



FOR CHILDREN. FOR CHANGE. FOR LIFE

World Vision
Georgia



Annual Review 2015

WORLD VISION IS A CHRISTIAN, CHILD FOCUSED AND
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATION DEDICATED
TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES TO OVERCOME POVERTY AND INJUSTICE.

WHERE WE WORK	4	SUCCESS STORY	32
WHAT WE ARE PROUD OF	6	REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE	34
WORKING TOGETHER	8	BEING ACCOUNTABLE	36
AN EXTERNAL PERSPECTIVE	10	FINANCIAL REPORT 2015	39
FOCUSING WHERE WE CAN HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT	12	WITH THANKS	39
IN BRIEF	14	SUCCESS STORY	40
SO1. STRENGTHENING CHILD WELFARE THROUGH SERVICES AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	18		
SO2. ENHANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGES AT INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEVELS	22		
SO3. STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN	26		

CONTENTS

WHERE WE WORK

IMERETI

Key Directions:

- Child Protection and Welfare
- Youth Engagement and Empowerment
- Early Childhood Development

Crosscutting Activities:

- Inclusive Education and Increasing Awareness of Disability
- Faith & Development

Projects:

- Gender Based Violence
- Strong Local Governance through Enhanced Civil Participation
- Disaster Risk Reduction
-  Reaching Highly Vulnerable Children with a Focus of Children Living or Working on the Street
- ART - Equipping Youth to be Aware, Raise their voice, and Take action

SAMTSKHE - JAVAKHETI

Key Directions:

- Child Protection and Welfare
- Youth Engagement and Empowerment
- Early Childhood Development

Crosscutting Activities:

- Inclusive Education and Increasing Awareness of Disability
- Faith & Development

SAMEGRELO

Projects:

- Livelihood Initiatives to Foster Employability and Entrepreneurship of IDPs and host populations in Georgia – LIFE Georgia



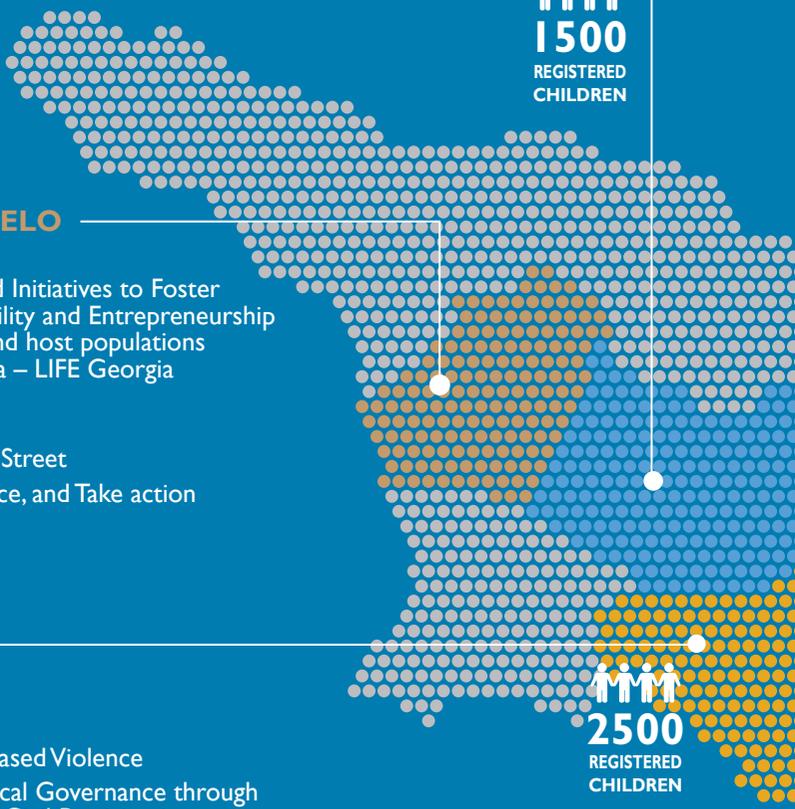
1500

REGISTERED CHILDREN



2500

REGISTERED CHILDREN



KVEMO KARTLI

Projects:

