




World Vision®



**CHILD
WELL-BEING
ANNUAL
REPORT:
Overview
for 2015.**



CONTENTS

FOREWORD

WHO WE ARE

WHERE WE WORK

WHAT WE DO

- Children are Protected and Cared for
- Children have Access to Quality Education and Acquire Necessary Life Skills
- Families and Communities are Resilient

DISASTER AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

CONTACTS

Foreword

by National Director

It is my pleasure to present World Vision's Child Well-being report for 2015.

The year of 2015 has presented new challenges and opportunities for World Vision Bosnia and Herzegovina. With enthusiasm and tenacity, we have sought to deepen our commitment to the well-being of children across the country by fulfilling our strategic priorities in three primary sectors: child protection; education and life skills development; and resiliency/livelihoods.

In furthering our commitment to emergencies and disaster risk reduction, WV BiH initiated the Western Balkan Refugee Response in August 2015, driven by the humanitarian imperative to respond to the complex needs of refugee families and unaccompanied/separated refugee children caught up in the European Migration Crisis.

Vast challenges still remain in the country and WV BiH is well placed as a strong implementing agency focused on child well-being, possessing a unique footprint across both major entities and a presence which is deeply embedded in more than 145 local partnerships as well as 192 schools.

It is therefore through solidarity with those we serve, with each other, and undivided, that WV aims to promote a 'child-friendly society based on communities of trust, where each child has hope, equal opportunity and is empowered to fulfill their full potential' in BiH.



Sarah Bearup

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'S. Bearup'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

*National Director
World Vision
Bosnia and Herzegovina*

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 90 countries and employs more than 45,000 staff.

World Vision has been in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) since 1994, implementing relief, development and advocacy interventions for the wellbeing of children and their families, especially the most vulnerable. To date, World Vision's interventions have reached more than one third of the country's population.



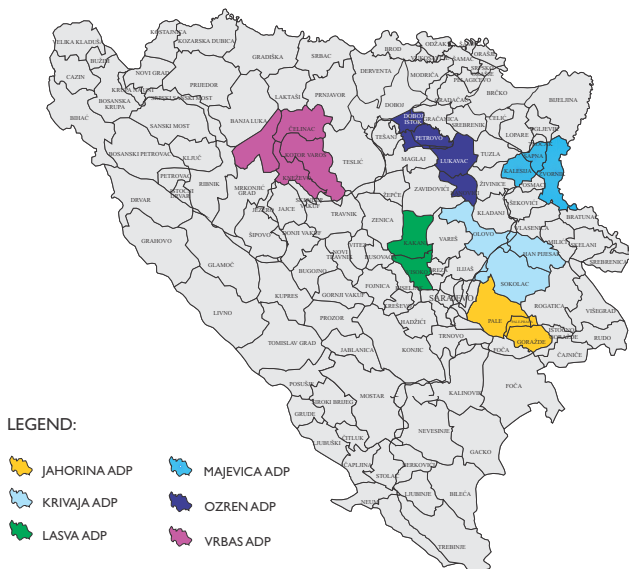
Where we work?

World Vision works across Bosnia and Herzegovina implementing various grant-funded projects in the areas of health, interfaith and gender. World Vision also operates six Area Development Programmes (ADPs) encompassing 19 municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Supported by World Vision Taiwan and World Vision Korea, each ADP focuses

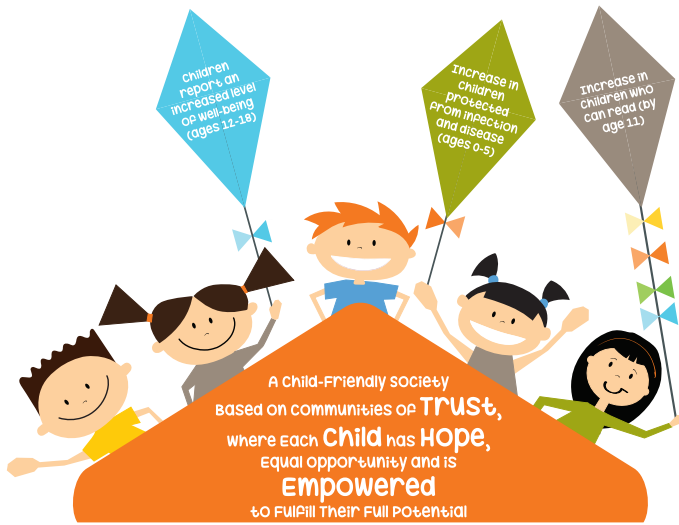
on a distinct geographical area and partners local stakeholders to improve the well-being of children.

Although the ADPs may vary in size, context and population and each is unique, they all seek to support families and communities to address child well-being.

World Vision employs staff in five offices across the country which are based in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Zenica and Tuzla.



Our Strategy



Gender



Faith in development

Most vulnerable children

What we do?

CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED AND CARED FOR

Establishment of Child Protection Coalitions (CPC) in four ADPs strengthened vital child protection referral and reporting mechanisms at the community level. In 2015, implementation of 21 CPC Local Level Action Plans directly benefited approximately 11,316 of children, through visiting children at risk, addressing the identified cases of abuse and neglect, establishment of Daily/Social Centers, raising awareness on referral mechanism and targeted advocacy campaigns.

