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# PREFACE

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*Even today, more than twenty years after the war has ended, Bosnia and Herzegovina is faced with numerous challenges of economic and social recovery.*

*Through numerous projects covering areas of the rule of law and human security, sustainable and consistent development and employment, social inclusion and empowering women, United Nations team in Bosnia and Herzegovina continually supports citizens and institutions of BiH on that challenging path.*

*One of more significant projects called „Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10“, which was aimed at strengthening one of the most underdeveloped cantons in BiH – Canton 10, was funded by the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS).*

*Four UN agencies in BiH were included in its realization – UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM, in close cooperation with local partners.*

*In the area dominated by problems faced by returnees and displaced persons, with little opportunities for prosperous life of those groups and other population, with decimated industry and interrupted infrastructure, it is positive to note numerous initiatives that were realized, economic and socially responsible.*

*All of them have a unique goal – to strengthen the population and economy, but also to additionally motivate interested parties from private, public and non-government sectors to continue with systematic investments into this area and thus create opportunities for long-term development and stability of Canton 10.*

*Thus, our endeavors are not aimed at one-time financial and technical assistance, but at ensuring long-term conditions for development. Through stories about activities, but also testimonies of beneficiaries and partners, one can clearly see that progress is possible and that the results of joint work are exceptional.*

*The task that remains is to make the achieved progress sustainable, so that everyone would always have equal rights and opportunities.*

# INTRODUCTION

A research conducted by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in BiH in 2010 identified Canton 10 as one of the most underdeveloped regions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Stimulation of economy, creation and realization of socially responsible initiatives, and support to the reintegration of refugees and displaced persons were recognized as key engines for the development of this area.

Having all this in mind, a three-year project called „Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10“ was started in September 2013.

The project worth 2.5 million USD was funded by the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), and through close cooperation with cantonal and local authorities and civil society organizations, it was jointly realized by UN organizations – the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP), the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM).

IOM B&H – in cooperation with the Red Cross of Federation of B&H – helped the establishment of community outreach mobile teams, UNICEF – helped by the non-governmental sector – ensured the strengthening and education of the youngest and their educators and

teachers, while UNHCR focused on giving support to the returnees in the process of reintegration through income generation grants and by providing free legal aid in cooperation with “Vaša prava BiH” (“Your Rights” Legal Aid). UNDP implemented numerous activities of support to income generation but also development of value chains, new public services and institutional capacities of local partners.

Grants were awarded in 2016 to civil society organizations in Canton 10 that prepared and submitted their project proposals following the Public Call for Project Proposals of Civil Society Organizations realized by the United Nations Development Fund in BiH (UNDP):

- Basketball Club „Borac 1972“ Drvar
- Association of Women of Grahovo (UGG), Bosansko Grahovo
- Association of Paraplegics and Persons Affected by Polio (UPODP), Livno
- Club La Vie, Livno
- Association of Farmers Stolisnik, Livno
- Regional Development Service (RSS), Drvar

This publication features only a few success stories which will, we believe, inspire further development of socially responsible initiatives in Canton 10.

# PARTNERSHIP AS PREREQUISITE OF LONG-TERM SUCCESS



Support of economy, government sector, civil society organizations, and support of socially responsible initiatives from diverse areas – from sports, culture, tradition, education to charitable initiatives and helping socially vulnerable families and socially excluded groups, have all started new positive changes in the quality of life of the population of Canton 10.

Speaking about the end of the „Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10” project, which was implemented with the support of UN agencies, cantonal authorities and civil society organizations, Vahidin Ogršević, the Coordinator of joint UNTFHS project said:

*“The importance of this project is primarily seen in recognition of*

*project proposals which were, on our initiative, created by the people of Canton 10, people who know best what are their weaknesses and chances for development. In that way, we have jointly created opportunities for self-employment and economic sustainability, strengthening of human capacities through training, technical aid, strengthening dialog between the cantonal and municipal authorities, and civil society organizations, but also through promoting sports, culture, tolerance and true values.”*