Livelihood Initiatives to Foster Employability and Entrepreneurship of IDPs and host populations in Georgia – LIFE Georgia



3000

REGISTERED
CHILDREN



1500

REGISTERED
CHILDREN

KAKHETI

Key Directions:

- Child Protection and Welfare
- Youth Engagement and Empowerment
- Early Childhood Development

Crosscutting Activities:

- Inclusive Education and Increasing Awareness of Disability
- Faith & Development

Projects:

- Gender Based Violence
- Bee Keeping Development
- Strong Local Governance through Enhanced Civil Participation

TBILISI:

Key Directions:

- Child Protection and Welfare
- Youth Engagement and Empowerment

Projects:

- Family Support Services for Child well-being
- Regional Education Action Learning
- A Stronger Coalition for Child and Youth Welfare



- Reaching Highly Vulnerable Children with a Focus of Children Living or Working on the Street

- Livelihood Initiatives to Foster Employability and Entrepreneurship of IDPs and host populations in Georgia – LIFE Georgia



World Vision Georgia covers **7 municipalities** in the Kakheti, Imereti and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions. There are **44 kindergartens**, which entail **88 groups**, providing preschool education services for **1088 boys and 1243 girls**.



170 preschool practitioners received 3-stage-cycle-supported supervision and **350 early and preschool education workers** were trained.



World Vision supported **41 kindergartens** to develop information packages of priorities, additions and recommendations with regard to Early Childhood Development services, elaborated and advocated, to be considered in municipal plans and budgets provision.



The overall number of beneficiaries receiving services through World Vision Georgia (WVG) centers and mobile teams via various interventions stood at **460**.



WVG runs a daycare center in Tbilisi for **25 infants and toddlers** from vulnerable families. The service is unique in that it offers extended working hours and allows single parents to keep their jobs.



WVG was elected as a board chair of the National Coalition on Child and Youth Welfare, a **network of 54 organizations** focused on collective advocacy initiatives and technical expertise provision in the field of child welfare.



World Vision Georgia (WVG) expanded its number of school-based youth clubs to 45, uniting more than **1 200 youngsters**.



6000 youngsters were involved in various non-formal education activities with the aim of enhancing and empowering their voices both within their communities and at the national level.



A variety of sporting activities, summer camps and hiking trips were encouraged amongst youth and more than **500 youngsters** participated in outdoor activities in the summer.

WORKING TOGETHER

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Hans Bederski

World Vision South Caucasus
National Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hans Bederski".

In 2015 World Vision programmes in the South Caucasus brought direct and indirect benefit to the wellbeing of 131,053 children and youth living in Armenia and Georgia, including Abkhazia. Additionally, World Vision contributed to policy and systems reforms in Armenia and Georgia benefiting 825 200 children.

The application of vulnerability mapping tools is increasingly enabling World Vision and its partners to detect children that are invisible to current state services. In 2015 alone, World Vision identified 10,500 children in such marginalized situations and integrated them into existing social, health and educational government support mechanisms. Moreover, together with state and non-state actors Individual Development Plans were elaborated for 750 children and their families, based on which state services now provide tailored assistance for these children's wellbeing.

In Abkhazia for example, the vulnerability mapping indicates that children with disability are most susceptible to discrimination. To address this, World Vision supports three community-based Child Development Centers where, based on social models of rehabilitative services, parents and trained personnel restore equity and inclusive services for nearly 300 children with disability.

“In 2015 World Vision programmes in the South Caucasus brought direct and indirect benefit to the wellbeing of 131,053 children and youth.”

Working with networks further enables World Vision to raise and influence the need for reforms. In Georgia, such collaborative efforts led to the development of a full methodology that specifically addresses school re-integration of children living and working in the streets; this includes lifeskills development and basic literacy and numeracy. The Ministry of Education has now adopted this methodology and made resources available to introduce it into all 6 day care and crisis centers for children living and working on the streets. An estimated 2500 children currently live and work on the streets in Georgia, 10% of them are already benefiting from this methodology and either back in school or on their way to it.

