

## Country Brief

# WORLD VISION BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



World Vision has been working in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) since 1994, first providing relief to a war-torn country and then working on community development. For more than a quarter of a century, we provided sustainable livelihoods to the disadvantaged and needy, improved quality of education, and empowered families and communities to seek access to their rights.

Child protection and participation are at the core of our work on all levels. We engage with children and parents enabling them to become active in the decision-making process, and active seekers of services that belong to them.


We also collaborate with service providers and decision-makers to improve child welfare systems and advocate for system-level decisions that have the best interest of the child in mind. On all levels of engagement, we strive

to instigate and deliver solutions that protect children from all forms of violence.

Being a responsive organisation, we tackle the risk of natural and man-made disasters. With the in-house knowledge of disaster risk reduction, we work to mitigate potential hazardous consequences of disasters and are capable of a prompt response to any crisis.

We have offices in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla, Zenica, and Goražde, with the capability of deploying staff, goods and services throughout the country and when necessary to the region. In our work, we serve all citizens regardless of ethnicity, faith, and gender.

To boost our effectiveness and the ability to quickly respond to the needs of the most-vulnerable, in 2022, World Vision continued operating through a locally registered entity WV BH Foundation.

 US\$3,8 million  
annual budget




 100  
staff members

## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY22

 43,908  
unique beneficiaries out of which 30,673 are children (68% most vulnerable children)


 200+  
local partners and collaborators


 15  
local level referral and social protection mechanisms for potential victims of trafficking in persons developed

 19,165  
people out of which 9,905 children supported through provided services in migrants centres

 172,943  
children benefited from advocacy/policy initiatives

 5,000+  
boys and girls participated in educative activities

 6,000  
students and more than 1,000 teachers benefited from disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities in schools

 Donors  
UN, EU, USAID, UNICEF, GIZ, US Department of State, Gov. of Switzerland, Gov. of Germany

# WHAT WE DO



## PROTECTING CHILD RIGHTS

World Vision BiH works with stakeholders on all levels to develop and enhance child protection systems, eliminate violence in all its forms, and provide opportunities for child participation in decision-making.



30+ schools and 15,000+ students benefitted from implemented activities



18 children and youth groups supported in identifying and addressing child right issues in their community



20 local community based organisations supported in implementation of activities for 5,000+ children



Protocols for prevention of forced begging and child exploitation signed in 30 communities and 300 first-responders participated in anti-trafficking trainings.



First online platform for coordination and engagement of all actors in the child protection sector, including children, developed and endorsed by the ministry of human rights.



## SOCIAL PROTECTION & INCLUSION

We build individual resilience of children and their parents. We mobilize community members and service providers to advocate and intervene against harmful social norms and build a culture of equality/equity and diversity.



More than US\$50,000 obtained through local level advocacy efforts (co-financing) to support family resilience



Close to 4,000 boys and girls participated in campaigns aimed at raising awareness on peer violence



1,000+ most vulnerable persons benefited from economic support interventions



Up to now, more than 3,500 most vulnerable boys and girls completed full cycle of life skills development (500+ in FY22)



100 children receive yearly scholarships from socially responsible companies registered in BiH



## DISASTER MANAGEMENT

With the in-house knowledge of disaster risk reduction, we work on assessment and mitigation of potentially hazardous consequences of disasters and are capable of a prompt response to any brewing crisis.



10,000 adult migrants participated in educational, sport and occupational therapy activities



9,905 migrant children supported through Mother and Baby Unit, Child Friendly Space, formal and non-formal educational activities and MHPSS



1380 participants in 15 communities supported in education on prevention



DRR plans for 16 schools developed, tested and adopted



2592 children and youth participated in 100+ interactive educational workshops on preserving the environment

## WHY WORK WITH US

- Expertise and capability to identify, reach and assist the most vulnerable children;
- Strong team of experienced staff capacitated to lead community development and emergency response(s);
- Wide network of committed partners, collaborators and supporters in local communities;
- Unique footprint in working with churches and faith communities;
- Strong institutional partnerships and track record in reaching system level solutions for most vulnerable children;
- Capacitated network of children and youth advocates across BiH communities;
- Evidence-based programming based on research, monitoring, evaluations;
- Exceptional standards and diligence in protecting and ensuring high quality organisational operations (e.g. child and adults safeguarding, risk management, anti-fraud, security);
- Renewed trust of respectable donors, including local socially responsible companies.

We strive towards and partner for system level solutions for most vulnerable children.

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