*“All the funds that have come to our municipalities have been strategically identified and allocated according to the needs of the citizens. The reason for the successful implementation of the project lies primarily in identifying and acknowledging real problems and acknowledging the need to solve them.*





*Of course, it is important to point out open communication and transparency between the implementing partners on the project," Draško Dalić, the Prime Minister of Canton 10 pointed out and added, "Through this sustainable project our canton has been promoted, new practices have been introduced in working with socially excluded groups and socially vulnerable families, cooperation with educational institutions and kindergartens has been established, mobile teams have been formed, and capacities have been strengthened for the development of agriculture, which is one of the strategic branches for the development of our canton."*

Zulka Buljak, representative of civil society organizations in the UNTFHS Steering Board, pointed out the overwhelming importance of projects

which help the implementation of civil sectors' activities for Canton 10, and said: *"In the biggest canton there is a vast number of returnees who still need our attention and help, large percentage of population is poor and unemployed – especially the young, there is a huge migration especially of the young and educated towards more developed areas, small number of investments, low level of economic growth and investments into sustainable development. The project stimulated the development of business in agriculture and for the disabled, training of children and parents in the area of risk behaviour through developing volunteering and sports, cooperation and networking of nongovernmental organizations aimed at faster and more efficient dealing with problems and needs of local people."*

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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# THROUGH SPORTS INTO BRIGHT FUTURE

*After 20 years girls of Drvar have their own basketball team*

*„Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.“*

**Michael Jordan**



Despite the difficulties people of Drvar are faced with, in one of the poorest municipalities in B&H, the record of town's sports life is enriched with new success thanks to the enthusiasm and will of those who did not give up on the dream of better future.

In summer of 2016, first time after the war, girls from Drvar and its surroundings got the chance to play basketball, like their peers elsewhere, in a girls' team formed within the

Basketball Club "Borac 1972". They made their first steps in the sport on the street basketball competition "Drvar Street Ball 2016" thanks to the idea realized by the BK "Borac 1972". The idea was to enable young people to associate through sporting activities, which was supported through the "Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10" project.

According to Miloš Bajić, the President of the Basketball Club and Project

Coordinator, the project is extremely important primarily for the children and youth who train hard in this club, but, as he points out, indirect beneficiaries of the project are all lovers of sport, but also local caterers, shop keepers, and private companies that can advertise themselves as tournament sponsors.

*"At the time on the street tournament which gathers 30-40 sports teams, around 140 players and almost 800 visitors, the town becomes alive. So it is not surprising that this sporting event is estimated as one of the best events of the summer. Due to the large popularity of the tournament, there are teams from other municipalities, and after the first tournament our diaspora started planning visits around the time of the tournament", Bajić points out.*

Despite the will of the organizers, a constant financial support is needed for the club and the tournament to survive. Therefore, financing of the project by the UNTFHS was crucial for them.



Apart from the financial support for the tournament, the project also provided conditions for hiring and licensing two trainers, buying new shirts, balls and scoreboard.

The most significant result is, of course, that the girls of Drvar, first time after the war, got an equal chance of playing basketball in a newly formed female team. New facilities in the club have put smiles back on their faces since now, finally, they have their own female team where they can train. One of them is a junior Dijana Desnica, who left the club because there was no female team, but now she is again willing to train.

Better facilities are also pleasing to the licensed trainer Branko Miljević, who points out that sport is one of the best ways for young people to invest in themselves, and he adds that projects which strengthen sport and fair play are extremely important.

The President of the Club Mladen Bajić agrees with him and concludes *"This project is important for promoting sport and attracting the biggest possible number of children into the basketball club, so that they can have healthy development, acquire work habits and develop sports spirit through active work, training and competition."*

Certainly, there are people in this place thanks to whose endeavor and work basketball is more than just a wish. Who knows, maybe a new sports star will be born in one of the club's teams.

# GOLDEN LINING

*Goldwork embroidery workshop and numerous educational programmes for strengthening civil society organizations in Bosansko Grahovo*

*Tradition is a bridge between the past and the future.*



*Golden lining workshop*



*Education workshop*

It is said that tradition is the bridge between the past and the future, so we should not be surprised that the women of Bosansko Grahovo have decided to expend new efforts in reinforcing old knowledge and preserving the tradition of goldwork embroidery, which has been used since the days of yore for the rich ornamentation of folk costumes and handiwork.

