

PROJECT FACTSHEET

Support to Health in Transition Project

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The Project aims to support BiH's efforts in the transition of management and service provision for migrants from international organizations to the state. It is a contribution to the EU IPA III funds allocated for the purpose of the transition. The Project complements the transition process by ensuring the continuity of health services to migrants inside and outside temporary reception centres, the protection of public health and the strengthening of primary healthcare centres to take over provision of health services for migrants.

It represents a significant contribution to building the capacities of BiH authorities in migration management and supports solutions for quality services for migrants.

Project goals

The overall goal of the project is that migrants receive quality medical care through the national health care system as part of an improved migration management by the BiH authorities.

Expected results

The Project aims that:

- Migrants in BiH have continued access to quality basic health care services.
- The health authorities in BiH integrate health care of migrants into the country's health care system.

Project implementation

The transition of health care services, as part of the overall transition to state owned migration management, is planned in a gradual manner until early 2025. Based on the general transition plan, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has developed a roadmap with three core stages in which the DRC will gradually withdraw and service delivery will be fully handed over to the health authorities. In this process, the DRC will ensure provision of basic and emergency medical care to migrants, while also working on competency development of health professionals and upgrading facilities.

Importance of the project and previous results

- The Project ensures provision of healthcare services to migrants during the transition process, while it also helps local institutions in building their capacities, thus supporting BiH in its improvement of the migration management.
- DRC has been supported by Switzerland since 2018 in the provision of humanitarian assistance and support to the state's migration management, through different projects, such as: Support to Primary Health Centres and Public Health Institute in Una-Sana Canton for detection/diagnostics and treatment of communicable diseases; improvement of hygienic and sanitary conditions in temporary reception centres; in cooperation with municipal, Cantonal and Federal authorities, development of 36 Standard Operative Procedures defining all needed essential health interventions in regular health care institutions, as well as in emergency settings ensuring migrant sensitive and inclusive health policies in relation to infectious and communicable diseases; provision of basic and emergency as well as 24/7 healthcare to migrants, etc.

PROJECT IN BRIEF

NAME: *Support to Health in Transition*

DOMAIN: Migration

LAND/REGION: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Implementing partner: Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

STRATEGIC PARTNERS: European Union Delegation in BiH, Red Cross, UN agencies

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: Migrants in BiH have continued access to quality basic health care services and health authorities in BiH integrate health care of migrants into the country's health care system.

TARGET GROUP: Primary health care institutions at cantonal and municipal level, public health institutes (Federal and cantonal level), ministries of health (Federal and cantonal level), local communities with high influx of migrants and civil society organizations, migrants.

COSTS: CHF 900'000

DURATION: August 2022 – September 2024 (26 months)



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