

## 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 three decades, 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 engaged in the decision-making processes, and active seekers of services they are entitled to. We 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 focus. 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 climate change and are capable of a prompt response to any crisis. We have offices in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla, and Zenica, 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 2023, World Vision continued operating through both World Vision International in BiH and a locally registered World Vision BH Foundation.



BOSNIA &  
HERZEGOVINA



US\$3,8 million  
annual budget



95  
staff members



120+  
local partners and  
collaborators

## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY23



46,863

unique beneficiaries out of which  
29,188 are children (60% most  
vulnerable children)



Donors

UNICEF, GIZ, EU, EIDHR,  
German Embassy,  
World Vision Korea,  
World Vision US,  
World Vision Taiwan,  
World Vision Germany



205,163

children benefited from  
advocacy/policy initiatives



World Vision BiH  
establishes the  
**Children and Youth  
Advisory Board**

## KEY CELEBRATIONS



**State level Platform for  
Child Rights** comes to life.  
*The platform is integrated within the  
Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees  
of BiH website. [platforma.gov.ba](http://platforma.gov.ba)*

Children and youth get  
**a seat on the Council  
for Children of BiH**

# WHAT WE DO - PRIORITY SECTORS

## CHILD RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION

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.



22 schools and over 10,000 students benefitted from World Vision BiH programme interventions



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



8 Mobile Teams for Identification of potential victims of human trafficking established and supported in identifying 33 children as potential victims and placed in shelters



2,560 children and adults reached through educational and raising awareness activities on prevention of human trafficking

## 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 inclusive culture of equality/equity and diversity.



US\$53,839 obtained through local level advocacy efforts (co-financing) to support family social and economic resilience



2,818 children, youth and faith leaders participated in educational and raising awareness initiatives on topics of violence against children and gender-based violence



846 most vulnerable families with 1,786 children benefited from economic support interventions



85 children receive yearly scholarships from socially responsible individuals and companies registered in BiH, helping them overcome hardships



World Vision BiH joined forces with children and youth and faith leaders in conducting research that will serve as a baseline for action against all forms of violence

## DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND CRISIS RESPONSE

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



23,972 refugees and migrants, out of which 14,000 children, received basic social services, and mental health and psychosocial support through education, sports and occupational therapy



2,380 children on the move accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning and vocational trainings



2,500+ children and adults supported and/or contributed to actions aimed at preserving the environment and minimizing negative effects of climate change



4,733 seedlings planted, eliminating World Vision BiH's carbon footprint for one business year, and investing in the environment



World Vision BiH supported children and youth in conducting research that will serve as a baseline for action to fight climate change

## 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);
- Sustained trust of respectable donors, including local socially responsible companies.

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

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