Goldwork embroidery workshops are just a part of numerous, and very useful, educations realized within the "Setting in Motion Non-Governmental Sector in Canton 10" project of Association of

Women of Grahovo (UGG), which was implemented within the joint project of the United Nations called "Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10".

According to Mrs. Aleksandra Lovren, UGG Project Coordinator, Bosansko Grahovo is one of the biggest, but least densely populated municipalities in B&H. After the devastation caused by the war, and shutdown of industry, the population consists mainly of persons over 65 years of age. In a place without a bank, secondary school, or kindergarten, it is hard to make huge steps towards





attracting back young people who could take up agriculture and make use of local natural resources.

Nevertheless, members of UGG do not give up and diligently apply for projects within which they acquire new knowledge, strengthen the capacity of non-governmental sector, and thus increase chances for self-employment and better life in this area.

*"Apart from working the land and keeping livestock, some of the women are involved in handiwork and old craftwork such as weaving, sewing, knitting, lace crocheting, goldwork embroiding, and in that way they are able to make some extra income for the household."* says Aleksandra Lovren and adds it was the reason why UGG, in cooperation with Folk Dance Society "Budućnost" from Glamoč, realized the basic and advanced course of goldwork within the project for the total of 15 participants from Glamoč and Bosansko Grahovo.

*"No one can take away from you the skills invested into your hands, they are valuable not only because you can make money by selling your handiwork and have better life, but also because you can lovingly pass these onto your children"* said one of the workshop participants.

Interestingly enough, these workshops have challenged the stereotypes that embroidery is only for women by

having one satisfied male participant who successfully passed the course. So nowadays, he also makes extra income by selling carefully made handiwork thanks to the newly acquired skills.

Apart from the goldwork course, through the project implementation the Association has organized workshops for strengthening capacities of non-governmental organizations. In that way 60 members of non-governmental organizations attended trainings in leadership, volunteering, strategic planning and project proposal writing.

Thanks to the project proposal writing workshops, new project proposals were created, and with the help of donors and a bit of understanding from local authorities, they will see the light of the day and thus make the future of this area a bit brighter.

*"The project, of course, had a positive impact on all the participants of the goldwork workshops, but it also had positive impact on 10 members of non-governmental organizations from the Bosansko Grahovo municipality area who demonstrated their interest for work in NGO sector and who made good quality projects which have already been sent to potential donors. Folk Dance Society "Budućnost" and Red Cross Kupres have also made good quality projects, implementation of which will have positive impact on local community",* the association points out.

# WE CAN DO IT OURSELVES!

*A project for educating, strengthening and promoting the rights of the socially excluded persons was implemented in Livno*

*„You need to focus on things you can do well despite all the distractions, don't regret the thing you can't do!"*

**Stephen Hawking**



Humanitarian initiative and project idea symbolically called "I can do it myself!" is meant for strengthening socially excluded groups of people from different walks of life. It was conceived by the Association of Paraplegics and Persons Affected by Polio (UPODP) from Livno, and it was brought to life thanks to the project implemented with the support of the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS).

*"A great majority of people have difficulties in finding employment, as well as with the education and training needed to be competitive in the work market. Due to the lack of good and practical training these people rarely opt*

*for self-employment or starting their own businesses. Apart from that, they are not even educated about their basic rights, nor how to seek to exercise them. Through this project we have trained them and formed a team of people for tracking public calls, preparing and sending applications and project cycle managing, making business plans and finding ways for self-employment. We have tried to enable a team of people who will be promoting and advocating for the rights of the socially excluded, through interactive workshops by engaging professionals from the areas of management, entrepreneurship, psychology and social work", Šemsija Dželadini, the President of the*

Association points out.

Target group for these trainings were disabled persons, unemployed women from rural areas, and unemployed young people. A selection of one part of the participants for these free trainings and workshops was done in cooperation with the Social Welfare Service in Livno.

