

towards child wellbeing in BiH

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Bosnia and Herzegovina



2012 overview



Our vision

for every child
life in all its fullness.

Our prayer

for every heart
the **will** to make it so.



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Foreword

by National Director

It is my pleasure to present the “Report on Child Wellbeing”. This document provides a summary of World Vision Bosnia and Herzegovina’s progress in fulfilling our strategic objectives. World Vision wants to see every child with the opportunity to live a full life. We aspire for a world where children enjoy good health, are educated for life, experience the love of God and their neighbours, and where children are cared for, protected and participating.

This report also reflects the dynamics, creativity and resourcefulness of World Vision’s staff in BiH. Across all levels of engagement they share a passion for children and a profound love for this country. Together, we aspire to build a child-friendly society based on communities of trust, where each child has hope, equal opportunity and is empowered to pursue their full potential.

To do so, we collaborate with like-minded partners, networks, coalitions and contractors. We are equally thankful to institutional donors and thousands of regular sponsors in Taiwan and Korea who faithfully donate financial resources towards our endeavour.

Together, we can bring renewed hope and a better future for the children of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Respectfully yours,

Hans Bederski

National Director of World Vision
Bosnia and Herzegovina (WV BiH)



Who We Are?

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Founded in 1950, World Vision works in more than 100 countries of the world and employs more than 45,000 staff globally.

World Vision has been serving war-affected communities in the Balkans since 1991, initially operating out of Croatia. It began its work in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1994. Since its inception, WV BiH has directly served more than 500,000 beneficiaries through its relief and development programmes and partnered with more than 100 organisations throughout the country. WV BiH transitioned from relief to long-term development in the aftermath of the war.

We work for the benefit of all children, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, religion, etc.

What

We Do ?

WV BiH is determined to work in partnership with communities helping them establish good relationships, diminish poverty, and have society embrace those who are disenfranchised. To do so, WV BiH creates conditions where children design and implement initiatives that affect their wellbeing and partners with others to give children a voice at local and national platforms to advance their cause.



Where we work ?

Area Development Programmes (ADPs) are multi-sectoral programmes that focus on the wellbeing of children, and entail a 15 years' commitment to communities. ADPs are focused on encouraging community participation and ownership in addressing the needs of the most marginalised and vulnerable groups. The projects, implemented with the active involvement of communities, aim to improve the level of food security and nutrition, ensure access to education and healthcare for children, promote their spiritual development, rehabilitation of living conditions and infrastructure in communities, and income generation.

Currently there are six ADPs in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Krivaja ADP consists of communities: Han Pijesak, Olovo and Sokolac. It is funded by World Vision Taiwan.

Jahorina ADP embraces communities: Goražde, Pale and Pale-Prača. It is funded by World Vision Taiwan.

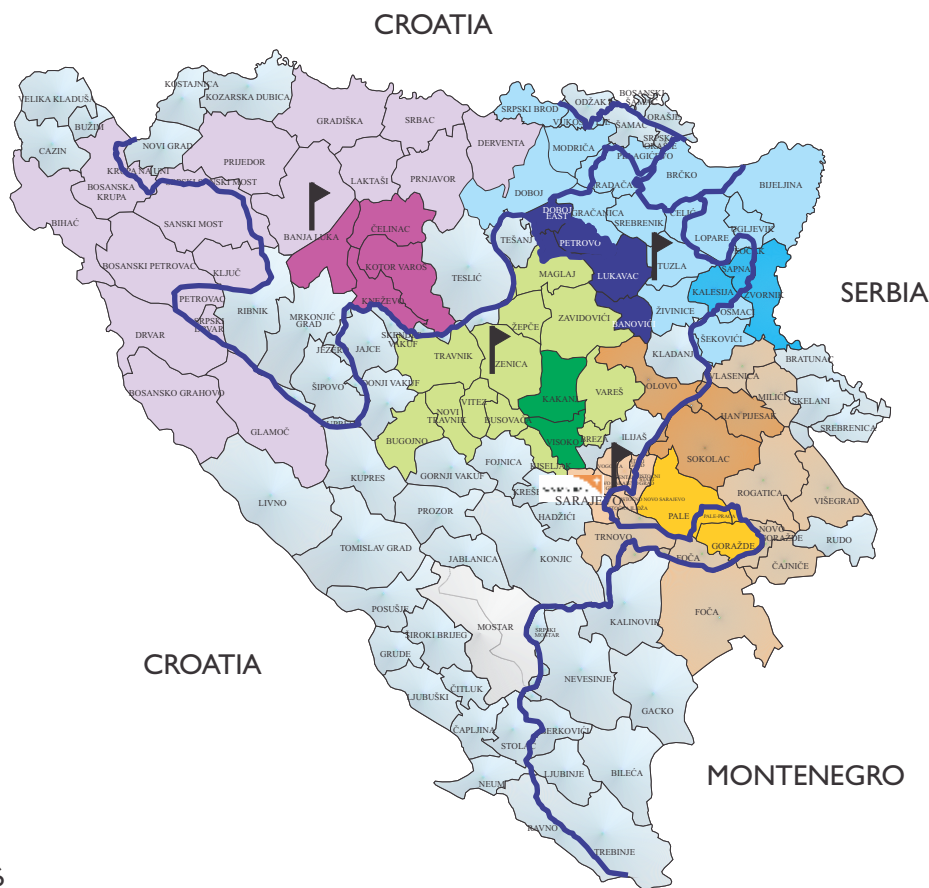
Vrbas ADP consists of municipalities: Čelinac, Kneževo, Kotor Varoš and Banjaluka rural area. It is funded by World Vision Korea.