Similarly, in Armenia supported the Ministry of Education and Science to include into the

educational process provisions for transparency and accountability. This is reflected in the 2nd Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership and resulted in legal acts endorsed by the Minister of Education which now ensure transparent election of school governance bodies and accountability of school budget to service users. 520 000 children now benefit from increased quality education as a result of these actions.

None of the above would be achievable without the engagement of over 250 highly committed staff and their love for children. We are also thankful to institutional donors and thousands of private sponsors in Canada, USA, Germany, France, Switzerland, UK, Hong Kong and Taiwan who generously donate resources to advance child wellbeing in the South Caucasus.



EXTERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Nutsi Odisharia, The Head of Social Welfare Department
of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs of Georgia

The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia has been successfully cooperating with World Vision Georgia in the field of Child Welfare. The cooperation between the Ministry and World Vision Georgia has been supported with a number of Memoranda of Understanding, under which the organization has successfully implemented a number of alternative family support services and day care / crisis intervention centers for children living and / or working in the streets. We believe that the above-mentioned services are very important for the prevention of child abandonment and the support of their

integration into society, as well as contributing to the successful implementation of the on-going child welfare reform in the country.

The knowledge and experience that World Vision Georgia's employees are equipped with in the field of child welfare is vital for us, highlighted repeatedly through their active involvement in the working groups initiated by the Ministry.

I believe we will continue successful collaboration in order to improve the child welfare system in the country.

“The knowledge and experience that World Vision Georgia’s employees are equipped with in the field of child welfare is vital for us, highlighted repeatedly through their active involvement in the working groups initiated by the Ministry.”

- Nutsi Odisharia.





FOCUSING WHERE WE CAN HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT

FROM WORLD VISION GEORGIA COUNTRY PROGRAMME DIRECTOR



Eka Zhvania

World Vision Georgia
Programme Director

2015 was qualitatively different for World Vision Georgia as it is the second year of New Strategy implementation, which has two aims in mind:

1. To enable our programmes to reach the most vulnerable children;
2. To achieve sustainability in our actions at all levels of our work with communities, local authorities and national-level partners.

The programmes, implemented through World Vision Georgia regional offices in four geographical locations (Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Imereti and Gldani-Nadzaladevi), with a core focus on the most vulnerable children, ensure operations through the active engagement of local government entities and civil society actors.

Within the framework of Memoranda of Understanding with the respective legislative bodies- the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Education and Science -the national level partnerships were substantially enhanced and a larger-scale program impact was ensured through coordinated planning and replication of best practices. Through advocacy actions tailored to the needs identified with the active engagement of our target communities and the most vulnerable groups, links were made to the national agenda.

We hope that, through the diversified approach in three strategic directions of Child Protection and Welfare, Youth Empowerment and Early Childhood Development, World Vision Georgia has contributed to the building of a healthy, active and inclusive society for our children!

Join us in helping the children who are in dire need of our support and care!

“We hope that, through the diversified approach in three strategic directions of Child Protection and Welfare, Youth Empowerment and Early Childhood Development, World Vision Georgia has contributed to the building of a healthy, active and inclusive society for our children!”



IN BRIEF



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

In 1996 World Vision opened an office in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi, in response to the country's dire need for economic assistance and intervention in the lives of Georgia's poor and vulnerable. Today, all of World Vision Georgia's projects are built around two core competencies: children and youth, and poverty reduction. They build local capacity, contribute to the development of local and national policies, and are community-based and sustainable.



AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (ADPs):

In 2015 World Vision Georgia (WVG) worked in four dedicated geographical regions in Georgia; Imereti, Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti and Tbilisi. Consequently, World Vision is now present in most of the regions of Georgia, regions which are referred to as Area Development Programmes (ADPs). ADPs are regions where World Vision has assessed high levels of need and vulnerability amongst children and youth populations. With an extensive understanding of priority needs in these regions, World Vision makes a 12-year commitment of support through child well-being programmes with the overarching goal to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children.



