

# BOSNIA AND 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. 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 2024, World Vision continued operating through both World Vision International in BiH and a locally registered World Vision BiH Foundation.



## ESSENTIAL NUMBERS FOR FY24

**77**  
staff

**29,379**  
unique beneficiaries out of

**18,555**  
are children (4328 girls and 14227 boys)

**10,824**  
are adults (5592 women and 5232 men)

**40**  
municipalities

**315,636**  
children and youth benefited from policy advocacy initiatives

**WV Support offices**  
Taiwan, US, Germany, Austria, Korea

Supported by:



**US\$3 million**  
F24 budget

## KEY CELEBRATIONS IN FY24



WV BiH celebrated **30 Years of Hope in Action**, with over 1/3 of BiH population reached, 322,390 children directly assisted and over 160 productive partnerships established and nurtured.



Member of the WV CAY Board co-signed the **Sarajevo Declaration on mental health of children and youth**.



**Awards:** The Heart of Chameleon (Chameleon Group), The Reliability Star (LRC Group) and Think about YOUTH (BHIDAPA).

## What we do – priority sectors



### CHILD RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATIONS



**23 child and youth associations** empowered through capacity building and supported in identifying and addressing children and youth issues in their communities.



**30 youth CSOs** mobilised as empowered watchdogs in monitoring youth-related policies, strategies, and plans from the local to national level, with a primary focus on implementing the Law on Youth.



**2 new Mobile teams** for identification of (potential) victims of trafficking (MITs) formally established in selected border locations, bringing the number of MITs in BiH to 11. 7 potential cases of human trafficking with **27 children as potential victims** identified through MITs and duly referred.



**95 children** receive yearly scholarships from socially responsible individuals and companies registered in BiH, helping them overcome hardships and fulfill their talents and dreams.



**National-level digital Platform** for child rights, upgraded for easier access and utilisation by all relevant stakeholders, including most vulnerable children from across BiH.



### SOCIAL PROTECTION AND INCLUSION



**2,380 CAY** including **771 children on the move** and **16 children with disabilities** took part in initiatives aimed at their participation in relevant decision-making.



WV BiH partnered with faith leaders, women and youth in combating gender-based and violence, implementing **26 community to national level initiatives**, with over **3,000 participants, 1,376 children and youth** and **140 faith leaders**.



Social interaction and participation between **1,780 persons on the move** and **2,419 members of host communities** promoted in **90 joint community initiatives**.



**7 advocacy initiatives** resulted in policy and system level change, for the benefit of over **315,600 children**.



## DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND CRISIS RESPONSE



1,862 migrant children aged 0-15 and 545 parents and caregivers supported through Mother and Baby Units.



32,462 services provided to migrant children. 6,450 unaccompanied children received continuous protection (24/7), while 937 unaccompanied children were provided legal guardianship.



433 first responders trained in identification, referral and protection of potential victims of trafficking, with focus on children and persons on the move.



2,679 school-age children and adolescents on the move participated in structured non-formal education, while 102 children attended formal education and 117 adolescents enrolled into vocational training.



To mark 30 years of operational presence in BiH, this year's green initiatives included planting of the Avenue of Hope in Action. FY24 carbon footprint analysis shows a continued decrease in yearly value and no negative impact of VW BiH projects on the environment.

## 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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