Majevisa ADP covers municipalities of Zvornik, Sapna and Kalesija. It is funded by World Vision Taiwan.













Ozren ADP consists out of Banovići, Petrovo, Lukavac, Doboj Istok and Doboj municipalities. It is funded by World Vision Korea.

Lasva ADP comprises the municipalities Kakanj and Visoko. It is funded by World Vision Korea.

Apart from implementing ADPs, World Vision also works on improving child wellbeing through health programmes covering the whole of BiH.



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|  | BANJA LUKA |  | SARAJEVO |
|  | JAHORINA ADP |  | TUZLA |
|  | KRIVAJA ADP |  | VRBAS ADP |
|  | LASVA ADP |  | ZENICA |
|  | MAJEVICA ADP |  | OTHER MUNICIPALITIES |



Introduction

WV BiH Strategy looks at a child from a new, more holistic perspective, and thus WV BiH is shifting towards the creation of conditions for children to become valuable contributors to Bosnian-Herzegovinian society. Towards this goal, WV BiH programmes improve services for the wellbeing of children, especially in terms of health, education and the children's right to develop to their full potential. Moreover, WV BiH facilitates collaborative spaces with key stakeholders to provide equal access to quality services for the wellbeing of children, particularly the most vulnerable future.

WV BiH also works with partners to give children a voice at local and national platforms that affect their health, education and personal development. Together we create spaces where children actively participate in the design and implementation of initiatives that affect their wellbeing. With improved conditions for child development, WV BiH is restoring hope and confidence in young people, enabling them to be the architects for their preferred



Communities Sensitive and Responsive to the Needs of Children

This strategic objective was introduced in the new strategy and represents a significant shift in WV BiH's approach geared towards greater child participation. WV BiH contributed towards child participation and decision making at school level through direct development and implementation of projects regarding the quality of schooling. Stated in numbers, 31 projects aimed at capacity building, promotion of child activism and improvement of school conditions have been implemented. Additionally, 10 children's playgrounds were constructed providing 2,700 children with a safe playing environment for the first time in their lives.

WV BiH recognised the importance of volunteerism as a platform to promote positive change within communities for and by children and young people. Across the ADPs, 230 volunteers were supported through community-based actions focusing on assistance to the most vulnerable. Children and young people were also engaged in the development of advocacy skills and other trainings that empowered and enabled them to have a direct say on issues that concern them. All this enabled children and young people to expand a space within the public sphere for their own voices to be heard.

Through projects aimed at improving inter-religious relations and understanding, a significant number of children, teachers and religious leaders had an opportunity to learn more about each other and establish positive relationships. In their learning, they focused on improving tolerance, learning about different religions and strengthening children's relationships with their families and peers.

