this approach, WVLC is member of management committee for national research on child protection systems conducted by Unicef.

To address issues regarding child-trafficking, WVLC co-led the Counter Trafficking Working Group to develop recommendations for draft law on anti-trafficking and successfully lobbied legal amendments into national anti-trafficking law. Additionally, WVLC conducted in partnership with the Higher Council for Childhood the first national level research on child trafficking in Lebanon.

Also, during FY11, some 250 people from local governance and communities in Beirut, Marjeyoun, Bint Jbail, Bsharreh, Akkar and the Bekaa participated in World Vision's community consultation around Lebanon's preparedness to emergencies affirming again that Lebanon is not prepared and we need to take action.



# Where We Work



## Year At Glance

FY11 Expenditures and Budget by Category	Expenditures	Annual Budget	Budget Percentage
Community Development Projects	3,319,064	3,726,233	57%
Gifts In Kind	1,467,888	1,472,718	23%
Palestinian Refugee Programme	620,927	702,251	11%
Advocacy	179,702	182,678	3%
Relief	127,123	105,000	2%
Faith and Dialogue	114,495	115,000	2%
Integrated Programming Model	113,017	196,118	3%
Emergency Relief & Disaster Preparedness Projects	16,038	36,575	1%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,958,254</b>	<b>6,536,573</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Fiscal year in numbers: October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

Number of people reached by World Vision	55,000
Number of children sponsored	13,000
Number of staff	95
Programme locations	17
Years in Lebanon	36



# Making A Difference

Every morning, on her way back from night shift at the hospital emergency room, 22-year-old nurse Rita is grateful for the many blessings of living in Hesseinyeh, a small remote village in East Sidon, Lebanon.

Rita was one of the first sponsored children through World Vision's development programme in East Sidon. Her father, Hekmat, is a farmer, and together with his wife has worked hand-in-hand in growing tomatoes for more than 30 years.

"Since I was born, my father was a tomato farmer, and it was the tomato agriculture that helped me to finish my schooling," said Rita without a shadow of doubt.

Hekmat, and many other farmers benefited from World Vision's agriculture initiatives that helped farmers boost their income through applying new agriculture practices, expert guidance and seed distribution. World Vision also installed water pipelines for irrigation in East Sidon and organised training on water management for the family members of farmers.

"We were in dire need," said Hekmat "and World Vision stood by my family and other farmers."

Rita wanted to pursue a career in the medical profession. "I considered other professions, but I knew I wanted to be a nurse and help to save people's lives," she said. She never missed the opportunity of sharing this dream through her letters to her sponsor. And despite not receiving frequent letters from him, she continuously encouraged other sponsored children to send letters to their sponsors.

World Vision rehabilitated the playground in Rita's village, the "only safe haven" for the children to play. "This playground meant a lot



to me; later, as a volunteer with World Vision, I was determined to make it better so that other children enjoy learning and communicating," she added.

Throughout her volunteering time with World Vision, Rita attended training sessions that built her leadership skills, helped her a great deal with other children and with making decisions in her life.

"Those training sessions gave me self-confidence, and planted in me the love of sharing. I learned to take responsibility and give back to the community."



Rita graduated from the Lebanese University with a nursing degree. And despite the long shifts at her current job as an emergency room nurse, Rita takes comfort in a smile from a patient or a simple "thank you". "I'm giving part of my heart and myself to save a life; it is a blessing," she said.

# Our Partners

## Local Organisations

- Arc en ciel
- Association du Foyer de L'Enfant Libanais
- Armenian Orthodox Church - Prelacy of Beirut
- Armenian Relief Cross in Lebanon
- Atallah Gym
- Ayadina
- Baytouna
- Blocoop Lubnan
- Caritas Lebanon
- Churches
- Comité de Sauvegarde de L'Environnement - Bsharreh
- Comité des Amis de la Forêt des Cèdres
- Community-Based Organisations
- Community Dispensaries
- Community volunteers and youth leaders
- Contact and Resource Center
- Dar al Amal
- Dar al Inaya
- Dermimase Organic Agriculture Cooperative and Beekeeping
- Dialogue and Development Center
- El Marj Youth club
- Gibran National Committee
- Hariri Foundation- Directorate of Health Services
- Human Charity for Relief and Development
- Hi-Job Recruitment Center
- House of Light and Hope
- Howard Karagheusian
- Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement (iecd)
- Islamic Welfare Primary Health Care Center
- Jeunesse Anti Drogue
- Jinishian Memorial Programme
- Joint Christian Committee
- Kham Women Association
- La Flamme Association
- Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD)
- Libani
- Lebanese Red Cross
- Local committees
- Midade
- Mouvement Jeunesse Orthodox - Tal Abbas
- Nabil Badran Center
- National Association for Vocation Training and Social Services
- Nour al Hayat
- Palestinian Children and Youth Institute
- Qadisha Bsharreh Coop
- Rotary Club Baabda
- Saint Paul Charity Mission
- Scenacle du fils de l'homme
- Social Movement
- Sour Community Disability Program (SCDP)- Women's Humanitarian Organization (WHO)
- Scouts
- Union of child protection in Lebanon
- Women Charity League - Akkar
- Women's Solidarity Association - Akkar

## Academic

- American University of Beirut - Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences
- Balamand University - Faculty of Health Sciences
- Lebanese American University - The School of Arts and Sciences
- Lebanese University - Faculty of Health
- Schools

## Governmental Organizations

- Government of Australia
- Government of Lebanon
- Governmental Hospital of Bsharreh

- Governmental Hospital of Marjeyoun
- Higher Council for Childhood
- Lebanese Civil Defense
- Litani River Authority
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Social Affairs
- Municipalities

## International Organizations

- Government of Australia
- International Orthodox Church of Charity (IOCC)
- Association NOTA International
- Save the Children Sweden

## United Nations Organisations

- International Labor Organisation (ILO)
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
- UN Habitat
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)
- United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA)
- World Health Organization (WHO)



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