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# Annual Report 2024



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# EDITORIAL

*Dear Friends,*

In the midst of our daily work—where routine meets urgency—there are moments that call us to pause and truly listen. Inspired by Jesus' example of compassion and care for those in need, we are reminded that change begins when we take the time to listen, understand and respond to the struggles of others.



This year, one such moment came through the voices of the children at the Tirana orphanage. Though we have long been connected to them through camps and activities, their deep loneliness and silent pain moved us to take action. From this, the mentorship program was born—offering not just support, but a trusted presence in their lives. Each week, dedicated mentors spend time with these children, building bonds that nurture hope and a sense of belonging.

Meanwhile, at OAZ center, we provide stability through structured learning, play, emotional support, and moments of joy. Yet, the urgency of the world around us is never far—families in crisis, children in unsafe situations, and the difficult decisions that shape young lives. In this context, we felt called to go beyond. Listening is at the heart of what we do — it’s about understanding their struggles and offering care that goes deeper than just meeting immediate needs.

By pausing to truly listen, we create a space where every child and family feel valued and empowered for the journey ahead.

This 2024 journey reminds us that transformation occurs when we choose to listen and respond. We invite you to explore this report and celebrate with us the journey we have made together.

With gratitude,

*Sylvain Vergnon*





# Vision & Mission

Alo ! Mik is an Albanian NGO inspired by Christian faith to serve vulnerable children and families.

We have been operating since 2003, running different projects to ensure holistic wellbeing of children, especially for the more vulnerable.

Our area of expertise ranges from direct interventions with vulnerable children and their families, to empowerment of local actors through training, resources sharing and networking .



## Vision

Our Vision is to see children flourishing and becoming agents of change in their community.

## Mission

Our mission is to offer life changing care to children, bringing people together on a journey from brokenness to wholeness.

# Highlights in 2024



## 1 Children Impacted

Over 1'000 children benefited directly from our programs this year.

## 2 People Trained

Over 150 individuals, including teachers, social workers, and caregivers, received training in trauma-informed care, child protection, and psychosocial support.





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## New Initiatives

Launched a mentorship program connecting children with trusted role models, 90 + leaders interviewed on evangelical church ministry to vulnerable children & families.



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## Major Events & Activities

Summer camps, Community center services for children and families at risk



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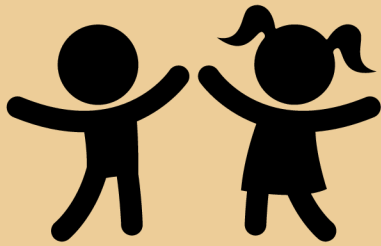
## Community Engagement

Increased awareness and networking around the issue of orphanhood, 50 + volunteers mobilized to assist in camps, and strengthened collaboration with state institutions to improve child welfare policies and practices.



# Impact by Sector

## Community Center Oaz



Children facing adversity found a safe space with psychosocial support, play therapy, and mentorship.



Children benefited from after-school tutoring and life skills activities.



Families in difficult situations connected through group meetings, support networks, and community events.



Parents and caregivers received practical support and guidance to access essential services.





# Eden Park

## Camp & Conference Center



Children from diverse backgrounds experienced joy, learning, and emotional support at summer camps.



Faith-based groups deepened their connections through meaningful camp & conference experiences.



Teams and organizations inspired to reach children and youth from different backgrounds.

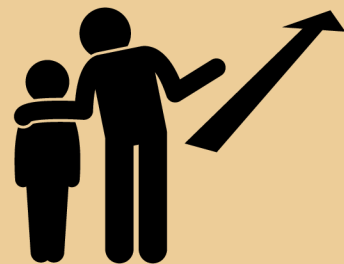


Professionals and caregivers working with vulnerable children found renewal and encouragement in dedicated retreats.

# Mobilization & Capacity Building Around Trauma and Orphan Care



Communities gained awareness on the importance of family-based care through dedicated campaigns.



Children separated from their family received individualized support through a new mentorship program.



Evangelical churches contributed to a research study on their role in supporting vulnerable children and families.



Professionals working with orphaned and at-risk children enhanced their expertise through trauma-informed care training.