SPONSORED CHILDREN:

8500 children were registered within WVG's Sponsorship Programme in 2015, among them 6000 with "sponsored" status. All Sponsored Children live within World Vision ADPs and are linked directly to an external sponsor that provides monthly financial support to that child's community. However, World Vision's work does not extend solely to sponsored children. Our inclusive and holistic approach to programming means that financial support received for sponsored children goes towards entire communities within ADPs.

World Vision recognises a sustainable approach whereby the improvement of a child's well-being is inextricably linked to the improvement of that child's family, education facilities and the overall communities' ability to provide for the child.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The overall goal of WVG is for children in Georgia *to live in a healthy and active society that is inclusive, tolerant and provides equal opportunities for all.*

In 2015, WVG implemented activities through three Strategic Objectives:

SO1. STRENGTHENING CHILD WELFARE THROUGH SERVICES AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

59,423
children/youth benefited

SO2. ENHANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGES AT INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEVELS

4,000
youth benefited

SO3. STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

35,385
children benefited



NUMBER OF CHILDREN IMPACTED:

59,423 children and youth

living in Georgia had direct and indirect benefit from WV Programming.



“The overall goal of WVVG is for children in Georgia to live in a healthy and active society that is inclusive, tolerant and provides equal opportunities for all.”



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE I: STRENGTHEN CHILD WELFARE THROUGH SERVICES AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

The efforts of child protection services and the advocacy program unit are driven to empower the most vulnerable children and their families through direct service provision and to drive sustainable advocacy efforts for improving policies and practices with respect to prevention, protection and rehabilitation. Community driven and national level child welfare initiatives are implemented through the World Vision Child Protection and Advocacy (CP&A) model that entails establishing interagency child protection groups to strengthen the initiatives in 4 basic components of the child protection system:

- 1) Building community awareness and consciousness;
- 2) Strengthening the referral system;
- 3) Empowering vulnerable families with children;
- 4) Increasing children's resilience.

The essence of the CP&A model lies in multi-agency collaboration and mutual resource allocation to achieve sustainable results for vulnerable children and their families. CP&A groups have been established in the Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti and Imereti Area Development Programs (ADPs).



“The efforts of child protection services and the advocacy program unit are driven to empower the most vulnerable children and their families.”



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE I

Direct service provision for children living and working in the streets is administered through 3 mobile teams and 3 daycare/crisis intervention centres in Tbilisi and Kutaisi. The centres and mobile teams are co-funded by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs. In 2015, the overall number of beneficiaries receiving services through World Vision Georgia (WVG) centers and mobile teams via various interventions stood at 460. The interventions implemented included health care, crisis intervention, citizenship registration, psycho-social support, distribution of hygiene products, formal and non-formal education activities, and recreational services.

WVG maintains a strong position in the field of child welfare through its active work on policy

and development of the range of Family Support Services in Tbilisi and regions with regard to Child Prevention and Reintegration from State Care.

WVG runs a daycare center in Tbilisi for 25 infants and toddlers from vulnerable families. The service is unique in that it offers extended working hours and allows single parents to keep their jobs. The strong collaboration of the Family Support Services component with Tbilisi City Mayor's Office is demonstrated by programmatic funding from Tbilisi Municipality to cover the operational costs of the daycare center. In addition, Family Support Services offer employment counseling, crisis intervention and emergency support, health and nutrition counseling, psycho-social support, reintegration support in Tbilisi and in the WVG ADPs (Kakheti, Imereti, Samtskhe-Javakheti).

“WVG maintains a strong position in the field of child welfare through its active work on policy and development of the range of Family Support Services in Tbilisi and regions with regard to Child Prevention and Reintegration from State Care.”

In 2015, WVG piloted the Child Protection Index (CPI), a comparative policy tool that measures a country's current child protection system against a common set of indicators. The Index uses specific child protection articles from the UNCRC and principles from a systematic approach to child protection. The CPI scoring is a strong advocacy tool to measure a country's child protection index in comparison with the other countries in the region.

In 2015, WVG was elected as a board chair of the National Coalition on Child and Youth Welfare, a network of 54 organizations focused on collective advocacy initiatives and technical expertise provision in the field of child welfare.





STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2:

ENHANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGES AT INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEVELS

In 2015, World Vision Georgia (WVG) expanded its number of school-based youth clubs to 45, uniting more than 1200 youngsters. 6000 youngsters were involved in various non-formal education activities with the aim of enhancing and empowering their voices both within their communities and at the national level.

In 2015, WVG ran a number of projects supported by the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia in an ongoing effort to roll out its overall approach to build sustainable and high-impact results through strategic partnerships at community, local and national levels.

One of WVG's major achievements in 2015 was the opening of a Youth Center in Samtskhe-Javakheti ADP (Adigeni Municipality) with the support of the local Municipality.

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FORUMS



“In 2015, World Vision Georgia (WVG) expanded its number of school-based youth clubs to 45, uniting more than 1200 youngsters.”



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

The Kakheti ADP successfully implemented the 'Civil Voice and Action' advocacy campaign and lobbied for a public debate as a supplemental educational service in 4 public schools in Kakheti. Besides the Kakheti ADP, the procedure was also supported by the Georgian Institute for Debate and Education. Debate club members, school students, teachers and parents were also actively involved in the process of identifying the needs of the community in the education system, finding ways to deliver them to the decision-making body, and findings ways to solve them.

Promoting non-formal education through outdoor activities was one of the priorities for the youth programme in 2015 as well. A variety of sporting activities, summer camps and hiking trips were encouraged amongst youth and more than 500 youngsters participated in outdoor activities in the summer of 2015.

A lot of progress was made towards the building of capacities amongst youth in an effort to establish better environments of accountability within local and national authorities. Through a number of projects, skills were identified and enhanced that enabled youth to demand more from relevant authorities and seek more open and participatory policy development approaches that will ultimately impact on their own well-being.



“A variety of sporting activities, summer camps and hiking trips were encouraged amongst youth and more than 500 youngsters participated in outdoor activities in the summer of 2015.”



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3:

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

Early childhood is a time of special importance in terms of the health, physical, cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and social development affecting a child's overall well-being. It is widely recognized that young people are the most important human capital for the future sustainable development of any country.

One of World Vision Georgia's major aims in Early Childhood Development is to advocate and/or contribute to local and national processes by supporting access to improved quality Early and Preschool Education services.

In 2015, WVVG continued a strategic partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and its partner organizations UNICEF and the Open Society Institute (OSI). Collaboration areas covered policy development in the areas of the 'Early and Preschool Education Strategy', 'Curriculum for 5-year-olds', and 'Preschool Service Standards'.

World Vision Georgia covers 7 municipalities in the Kakheti, Imereti and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions. There are 44 kindergartens, which entail 88 groups, providing preschool education services for 1088 boys and 1243 girls. All kindergartens and kindergarten union employees (caregivers, caregiver assistants, music teachers, cooks, methodologists, kindergarten managers and kindergarten union managers), have been actively engaged in a cycle

“One of World Vision Georgia’s major aims in Early Childhood Development is to advocate and/or contribute to local and national processes by supporting access to improved quality Early and Preschool Education services.”

of diverse trainings including age-appropriate and development-appropriate teaching of children under 6 (including children with disabilities), partnership and communication with parents, and inclusive preschool education. 170 preschool practitioners received 3-stage-cycle-supported supervision and 350 early and preschool education workers were trained.

Reflected in memoranda with Local Governments throughout Georgia are a number of priorities related to the training of practitioners, infrastructural assessment and redesign of kindergartens, and developing of inclusive preschool education services.





STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

In 2015, WVG successfully joined the ongoing process 'Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Development Coalition' which involved the establishment and development of strategic documentation. Today, WVG is working in close communication, and has plans of future collaboration, with 22 institutions that promote ECI related services in Georgia, including MOES, OSI, UNICEF, local governments of 7 WVG target municipalities and other NGOs which are members of the ECI coalition. WVG has contributed to advocacy for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) referral procedures, in collaboration with other interested organizations, to the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

WVG has taken significant steps in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Imereti to increase the engagement of children with disabilities and make preschool education accessible for children with special needs. This was achieved through the hiring of inclusive preschool education and development specialists (IPEDS) for Baghdati and Akhaltsikhe municipality Kindergarten Unions, who commenced work directly with the Local Government in May, 2015, and ensured that children with disabilities in the target communities were identified, assessed and had access to kindergarten services. IPEDS provide consultancy services for municipality kindergartens and report to the Kindergarten Union (municipal structure). They plan and support the process of inclusion of children with disabilities/special needs by carrying out relevant trainings and workshops for children with disabilities/special needs and their parents.