Although, the Association would have appreciated bigger turnout at the education, they have successfully implemented training for 31 participant, majority of whom, 20 of them, were women.

They have acquired new knowledge and skills through numerous workshops on "Possibilities and procedures for starting you own business", "Motivation and self-confidence", public advocacy, the use of the Internet and social networks. This knowledge may in the future significantly change their position in the work market, but it may as well positively influence their self-confidence and attitude towards life.

*"Project "I can do it myself!" have awoken in me a little, new person who came to love social networks, and made me use them for different, more humane purposes. I would really like for this workshops to continue, because by attending these workshops I have used my free time in the best possible way. In the relaxed atmosphere I have learned a lot, and all that by spending time in pleasant company. Thank you for this opportunity", Anedela Lijović from the village of Žirović said.*

Antonija Manderalo from the village of Tušnice points out, *"I have learned a lot of skills useful for life and employment, and it was one great experience for me."*

In the workshops, new acquaintances were made, different talents were brought together, barriers between the participants from different socially excluded groups were torn down, and

an opportunity was made for better understanding of problems and for finding appropriate solutions in the future.

The importance of the "I can do it myself!" project is in strengthening and supporting people who are in some way endangered and who have difficulties in succeeding in life. According to Šemsija Dželadini, one of the most vulnerable groups are women in rural areas, who were also included in this project, and who due to stereotypical attitudes stay at low levels of education with limited access to land and property, which means that they have to work hard, but their work is not appreciated, but taken for granted.

This question, but also numerous other questions were raised at the Round Table where representatives from eight organizations from Canton 10 participated. At that time, "I can do it myself!" project was presented, as well as the five-year development strategy for the Canton 10.

Information on the "I can do it myself!" project and the life of socially excluded groups can be found on the association's Internet web page [www.uplivno.com](http://www.uplivno.com) that was made from the project funds.





# TOGETHER WE WORTH MORE!

*Volunteering and social responsibility were strengthened in Livno, and new opportunities were created in the project "Me+You<We" for the young facing the problem of addiction*

*By developing peer help as a specific service for children, we are also establishing child's right to a secure and stimulated growth through the development of all its potentials.*  
**Convention on the Rights of the Child**



When young people help each other in solving life's problem, that is certainly something worth taking notice of. Well, they are the main actors in the initiative symbolically called "Me+You<We" that was developed and implemented by the association Club La Vie from Livno within the UN project "Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10".

This humane initiative which links young people and promotes true values through their strengthening and making new opportunities for better life, was funded by the UN Trust Fund

for Human Security (UNTFHS) with the support from the UN agencies in B&H – UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM.

The focus of this project is community service, volunteering, and acting primarily among young people for the purpose of health protection, fighting all kinds of addictions and protecting the right of the victims of abuse.

Through the implementation of this project, good relationships were made between dozens of volunteers – young people of exemplary behavior and school record and students who are

registered in Social Welfare Services as young people with problems of addiction, alcoholism and gambling, as well as those prone to violence.

*"While considering this public call we agreed that it is extremely important to make a solid and cohesive network for linking, through the project, young people from both groups, as well as those who live hundreds of kilometers from each other, young people of all three nationalities and religions with the aim to stimulate tolerance and dialog", they pointed out in Club La Vie while explaining this humane idea.*

*"If only one young person realized the value of sharing positive experiences and helping others through volunteering or if one of them is strengthened in overcoming the problem of addiction or violent behavior, we would consider this project a success."*

The project involved great and many secondary school students from Drvar, Kupres, Glamoč, Tomislavgrad, Bosansko Grahovo and Livno. Namely, sixty young volunteers were motivated by enthusiasm and the idea of solidarity, and they were enabled to give peer emotional support in solving problems of life. On the other hand, the same number of young people who were registered as problematic were strengthened in their development with greater chances of growing up to be healthy and satisfied adults.

*"The most important result of this project is the establishment of strong bonds of friendship between the volunteers and young people from the risk groups, and all that through close interpersonal relationships that will help us all in our further life."* unanimous are the young people who have demonstrated the readiness to give, but also to receive help within this project.





