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**For Children.
For Change. For Life.**

Annual Review 2013



World Vision is a Christian, child focused and community-based organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.



Dear Friends,

2013 has been a year of transitions for World Vision in the South Caucasus; transition into a new leadership structure with shared services and a sharpened and strategic outlook. Through the extraordinary work of dedicated and motivated people, we overcame many challenges and changes while remaining focused on the well-being of children and the communities where they live.

This year's highlights presented in this report bear witness to our efforts to: educate children for life; keep them safe, healthy and protected while also building livelihoods and healing broken hearts for a more hopeful future. We are thankful to the 5,318 regular sponsors in Canada, Switzerland and Hong Kong as well as institutional donors, whose faithful and generous commitments contributed towards these achievements.

Overall, World Vision's 2013 cash income for its total operational budget in Georgia amounted \$3.8 million (USD). These funds helped transform the lives of nearly 144,000 people, including 20,000 children and youth, in some of the most remote and disadvantaged communities in Georgia.

In 2014, we will build on World Vision's greatest asset - more than 80 committed staff members with a passion for children who are determined to embrace the organisational changes to grow and deepen impact of World Vision's work on the wellbeing of Georgia's children! I am encouraged to be surrounded by such a dynamic, creative and resourceful group of people, as well as committed partners inside and outside of World Vision.



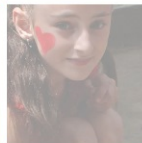
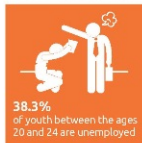
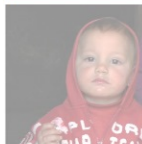
Sincerely,
Hans Bederski
World Vision South Caucasus National Director

World Vision Georgia at a Glance



Children live in a healthy and active society that is inclusive and tolerant and provides equal opportunities for all

Child Vulnerabilities:



Source: World Vision, UNICEF, Save the Children





Child Protection and Welfare

Systems and service development

FAMILY STRENGTHENING AND PREVENTION SERVICE

alone single parents who lack a support network to leave their children in quality care while they work to make a living. In addition, young mothers (in particular) are provided with ongoing assistance to develop their own small businesses or find work. The beneficiaries also receive medical assistance and psychological counselling.

— 113 parents and 191 children benefited from day care centres and received other tailored support in 2013

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTRE

was established in 2011 in Thika to give children living on the streets access to essential services and a safe and loving environment to promote and protect their health, educational and human rights. Three mobile teams work on a daily basis to identify and engage with children living on the streets. The strength of mobile team-based multidisciplinary character as the team is composed of a social worker, a psychologist, an administrative worker and a peer educator. They prepare children to enter the residential centres at the Crisis Intervention Centre, provide them with vision, better life and world vision analysis partner organisation, Caritas, successfully collaborate with local social services in

order to improve the conditions of highly vulnerable children in Thika.

— The Crisis Intervention Centre accommodates 30 underprivileged children every day

PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

in 2013, World Vision Kenya trained 200 job seekers to work for more appropriate income with child labouring on the streets and developed skills curriculum for psychologists, social workers and care givers who work with highly-vulnerable children.

ADVOCACY

in 2013, with support from the European Union National Coalition expanded, 40 child-focused organisations have united to lobby for change and minimise gaps in the child-welfare system. Four core goals of the coalition include:

- The prevention of child abandonment through the development of Family supporting services;
- Juvenile justice;
- The protection of children and youth from violence and neglect;
- The expansion of mechanisms to avoiding youth leaving care.



DIORCE, 16, was living alone in a 10 square metre room, without electricity or running water, before emergency Crisis Intervention Centre. He was spending most of his time on the streets of Thika selling small items and earning money for food. He had never attended school, therefore mother was alive, they both begged for money on the streets.

If the mobile group members had not approached him and explained the opportunity of staying in better conditions, in a friendly environment and having chance to study, he would be still on the streets.

"I am very happy that I came here," he says. "Here, I study reading, drawing and play and supported by people. I already have friends, and I find that I am not alone any more," said Diorce. "Yes, study and have good time with my friends here. The teachers are very friendly. They never punish us and treat us well. I study lots of things here," said Diorce, 16, another resident who was begging for money on the streets before coming to the centre.

WINDO, 17, was leading a very difficult life. As a single mother of five children, Windo had financial difficulties and was struggling to make ends meet. One of her children was born with a mental disability, making Windo's task of caring for her family even more demanding.

World Vision practitioners with psychosocial counselling and support, giving her self-esteem to help her believe that she could pull her family out of their difficult situation.

To help improve her income opportunities, World Vision practitioners with a three-month counselling course and provided her all the necessary equipment to start her business. Windo began working at home and now has plans to expand her business in the future by building a small kitchen front of her house. "When you are stressed, you cannot control your emotions and the children pick-up on that," she says, acknowledging that her positive mood affects her family overall.

Donors include: World Vision, EU, UNICEF



Youth Empowerment

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

World Vision Georgia recognises that young people can be instrumental in driving change at local, national, regional and international levels. Our work is built on the voluntary participation of young people. In 2013, our target groups consisted of young people between the ages of 14 and 18 years old, who were trained in skills such as leadership, civic engagement, critical thinking and teambuilding among other things.