4,790 children and young people enhanced their activism at the local level



44 of the most vulnerable children and young people advocated for children's rights and peace building

302 children included in peace building and interfaith activities



Improved Health, Education and Life Skills of Children



Despite the complexity of the health and education systems in Bosnia and Herzegovina, World Vision Bosnia and Herzegovina (WV BiH) has successfully built up relationships with relevant structures and is working across the country, focusing particularly on advocacy initiatives that support health through policy reforms, but also on local-level advocacy efforts in response to grass-roots educational needs.

**3,889 children
attended peer to peer
educational sessions on health**

**8,581 children benefitted from
Students' Council projects**

Health

WV BiH focused on Roma as the most vulnerable population, and particularly on improving their health by concentrating on improvement of access to healthcare in BiH. WV BiH's Global Fund programming is a direct contributor to MDG 6 - To combat HIV and AIDS and tuberculosis, at country level. These projects also have a very strong component in dealing with access to services for the most vulnerable groups, and strengthening the health system.

The Mother Child Health Nutrition project activities among Roma were also in line with MDG 4 – Reduce child mortality, as well as a valuable contributor to MDG 5 - To improve maternal health, paying particular attention to exclusive breastfeeding. The greatest results of MCHN projects were related to policy changes resulting in the development of nutrition standards for school and pre-school children. Additionally, a network of 87 peer educators contributed to developing their peers' awareness of health issues.

Together with WV BiH, the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees and the Ministries of Health in both entities worked jointly towards successful development of 4 Roma programming models for immunisation, HIV and AIDS, reproductive health and tuberculosis. WV BiH had an active role in the development of the Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health 2010-2019. The Strategy was adopted in both BiH entities by their respective ministries.



3,891 Roma reached through HIV and AIDS prevention sessions

2,376 Roma reached through sessions on tuberculosis prevention

World Vision BiH equipped 3 child-friendly dental dispensaries. As a result, 1,569 children participated in awareness rising sessions on dental health. Additionally, 833 children were provided with necessary dental interventions.

Education and life skills

WV BiH works directly with education stakeholders to achieve our goal of educating children for life. Our efforts were predominantly directed towards improving conditions for education of children and reaching educational standards. Cooperation with schools and local partners in local communities is of essential importance for WV BiH programming. These partnerships resulted in 78 interventions to primary school facilities, teaching material, furniture and educational equipment implemented in primary schools.

Through capacity building and support to the work of Students' Councils, Parents' Councils, networks of professionals and local partners, WV BiH is creating a sustainable infrastructure for continuous improvement of the educational sector in local communities. Trainings for 39 teachers on child-friendly interactive teaching methods and motivation of students contributed to the improvement of quality in education. Apart from recognising the importance of new teaching methods, WV BiH also recognises the role of CBOs in the non-formal education of children. Through capacity building of CBOs and implementation of small scale projects, WV BiH is ensuring that non-formal education will also take place outside educational institutions and provide children with life skills that are not covered through formal curricula.

**7,155 children benefitted
from projects by local partners**

**29,923 children benefitted from
interventions in primary schools**

World Vision BiH made progress in local-level advocacy through investing efforts in partnership approaches and capacity building with schools, CBOs/FBOs, local level administration, etc. Specifically, schools advocated with local and cantonal authorities which resulted in securing up to 35% of match funding for implemented interventions. Although advocacy has not been developed to a level that would show results in all aspects of education, World Vision BiH recognises local level advocacy as one of the most efficient approaches in addressing the educational needs of children.