The advocacy and negotiation with the municipality to hire IPEDS within the Kindergarten Union was approved. This promotes accessibility to early and preschool services for 0-6-year-old children (including children with disabilities and/or special needs). In the first months, 10 children with disabilities were outreached and included in kindergartens in Imereti ADP and 7 in Samtskhe-Javakheti. As initially negotiated and agreed with the Local Governments of each municipality, if the initiative proves to be effective, the municipalities will take over both the funding of the inclusive preschool education and the salaries of the IPEDS, sustaining them as a part of the system. In Kakheti, WVG sought to identify the challenges and needs affecting child development. For this purpose we partnered with one of the local NGOs - CIDA.



“WVG has taken significant steps to increase the engagement of children with disabilities and make preschool education accessible for children with special needs.”



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

The WVG Early Childhood Development Technical Program Implementation ensures that communities possess the necessary awareness and skills to address their needs effectively in the future.

Worthy of note are Imereti ADP's aims to focus on preschool education-related issues to be linked with CP&A.

In order to ensure that communities are provided with opportunities for local development, Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kakheti ADPs implement Strong Local Governance through an Enhanced Civil Participation project funded through the European Commission and World Vision Germany. Through this initiative we support local communities to identify major issues for advocacy and begin dialogue with the Local Government to address those community needs.

World Vision supported 41 kindergartens to develop information packages of priorities, additions and recommendations with regard to Early Childhood Development services, elaborated and advocated, to be considered in municipal plans and budgets provision.

Three Kindergarten infrastructural needs were resolved in active collaboration with target municipalities of Kakheti, Imereti and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions. One kindergarten was rehabilitated in Kakheti, two in Imereti, and two in Samtskhe-Javakheti.

World Vision supported 41 kindergartens to develop information packages of priorities, additions and recommendations with regard to Early Childhood Development services, elaborated and advocated, to be considered in municipal plans and budgets provision.





SUCCESS STORY

A SUCCESS STORY FROM IMERETI ADP ABOUT INCLUSIVE PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS

Mariam is a 3-year-old girl born with the diagnosis of spastic paraplegia which entails multiple intellectual, physical, and communication disabilities. Mariam lives in a socially vulnerable family and her grandmother takes care of her when her parents are out at work. The second child in the family, Mariam's 1.5-year-old sister, also has a disability. Social support and disability pension are not enough to provide medical support for the two children.

Doctors advised Mariam's family to ensure the child's proper socialization, however it was hard to do since Mariam was too small for kindergarten and the family was not aware that children with disabilities could be admitted into kindergarten.

In May 2015, World Vision Georgia proposed to the Kindergarten Union of Baghdati to hire an inclusive preschool education and development specialist (IPEDS). The newly employed specialist reached out to children with disabilities and worked with their parents/caregivers to convince them of the benefits of inclusive preschool education.

The work conducted by the IPEDS gave Mariam a unique opportunity to get enrolled in Rokhi village Kindergarten. The kindergarten's staff was trained beforehand by the specialist and, upon her arrival, Mariam was welcomed in a friendly and developmentally appropriate atmosphere. IPEDS, together with the kindergarten caregiver, worked enthusiastically with the child and the fruits of their dedication were soon obvious for everyone to see.

“My granddaughter couldn’t speak or move her hands, couldn’t eat or play without help. It was hard not to cry when I saw her frustrated face watching other children play in the yard through the window. Five days ago, Mariam tried to eat porridge by herself. I took a spoon to help her but she took it from my hand and started eating on her own. It was my greatest joy! Mariam can now play with blocks and other toys together with the other children in her group. She communicates with peers, tries to express feelings with sounds, shows emotions, and demonstrates joy with gestures. I believe that, with the support of inclusive specialists and kindergarten specialists, Mariam will become a happy child, just like other children.”

