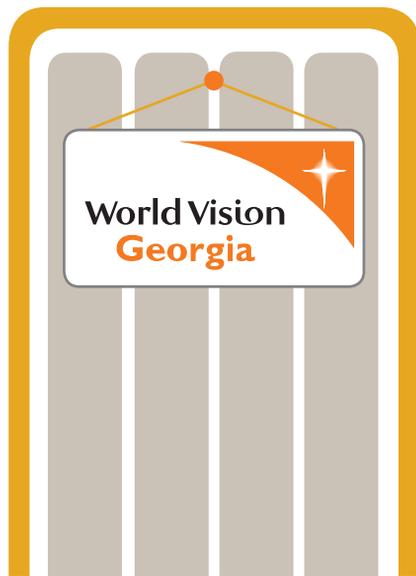


Reaching Highly Vulnerable Children and their Families



Our Vision for Every Child, Life in All its Fullness.



Moving towards a more cohesive approach in programming and concentrating efforts **to intentionally target the most vulnerable children and families** across all programs allows World Vision's Child Protection Services and Advocacy unit to effectively serve the most vulnerable children. The continuum of services (prevention, protection and rehabilitation) that is established within the framework of the unit serves families in crisis, single mothers and children living and working in the streets and provides various interventions to fulfill their basic care and developmental needs. Efforts to achieve sustainable change are concentrated on micro, mezzo and macro levels through direct service provision, frontline staff capacity building and advocacy on local and national levels.



*“Here, I feel myself very well;
I left home a long time ago. After my mother died
I came here, and I like it very much. I am very glad that
I’m learning to read and write because my mother did not
have the opportunity to take me to school.”* **Irakli, 15 years old.**



In partnership with the Ministry of labor, Health and Social Affairs and EU/UNICEF and with funding from the Credo project **“Reaching Highly Vulnerable Children and their Families”**, World Vision Georgia has launched **three daycare/crisis intervention centers** for children living and working in the streets in Tbilisi and Kutaisi.



3 mobile outreach teams (2 in Tbilisi and 1 in Kutaisi) conducted street outreach work to establish rapport with children, provide direct assistance and refer them to various services.

We strengthen Child Welfare through Services and System Development



3 daycare/crisis intervention centers were open to provide drop-in, educational and psycho-social rehabilitation services for children. The goal of the services is to meet basic care and development needs of children living and working in the streets, offer them alternatives to street life and gradually integrate them into mainstream society.



"I spent most of my time in Shardeni street. I used to sell icons. People from World Vision have been talking to me about the centre. I once thought to myself, I will go to the centre and leave the street. I don't want to be in the street any longer. Now I go to the centre during the day and in the evening I go home." Temo, 17 years old.



60 children benefit from the following services:

- ✔ Meeting primary care needs of children living and working in the streets (healthcare, nutrition, hygiene, clothing, shelter, etc)
- ✔ Assessing individual needs of children and setting goals in individual development and care plans to meet the identified needs
- ✔ Assisting children in acquiring basic literacy, numeracy and life skills
- ✔ Sparking children's interest into schooling and education through non-formal and formal educational activities;
- ✔ Holistic psycho-social development and rehabilitation activities through art therapy, crafts work, individual and group therapy, spiritual development



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3 mobile outreach teams started operation to assess children living and working in the streets and start their preparation for enrollment into various services.



350 children living and working in the streets received various services through mobile team outreach. The services rendered included assistance through emergency health and social fund in medical care provision, obtaining personal identification documentation, clothing, medicines and small repairs of homes. Referrals to daycare/crisis intervention centers, schools and other services were also conducted.

*“If it were not for this centre,
I would be living on the street. I like the teachers and
the children very much. My goal is to become a jurist and
a zoo veterinarian when I finish school.” **Levani, 14 years old.***

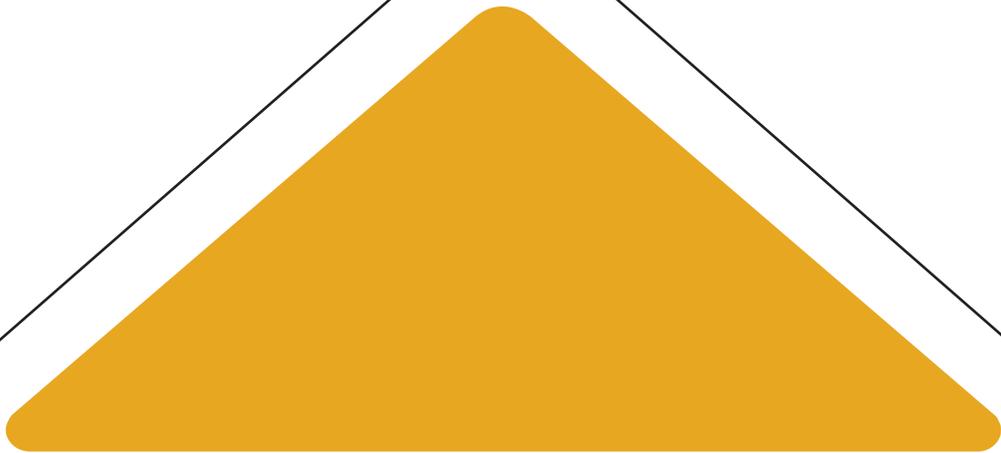


Health and Social Fund for Children Living and Working in Streets

The purpose of the Health and Social Fund for Children Living and Working in the Streets is to support meeting primary care and development needs of the most vulnerable children, such as health, safety, identification, housing, nutrition, etc.

The Fund is managed by World Vision Georgia in close coordination with the Health and Social Fund Panel, represented by UNICEF, Service Agency, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, The Fund will serve beneficiaries of the Child Protection Services and Advocacy Program street mobile outreach team and daycare/crisis intervention center beneficiaries and their families.





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