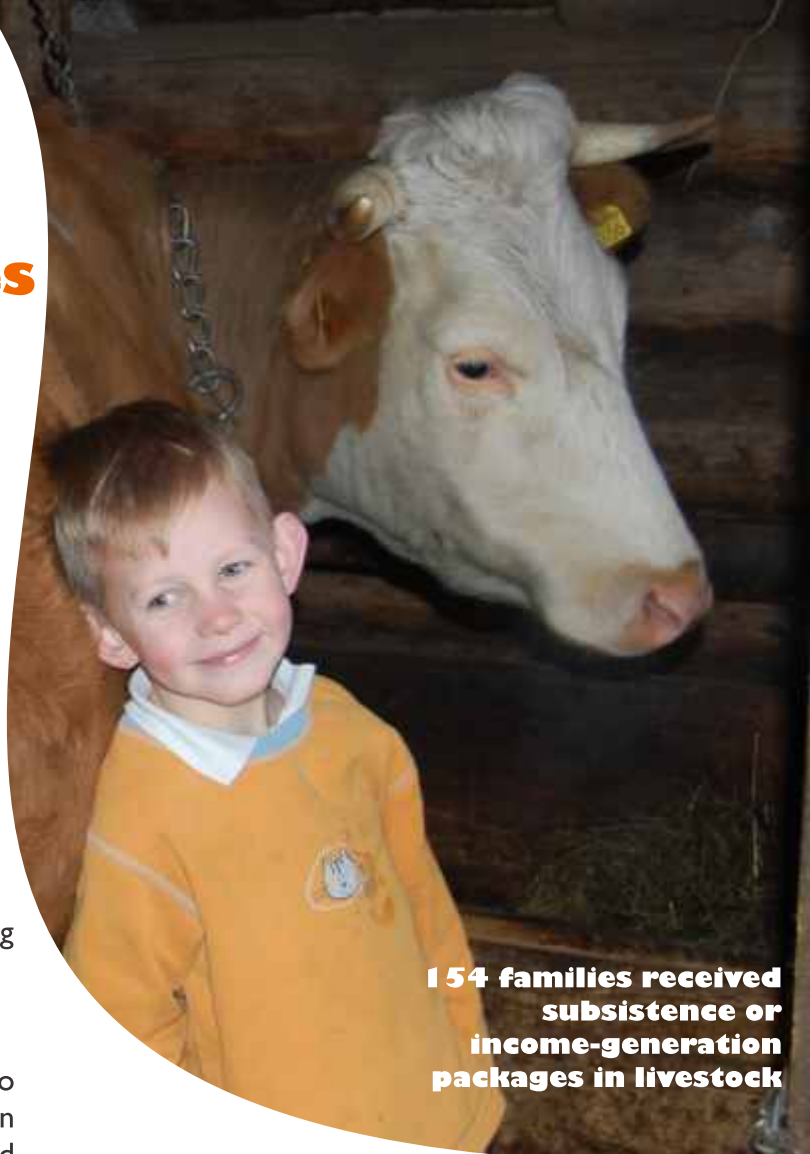


Communities and families have increased economic development opportunities for improved wellbeing of children

WV BiH's Economic Development activities were mainly concentrated around agriculture. Activities related to individual support of farmers included capacity building and strengthening of farm holders as well as provision of agricultural goods. Through capacity building activities, 488 farmers were trained in processes of self-employment, income generation and productivity. These activities enabled them to provide a better livelihood for their families through additional income they were able to secure.

In its activities, WV BiH successfully deepened its partnerships with municipalities and agricultural community-based organisations. These have resulted in partners securing match funding in the total amount of \$47,250 for the implementation of 17 agricultural projects.

WorldVision BiH fostered a systematic approach to improve access to favourable loans in rural areas in order to support income generation in farming. This was achieved through integration between MFF EKI and WV BiH and the provision of interest-subsidised loans. Through this process, both organisations are committing resources to increase access to financing opportunities for smallholder farmers and businesses alike. This is evidenced through 75 distributed subsidised loans for farming/production start-up and expansion.



154 families received subsistence or income-generation packages in livestock

469 smallholder farmers benefitted from agricultural projects

586 children are benefiting from additional income generation

Loan fund of \$669,000 for small-scale farmers established in cooperation with MFF EKI for a three-year period



WV BiH **future** **engagement**

WV BiH will continue to work towards a world where children enjoy good health, are educated for life, experience the love of God and their neighbours, and where children are cared for, protected and participating. Building on models where children engage as catalysts of change, WV BiH seeks to further nurture collaborative spaces where children and young people mobilise around local initiatives for change and where partners join in to consolidate that change through systemic and/or legislative reform. By the end of 2014, we anticipate our programmes to be benefiting the wellbeing of 375,000 children and young people in BiH.





... i **75** sreća ujedinjeno u jednoj organizaciji
koja zajednički rade za dobrobit djece u BiH.

59.417
djece ima
koristi od
aktivnosti...

29.645 djece
učestvuje u programima...

4.246.237 USD investirano...

USD 72,942,4 DSDA

29,645 children participating
in programmes...

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children
benefiting from
activities...



...and **75** hearts united in one organisation working
together for the wellbeing of children in BiH.