In order to systematically approach the problem of addiction, the project also involved 200 parents, 200 teachers as well as 3,000 students. The students were preventively educated on the influences of drugs on human brain, and about the damaging effects that drugs, alcohol and nicotine have on physical and mental health. Parents have learned how to deal with the problems of their children, while the teachers were given education on how to work with children from the problematic groups.

Speaking about the results of the project, Ankica Baković from Club La Vie pointed out, *"Social awareness about the problems of co-existence and tolerance, and prejudice about persons with difficulties, was increased. The number of disciplinary actions is reduced. Moreover, the establishment of friendly relationships helped in strengthening and self-confirming of children, in developing their communicative skills, as well as in spreading the network of support that will continue to work after the project ends."*

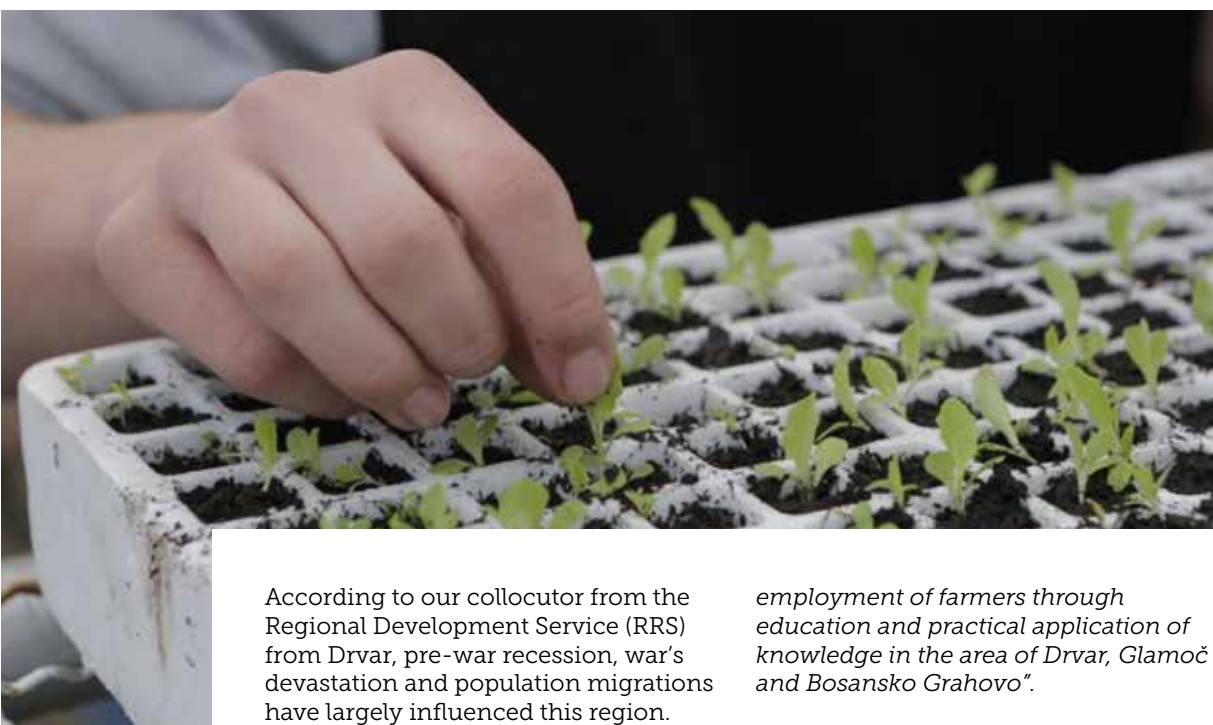
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# KNOWLEDGE – A PATH TO MORE FERTILE FIELDS

*A number of educations have been conducted in Bosansko Grahovo, Drvar and Glamoč in order to improve agriculture*

*The process of rebuilding is hard and slow, but natural resources, fertile and spacious fields and pastures give hope of better future.*



According to our collocutor from the Regional Development Service (RRS) from Drvar, pre-war recession, war's devastation and population migrations have largely influenced this region. Although there is stagnation in the economy, there are some positive moves in construction, agriculture and forestry. The process of rebuilding is hard and slow, but natural resources, fertile and spacious fields and pastures give hope of better future.

