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Children Benefited:

52.707

Children live in poverty:

178,000

Children under 5:

158,000

Programme Areas:

370

Children in Country:

790,000

ABOUT WORLD VISION BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

World Vision has been working in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1994. Following the end of the war, the organization's activities have increasingly focused on helping people recover and move on. Today, World Vision's projects go beyond meeting the demands of crisis situations to changing the quality of life in entire communities.

PRIORITY ISSUES



Health



Education



Child Protection



Love of God & Neighbours



Economic Development



Emergency Preparedness

WHAT WE DO

IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Accessing quality medical and dental care is especially difficult for children in rural Bosnia and Herzegovina for a number of reasons. To help ensure all children have a solid foundation of health on which to build the rest of their lives, World Vision partners with the government and other NGOs to provide check-ups, equip medical and dental clinics as well as educate families and communities about the importance of good health and hygiene. During 2013, 52.86 per cent more children visited dental dispensaries as compared to 2012 and 3,676 children were reached through dental activities.

FAST FACTS



38% of children experience **violent discipline** (UNICEF, 2013)



85,000 young people are **unemployed** (UNICEF & CEECIS, 2012)



Only **12.4%** of children 3-6 are enrolled in **pre-primary education**. (UNICEF TransMonee Database, 2013)



In a small local school, two nurses check children's teeth as part of World Vision's project, Healthy Teeth for Better Child Health, which aims to advance children's health by improving oral hygiene and teeth health. Photo by Aida Sunje, World Vision.

STRENGTHENING SCHOOLS THROUGH STUDENTS

World Vision is helping improve access to and quality of education for children and youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina by establishing or improving student councils and equipping students to take an active role in improving the quality of their education. In the areas where World Vision works, the number of schools with parent or student councils has increased dramatically, going from from 20 to 100 per cent in recent years.

HELPING FAMILIES SURVIVE

Fulltime, formal employment in Bosnia and Herzegovina is hard to find. The national unemployment rate has averaged more than 43 per cent since 2007. To help families find alternative sources of income, World Vision provides training and small loans, to help families living in poverty be able to buy assets, like livestock, from which they can receive at least a small income; 950 children benefited from their parents increased incomes in 2013.

KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL

Nearly one third of Roma students drop out of school before finishing their primary education. Complicated administrative systems drain the education fund making it hard for teachers to keep students engaged and in school. World Vision helps make learning fun by providing school the supplies they need to do enriching activities; 5,854 students benefited from improved education in 2013.

CELEBRATING ABILITIES

Life can be especially hard for children with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. World Vision tries to level the playing field by providing additional support and training to those who have physical or mental disabilities as well as their parents or caregivers, helping them to grow up strong and someday be able to integrate into society.



World Vision staff deliver much needed bread to residents of a village almost completely cut off by floods that hit Bosnia and Herzegovina in May 2014. Photo by Aida Sunje, World Vision.

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FAST FACTS



27% of primary students **drop out of school** (UN Human Development Report, 2013)



21.1% of Roma children under 5 are **stunted** (UNICEF & CEECIS, 2012)



25,000 children are involved in **child labour** (UNICEF, 2013)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

World Vision works with families and communities to increase their preparedness and resilience in the face of emergencies. And, when disaster does strike, such as the floods and mudslides of 2014 (which displaced more than 40,000 people), World Vision partners with families, communities, the government and local entities to help with the recovery by working with them as they rebuild.



33,000 children are living with **disabilities** (UNICEF, 2012)



48,000 children receive **inadequate care** (UNICEF, 2013)



40,000 displaced by 2014 **rains and mudslides**

