

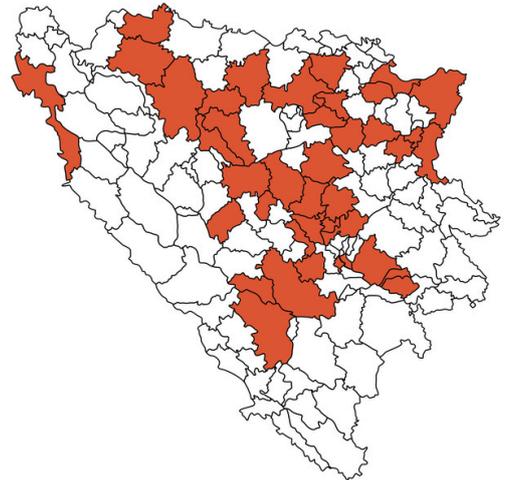
COUNTRY PROFILE BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Overview

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 over 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. WV BiH engages with children and families empowering them to engage in decision-making processes, as active seekers of services they are entitled to. We collaborate with decision-makers and service providers to improve child welfare systems and advocate for long term system-level solution 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 and exploitation. We tackle the risk of natural and man-made disasters, mitigate potential hazardous consequences of 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.

WV BiH continues operating through both World Vision International in BiH and a locally registered World Vision BH Foundation.



2025 IMPACT

OUR REACH

Footprint
 40 municipalities
 4 migrant camps

Children on the move
 6737

MHPSS
 3,020

Unique beneficiaries
 17,093

Unaccompanied children
 4010

Climate action (HEA)
 3493

Children
 112,879

Children and youth through policy initiatives
 350,200

Faith & Development
 1600

ANNUAL BUDGET

US \$3.4 Million

SUPPORTED BY



WV Support Offices
 Taiwan, Germany, US
 Austria, Korea, New Zealand



Child Rights & Participation

Child Rights and Participation are the cornerstone of WV BiH strategic engagement in BiH. To enhance them, we focus on protecting children from violence and exploitation, improving child protection system(s) and amplifying children's voices in decision making processes.

In FY25, children were recognised as members of the BiH Council for Children.

23 child and youth associations were empowered and supported in carrying out 20 critical local initiatives addressing children and youth issues.

30 youth CSOs were mobilized in joint action to design the first Digital Youth Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Social Protection & Inclusion

To foster Social protection and Inclusion we focus on developing child and family resilience in the areas of livelihoods, life skills and mental health, as well as strengthening the culture of peace, dialogue, diversity and equity.

In FY25, 3537 CAY including 529 children on the move and 21 children with disabilities took part in initiatives aimed at their participation in relevant decision-making.

92 vulnerable children, received yearly scholarships supporting them in overcoming hardship and fulfilling their talents and dreams.

1400 vulnerable children supported through New Year's Campaign.



Disaster Management & Climate Action

In this strategic area, our primary focus pertains to supporting effective BiH response to migrant crisis and fostering environmental stewardship, as well as building communities' resilience to respond to natural disasters.

In FY25, 31,212 services were provided to migrant children. 4,010 unaccompanied children received continuous protection (24/7), while 477 unaccompanied children were provided legal guardianship.

In response to October 2024 floods and landslides in BiH, 2743 children and 500 families and key community service providers supported with lifesaving support.

Partnership with corporate sector initiated in green action.



Youth Empowerment & Digitalisation

Youth empowerment is one of the WV BiH active programs, focused on capacitating, networking and mobilising youth as agents of positive social change.

In 2025, WV BH Foundation worked with 40 youth associations across BiH, assessing and enhancing their capacities for civic engagement, monitoring and promoting youth policies on local to national level of action.

30 youth CSOs were mobilized in local level initiatives and joint national level action to design the first Digital Center for Youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.dcm.ba)

Anti-trafficking

Since 2021, WV BiH is a government partner in combating human trafficking has been in focus of WV BiH as distinct program with local, national and multi-country engagement and impact.

12 Mobile teams for identification of (potential) victims of trafficking identified 41 children as potential victims of trafficking and 21 amongst children on the move, all referred and supported.

In 2025, 41 children in BiH communities and 21 children on the move in Temporary Reception Centers were identified and assisted as potential victims of human trafficking.

With 5 local partner organisations / shelter providers from BiH, Republic of Serbia, North Macedonia and Albania, WV BiH initiated multi-country effort to improve sustainable shelter services for victims of human trafficking.



Migrant Response

Response to migrant crisis in BiH has been in WV BiH strategic focus since 2018, with WV acting as the institutional partner in provision of key services to children and families on the move.

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Social interaction and participation between 645 persons on the move and 1411 members of host communities were promoted in 126 joint community initiatives.

Manual for Field professionals on Recognition, identification and sheltering of potential victims of human trafficking in temporary reception centers developed and put into use.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

- Child and Adult Safeguarding
- Faith in Development
- Partnering and Advocacy
- Gender Equality & Social Inclusion
- Localization
- Evidence based programming
- Environmental Stewardship
- Digitalization

KEY PARTNERS

- Government institutions
- Churches and Faith Communities
- Youth groups and associations
- Socially responsible companies
- Local and International organizations
- Media
- Academia

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 organizational operations (e.g. child and adults safeguarding, risk management, anti-fraud, security)
- Sustained trust of respectable donors, including local socially responsible companies.



In World Vision BiH,
we strive towards and partner for long term, system level solutions for most vulnerable children.



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