

PROJECT FACTSHEET

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IN BIH PREVENTION IS THE BEST INTERVENTION

Healthy Communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina Project (2023-2027) is a joint initiative between the health authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Swiss Government, with Institute for Population and Development/IPD facilitating the implementation. The Federation Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republika Srpska lead the changes and improvements in area of health promotion and disease prevention and the project serves as facilitator to that end. Together with the Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC) and the Department for Health and Other Services of Brčko District Government and the Ministry of Civil Affairs, they provide overall strategic leadership and steer and support the general strategic direction of the project.

Other health institutions, cantonal health ministries, Public Health Institutes, Health Insurance Funds and primary health care facilities are key partners of the project. Federation of BiH Association of Municipalities and Cities and Republika Srpska Association of Municipalities and Cities are project partners in the work with the municipalities and cities, on strengthening health councils and their networking.

The project will be implemented in 25 local self-government units: Brčko District of BiH, Bihac, Bijeljina, Čelinac, Doboje, Foča, Goražde, Grude, Ilidža, Kakanj, Kiseljak, Laktaši, Livno, Mrkonjić Grad, Pale, Prnjavor, Stari Grad Sarajevo, Stolac, Šamac, Tešanj, Tomislavgrad, Travnik, Tuzla, Vlasenica and Zvornik.

PROJECT GOALS

The overall goal of the Healthy Communities in BiH project is to contribute to a reduced burden of disease and improved health status for women and men in BiH, by strengthening the focus of the health system on disease prevention and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

By addressing the health risk factors, mental health and sexual and reproductive health promotion and prevention, the project will ensure that sustainable and improved health promotion and disease prevention services are accessible to all, especially disadvantaged and socially excluded populations. **Overall, the project's activities are prioritizing the needs of vulnerable and socially excluded groups of the population – leaving no one behind.**

EXPECTED RESULTS AND INDICATORS

The Healthy Communities Project aims to achieve that:

- Health-literate women and men, particularly those left behind, actively and meaningfully participate in and advocate for health promotion and disease prevention activities and adopt healthier lifestyles.
- Municipalities take action for the improvement of health and well-being of citizens and engage in health promotion and disease prevention.
- Health and non-health authorities collaborate in the design and implementation of integrated and sustainable reforms for better health and wellbeing of citizens. **Over a million BiH citizens are expected to benefit from improved public services within the project.**

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IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT

The benefits of population health outcomes, healthcare cost savings, and general well-being may all be achieved via prevention. Consequently, preventative treatments are increasingly being included into healthcare systems. This trend is seen in a number of activities, including those that promote healthy lifestyles, vaccination campaigns, routine screenings, and illness early detection. Public health initiatives, such as information campaigns, immunization drives, and community-based interventions, are also receiving funding from several health systems. By promoting preventive care, adopting population health plans, and encouraging people to take charge of their own health via proactive measures, governments and healthcare institutions are attempting to achieve a balance between curative and preventative services. The growing emphasis on prevention seeks to lessen the toll that illness has on society, enhance overall health outcomes, and create healthcare systems that are sustainable. Here proposed action will focus on health promotion and disease prevention.

CITIZENS IN THE FOCUS OF THE SWISS SUPPORT

Over twenty years, the Swiss Government has supported numerous projects aimed at improving health status of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by increasing access to primary healthcare, focussing on prevention and health promotion and strengthening the health system institutions. The Swiss Cooperation Programme in BiH (2021 – 2024) puts a special emphasis on citizens' participation.



PROJECT IN BRIEF

NAME:

Healthy Communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina Project – Phase I

DOMAIN:

Health sector

LAND/REGION:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

PARTNERS:

Institute for Population and Development/IPD – implementing partner, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federation Ministry of Health, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Republika Srpska, Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina Government, Associations of Municipalities and Cities, health institutions, cantonal health ministries, public health institutes, health insurance funds, primary health care facilities, Ministries of Education, CSOs and local media.

STARTING POINT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The project is an initiative based on the successful collaboration between the health authorities and with Institute for Population and Development/IPD on the mental health reform. This project builds on the model of and on the the collaborative initiative of the health authorities in BiH responding to the of the successfully implemented first phase, which showed that further work and expansion of the number of local communities in which sustainable models of good governance will be introduced is necessary.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The project aims to contribute to a reduced burden of disease and improved health status for women and men in BiH, by strengthening the focus of the health system on disease prevention and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

TARGET GROUP:

25 local self-government units, 25 primary healthcare centres, up to 25 community mental health care centres, up to 100 primary and secondary schools, up to 20 kindergartens and 1,000,000+ citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina benefiting from the project.

COSTS:

CHF 5,342,780 or BAM 10,699,950.00

DURATION:

1 November 2023 – 31 October 2027 (4 years)

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