- Nona, Mariam’s grandmother.

One of the areas of success this year in general was the mainstreaming of two cross-cutting themes into the programming: Disability and Gender. These projects added significant value to the work with kindergartens, as well as schools, youth clubs and parent clubs.

“I believe that, with the support of inclusive specialists and kindergarten specialists, Mariam will become a happy child, just like other children.”

- Nona, Mariam’s grandmother.





REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE

QUICK FACTS:

The needs of

8110

Most Vulnerable Children

(MVC) identified in Georgia

(Kakheti - 3933;

Samtskhe-Javakheti - 2589;

Imereti - 1588)

through Vulnerability Mapping Tool (VMT), were deeper and further analyzed from the lens of vulnerability factors and their correlation to improve targeting of Ministry interventions in Georgia.

During 2015, more than 8,100 most vulnerable children were identified in Georgia as a result of vulnerability mapping. Many of them have been invisible to state services due to their extreme marginalization and lack of access to services. Together with state and non-state actors, 166 Individual Development Plans have been written and are in the process of implementation for these children and their families.

World Vision Georgia measured children's vulnerability based on four indicators: 1) violence against children, 2) extreme poverty, 3) discrimination and 4) impact on man-made/natural crisis and disaster. To date the tool has been applied in the Kakheti, Imereti and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions.

WVG developed its vulnerability mapping tools together with respected partner the Georgian Association of Social Workers. Every year, the country programme conducts vulnerability mapping to update the Most Vulnerable Children's databases and to track the progress.

During 2015, more than 8,100 most vulnerable children were identified in Georgia as a result of vulnerability mapping.





BEING ACCOUNTABLE

TO OUR COMMUNITIES, PARTNERS AND DONORS

INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT:

World Vision has made financial transparency a fundamental management principle. The organisation's objective is to be able to account for the utilization of the funds entrusted to it at all times. In addition to its own system of internal control, it undergoes numerous external audits. Moreover, financial reports are drawn up on the utilization of the funds granted by institutional donors and these are often subject to external audit.

World Vision's Performance Capability and Performance Review (PCPR) is a rigorous internal assessment tool that was developed by the World Vision Global Partnership and is implemented twice yearly within World Vision Georgia's programme.

This assessment tool looks at all internal processes, including financial mechanisms and programme impacts and ranks our procedures with the overall aim of ensuring that funds are being allocated in a transparent and effective manner.

INTERNAL RISK BASED AUDITS:

In addition, World Vision is intentional about donor accountability and continuous efforts towards improving the internal controls and risk management. For the past three years World Vision globally shifted to a Risk-Based internal audit approach which seeks to identify risks with the greatest potential impact, focusing on value-added audit.

“All programmes were developed, designed and re-designed with the active and regular participation of the communities we work with.”

World Vision continued to adhere to all necessary donor reporting and auditing throughout 2015, but, with additional tools such as the PCPR and the Internal Risk-based audits, we are confident that our self-evaluation methods guarantee the highest quality of accountability to our donors, partners and to the communities we work in.

CONSULTING WITH COMMUNITIES:

All programmes were developed, designed and re-designed with the active and regular participation of the communities we work with. Participation with relevant communities was encouraged and facilitated with a total of 308 people (including 52 youth) across three regional programmes formerly involved in the design and re-design phase of programmes in 2014.