## Capacity Building & Church Engagement for Faith Development



Children and youth engaged in faith-based programs designed to nurture their spiritual and emotional well-being.



Church leaders and volunteers gained essential skills through training in child protection and camps.



Local churches got access to resources to support them in reaching out children in their communities.

# Testimonies & Stories



My name is Florence, and I am 30 years old. Three months ago, I lost my husband. This period has been one of the most difficult times in my life. Now, alone, I have to take care of my 3 children, aged 11, 7, and 4. I am unable to work to provide for our needs. However, since my children started attending the OASIS center, everything has changed for us. Thanks to the daytime care for the children, I can now work and meet the needs of my family. This seemed unimaginable just a few weeks ago. The OASIS center has become a true lifeline for me. It has given me hope and helps me get through this extremely difficult time. The team takes care of my children not only academically but also emotionally and psychologically. This is a real relief for me. This invaluable support has transformed my daily life.

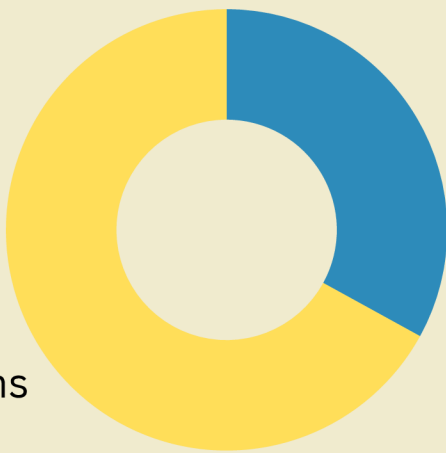
"My name is Adela, I am 13 years old. After a year in Germany as an asylum seeker, I am finally back in my country, Albania. I am so happy to return to the Oasis center, which I missed so much. What I love the most is the mentorship program I am part of. I receive so much attention there! I can express myself freely. I feel heard and supported in my life choices. I can share my thoughts and concerns with complete trust. In a difficult life journey, I am deeply grateful for my mentors. Thank you!"



# Financial overview



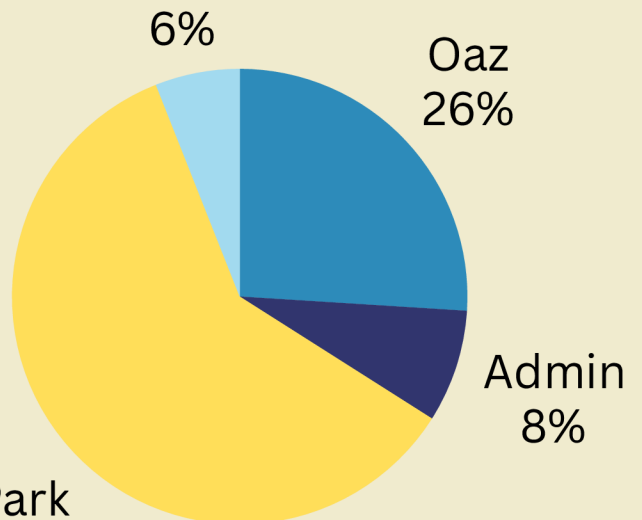
Revenue from activities  
33%



Donations  
67%



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Eden Park  
60%

Oaz  
26%

Admin  
8%

We are committed to used wisely all the financial gifts or incomes we receive.





# Looking ahead Goals 2025



Expanding the use of the camp site beyond the summer season

Improving Eden Park's infrastructure to better meet the needs of visitors

Reaching new children and families through OAZ Center services

Strengthening family support strategies

Supporting the transition from institutional care to family-based care, engaging at different levels: institutions, church and NGO leaders, and individuals

Formalizing, piloting, and scaling up the mentoring program for vulnerable children

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# Partnerships & Supporters



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous donors, volunteers, and partner organizations who make this work possible. Your dedication fuels our mission every day.



And more...

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## How to Get Involved

Join us in making a difference! You can:

- Volunteer your time.
- Make a donation.
- Partner with us to expand our programs.

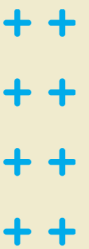
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