World Vision Georgia works to support the interplay of youth development, community development and social change, thus ensuring impacts on multiple levels.

World Vision worked with 121 youth clubs in 2013, engaging around 500 young people

YOUTH ACTIVISM FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

In the regions of Imereti and Kakheti, our youth groups initiated the establishment of three modern greenhouses, which now also serve as learning sites for 800 children and 1,000 families.

The income generated from these greenhouses will be spent to improve facilities at the local community schools.

Before engaging with World Vision, 17-year old **GIORGI** was not sure which direction his life would take. He felt like he had no opportunities. Now, he

is full of hope. "I may not be able to receive higher education, but after being part of the greenhouse program and training, I know how to grow roses and make a decent living. I am planning to make this my family business," he says.

The youth group in Imereti raised approximately US\$1,000 to create resource rooms in two schools to better support children with disabilities

In Samtskhe-Javakheti, the youth group successfully advocated for the local government to financially contribute to a kindergarten restoration initiative.

As a result of their innovative activism [using videos], the government committed to covering 30 per cent of the costs for the kindergarten restoration, which will serve 50 children in the community



GENDER

In 2013, through its youth network World Vision Georgia launched the project "Responding to Gender-Based Violence in the Middle East and Eastern Europe Region", which aims to reduce gender-based violence and contribute to a safer environment for boys and girls as well as men and women.

During this period, World Vision Georgia provided capacity building opportunities for young peer educators from Kakheti, Imereti and Samtskhe-Javakheti Regions to raise their awareness on gender-based violence and bullying, as well as equipped them with necessary skills to raise awareness at public events.

"We often set limits... I set limits for my sister, even for my mom, for my female friends... During the training there was a role play when we switched the gender, and I was a girl for five minutes.

It was enough to realise how I hate the limits set by me; how I can't stand them; how much I wanted to break them! Biggest question mark now is why we set the limits and rules for others, if we can't follow them ourselves when our roles are switched!" said 16-year-old youth leader Giorgi.



Community Mobilisation

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The experience world shows us how the path from the work done that supports disaster based on individual. It is necessary to identify effective long-term positive change in the local children, their families and the communities in which they live.

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

In 2013, World Vision focused on increasing access to schools across the country. Education was developed a number of extra-curricular activities designed to improve the life skills of the most vulnerable children.

— In 2013, World Vision worked with 130 schools

— 3,171 teachers were engaged in training and development opportunities, indirectly benefiting 13,048 children

— 27 education institutions were renovated, benefiting 1,041 children

— 48 education facilities were provided with technical equipment, benefiting 1,817 children

— 193 children received quality education in fire safety and disaster preparedness.

DEVELOPING RESILIENCE

Along with efforts aimed at strengthening education access to basic infrastructure services such as electricity and hygiene conditions, awareness-raising activities were carried out in 2013.

Through its disaster preparedness, we improved the health conditions in our target communities by supporting their health facilities with financial resources and providing new material and equipment.

Activities continued focused on the promotion of health and food distribution, disseminating various disaster preparedness and food security information through the radio and various delivery links in the areas.

— World Vision conducted health campaigns in 10 villages in 2013, directly benefiting 147 children

— 88 families received better access to water, which directly benefited more than 200 children.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Through our 11 local action teams, we provided support, resources and information to improve the quality, efficiency and accountability of the regional government of Isabela through strengthened civil society leaders. The initiative is funded by the European Union and the United States Government in partnership cooperation with the Young Leadership of Ouray's group. We work with the representatives of local government and community groups to facilitate their effective dialogue and health formalization programming.

SUPPORTING THE MOST VULNERABLE

In 2013, World Vision targeted 11 vulnerable in their health-related areas. Through it, we helped vulnerable women, children and elderly people to improve families' health by working with them.

Through formal training, intensive programs and activities for small businesses, we helped vulnerable economic opportunities for women and their families.

World Vision disseminated a working dialogue between the local authorities and internally displaced communities in their activities. We aim to focus on gender equality environments security.

Source: World Vision, USA, Action Development Agency

FORMAS, for natural and other children had to live in the area in quality education program in 2008. We worked with them to develop a local study afterwards, leading them to work to resolve their children. They eventually founded their own school for internally displaced people in Marikina, where they remain today, this year later.

After participating in a training program provided by World Vision, business operators and their team, entrepreneurs. "Before entering program, I made a small business in the settlement," she explains.

"I asked if people mobilization training can and what an adequate price would be for them. They'd contribute to the business development plan."

We also helped up to 10 others a month, earning around 100,000 pesos a month, enough to meet their family's basic needs. These three daughters have received government scholarships for being outstanding students at university. It's been for 17-year old son will soon follow that lead.

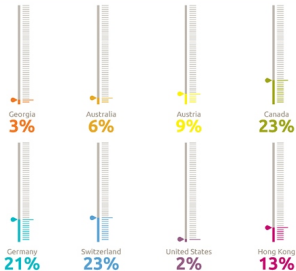
— 164 women received training in professional and business skills, afterwards business start-ups supported.



Financial Report 2013



World Vision Funds



TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013 WAS **\$3,843,607 (USD)**

TOTAL BY FUNDING SOURCE



World Vision Resources



External Donor

DONOR ORGANIZATIONS

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