Similarly, CPC in the municipality of Kakanj, has made a breakthrough in working with responsible local level institutions to establish facilities in local police station with child-friendly rooms utilized for the benefit of approximately 200 children per year, both victims and offenders.

In CPCs, children have an active role in addressing child protection issues through

11.316 children directly benefited through Child Protection Coalitions Local Action Plans" 29 established and functional Child Youth Boards with 188 active members"

Children and Youth Boards (CYB). Capacity building efforts in previous years resulted in empowered children and youth activism through valuable child-led initiatives, ranging from conducting assessments, facilitating workshops for their peers, raising awareness activities, advocacy campaigns, but also influencing adults through providing inputs for CPC. In total, there are 29 functional CYB in 4 ADPs who were provided



educational sessions for 748 of children on different themes in child protection. Considerable part of WV BiH programme is directed to Roma through Global fund programming. In cooperation with three Roma HIV centres, four Roma TB centres and 41 Roma outreach workers World Vision BiH reached 8,448 Roma community members in over 50 settlements indirectly benefiting 7,782 of children with health and reproductive health awareness raising activities.

“I don’t know if me and my friends will go to college to some other town but if we stay here we definitely want to continue working closely with WV and local government because there are so many other problems we can solve together.”



Marina, participant of World Vision project

CHILDREN ACCESS QUALITY EDUCATION AND ACQUIRE NECESSARY LIFE SKILLS

In 2015 through joint collaboration of children, parents and schools 43 Basic Educational Improvement Plans were created and implemented directly benefitting 14,695 children in seven municipalities.

In Krivaja and Jahorina ADPs students of 7th and 8th grade continued their active involvement in improvement of formal education: 359 children were members of project teams working on defining needs to proposing solutions

through school improvement project ideas. This resulted in implementation of 18 project directly benefitting 5,119 children in 12 schools.

Eight Child Friendly Spaces, established as an immediate response to protection of children during and after floods in 2014, continued their work benefitting children and families in their communities after the crisis was over. As context changed, Spaces gradually shifted



from protection of children in emergencies towards educational (such as preschool or life skills) centers. A notable example of successful transition of Child Friendly Space that reached its sustainability is a Daily Center in Dobož where, through advocacy initiative, municipality gave free premises for the period of next four years with all utilities and other expenses paid. The Daily Center is inclusive space open for all children, including children with disabilities.

As a result of CFS follow-up activities, WV equipped eight preschool units and two kindergartens which was followed by provision of capacity building to respective preschool teachers.

WV BiH continued its work with Roma and non-Roma communities with an aim to

contribute to Roma children's enrolment into education. In Kakanj and Visoko municipalities covered by the Lasva ADP two campaigns for awareness rising on importance of education among Roma communities were organized. Additionally, 369 of Roma children participated in educational workshops conducted by local, Roma NGO partners.

World Vision equipped eight preschool units for education of 528 children"

347 Roma children participated in World Vision's educational workshops"

"This was great experience. Project of my class team won and I feel proud for it. Thank you World Vision for listening children's voices"



8th grade pupil, participant in WVs project of formal education improvement

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE RESILIENT

In 2015, capacity building of agricultural producers remained one of the key approaches in implementation of livelihood security interventions. Four ADPs implemented capacity building activities with 310 individuals. Varying from expert lecturing on modern agricultural techniques, to business training and improving ability to market their products, all capacity building sessions were aiming to ensure growth in production and selling potential of families of most vulnerable children and members of agricultural associations.

Cooperation with Micro Finance Foundation EKI continued to deliver needed funds for business growth investments for economically active families. In this year, 40 families received favorable agricultural loans while 82 families successfully repaid their loans and were supported with in-kind subsidies in the amount of interest paid. Consequently, all families

received additional incentive to continue their investment in growing home businesses.

World Vision BiH continued to support families whose livelihood capacities have significantly diminished due to floods and landslides in 2014 with 2,494 families receiving agricultural inputs to restore food production.

**World Vision
supported 2,494
families in restoring
livelihood security"**

**World Vision repaired
10 schools and 1
kindergarten affected
by floods benefiting
3,297 children"**

DISASTER AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

In September 2015, WV BiH started programming actions in Serbia as an immediate response to Syrian Refugee Crisis that caused dramatic increase in the flow of refugees in Europe. During the first month of its operation, WV BiH staff were present along the Serbian border with Croatia and Hungary providing urgent aid to refugees, focusing especially on mothers and children. Since the beginning of the response focus was placed on children, mothers with infants

and pregnant women, as well as unaccompanied and separated minors which determined WV BiH strong child protection focus in this emergency response. By the end of September 2015, WV BiH reached 12,006 people through distribution of baby kits, hygiene kits, raincoats, blanket, food and water.



CONTACTS

World Vision Bosnia and Herzegovina

Zvornicka 9, Sarajevo

tel: 033 660 426 fax: 033 652 403

www.worldvision.ba

Office in Sarajevo

Emerika Bluma 27, Sarajevo

tel: 033 265 685

Office in Tuzla

Nesiba Malkića 7, Tuzla

tel: 035 204 627 fax: 035 254 628

Office in Zenica

Skolska 10, City Centar Metalurg, Zenica

tel: 032 243 414 fax: 032 246 278

Office in Banja Luka

Save Kovačevića 19, Banja Luka

tel: 051 302 551 fax: 051 302 560