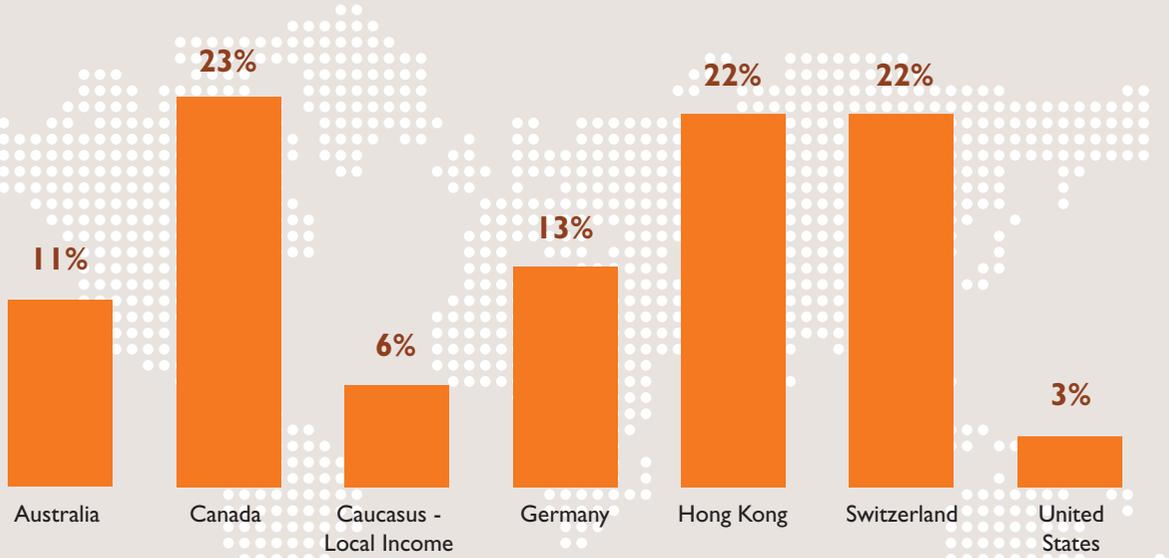
WORKING HAND-IN-HAND WITH PARTNERS:

World Vision Georgia received a Certificate of Appreciation for making significant contributions to the international charitable foundation of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia Ilia II. The award ceremony took place during the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the foundation. During the event, certificates were also given to the organizations and individuals that have made contributions to the fund in recent years. World Vision Georgia with the cooperation of the Patriarch's foundation implements two important projects: “Mediation - Conflict Resolution through Negotiation” and “Intellectual and Spiritual Studio”, which aims to increase awareness among young people from different nationalities about different ethnic groups and religious minorities.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

FUNDING FROM WORLD VISION SUPPORT OFFICES AROUND THE GLOBE:



TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR 2015 WAS **USD 3,107,201**

TOTAL BY FUNDING SOURCE:



WITH THANKS

TO OUR EXTERNAL DONORS
WHO MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE:



UNICEF



European Commission
(EC)



Action Against Hunger



Tbilisi Mayor's Office



State Municipality



SUCCESS STORY

RETURNING CHILDHOOD TO NIKA

14 year old Nika had to leave school to financially support his family and a newborn baby. If it hadn't been for World Vision's Family Support services, Nika would still be shepherding cattle in a field - sacrificing his education for his little sister's comfort and well-being.

The family was not financially ready for the challenges that came with the newborn baby. *"After having the second child, I was no longer able to work- I had to provide clothes and most importantly food for little Mariam,"* says Ana, mother of two. *"This was when my son, Nika, decided to work physically to help provide us with an income and save us from starvation,"* she says.

"I knew that if I didn't do something, no-one would, so I decided to leave school and use my time and energy to earn money. It wasn't easy as I had to spend all day out in the field with animals, away from home and friends," Nika says.

Nika was registered at World Vision's sponsorship program. Having heard his story from a Child Development Worker, World Vision's Kakheti ADP immediately decided to consult with a social worker and take action to keep the family together and prevent the children from being moved into foster care.

The family was included in World Vision's Family Support Services Programme and was given baby food, diapers and a baby care kit.



“I would never imagine all the support we received from the programme, I didn’t think I’d be able to send my son back to school and not even have to worry about baby food,” Nika’s mother says.

“I’m so happy to get back to my old life, to see my friends and play with them,” says Nika. ***“I still take care of animals, not the cattle, but ones that are our pets, and I really enjoy it, I dream of having my own farming business when I grow up,”*** Nika says.

World Vision Georgia

61, D. Agmashenebeli Ave.,
0102, Tbilisi, Georgia
Phone: (+995 32) 215 75 15
Fax: (+995 32) 215 75 16

 World Vision Georgia
<http://www.wvi.org/georgia>