In order to strengthen the agricultural capacities, RSS has created a project "Support to self-employment and

*employment of farmers through education and practical application of knowledge in the area of Drvar, Glamoč and Bosansko Grahovo".*

Through a series of trainings about agronomic and agro-technical measures applicable in agriculture, as well as through training on the possibilities of self-employment, 30 individual farmers, and 8 members of agricultural associations were trained for more efficient work.

*"The knowledge we got will certainly help us produce more. Not only that we*



*have learned something new, but we have shared this knowledge with our families, who are directly involved in the work on the farms”* pointed out the farmers who attended this training.

Years of experience that members of RSS and members of their implementing partner Association of Citizens “Eco – Tourist Incubator” have, was by all means also used in individual consultations with interested farmers and though the use of innovative method of coaching.

That means that during the whole duration of the project, the staff working on the project was available to the participants for individual work or work in small groups, helping them through the whole process of making business, strategic and action plans, project proposals and representation plans.

*“Association’s service users who went through the training will be able to use this knowledge for writing project proposals and to enhance the capacities of their associations, and to bring greater value to their community*

*through their future work”* Ana Sabljic from RSS concludes.

In RSS, they said that their special intention was to empower women, having in mind their worse position in society and the lack of economic independence. They also state, that although they intended half of the participants to be women, they are satisfied with the response of women to this agricultural education which was almost 40%.





# RASPBERRY AS A CHANCE FOR RETURNING HOME

*Danijela and Šimun saw a chance of returning to B&H in newly started raspberry production*

*„We have always had a desire to go back to where we belong and to try to create a new value in our own country by investing into better conditions of life. We see a new chance for good life in raspberry production.“*



We are no longer surprised by stories of individuals and families leaving B&H who go to more developed countries in search of a better life. But not all stories are like that. Namely, young couple Danijela and Šimun Jukić came back from Germany with a wish to start raspberry production in Livno.

*“We have always had a desire to go back to where we belong and to try to create a new value in our own country by investing into better conditions of life. “We see a new chance for good life in raspberry production” point out the*



Jukić couple who are beneficiaries of the project called “Development and sustainability of family agricultural farms” implemented by the Association of Farmers “Stolisnik” from Livno. Thanks to the initiative of the Association of Farmers “Stolisnik”, along with other project beneficiaries, they are one step closer to their goal.

The main goal of the project implemented within the project “Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10” is to increase the income from agriculture in Canton 10, primarily through increasing the number of family agricultural farms which are involved in the production of raspberries.



Well known for livestock keeping and cheese production, this region has significant agricultural potential. This potential can also be realized, among other things, through the activities of the civil sector.

*"Specifically, in our region, attempts have been made throughout years to help rural areas through different activities, especially for vulnerable groups, primarily women, by helping them to self-employ or to get to know their rights. Every project is important in its own right, because each one of them has strengthened at least ten people for some activity. It is very important to connect and strengthen organizations that operate here, because it is possible for them to join their activities and achieve better results",* says Katica Đuran from „Stolisnik" association.

She says that many activities were realized through this project that will contribute to the production of raspberries in the future. After analyzing facts, and after the detailed analysis of soil and raspberries, 15 young people and unemployed women interested in this production were educated. Prerequisites for successful production of raspberries and other berries were made by presenting the results of the analysis and by holding numerous educations

on the latest trends in and approaches to raspberry production.

*"Raspberry production is in full swing and we hope to build cooling facilities in the future, to expand supplier production, and to export across the border which is only one hour away from us. Before the project we had 10 hectares of plantations. This autumn, we will see the first tangible results of the educations and analyses we conducted, we will see how many hectares of new plantations we'll have. And, we will have new plantations, because right now we have the activity of ordering seedlings for the autumn's planting",* they say in the Association hoping that Livno, so far known as the 'cheese town', will be known as the 'raspberry town'.

The good word about the agriculture in Livno was also spread thanks to the First agricultural fair, which is also an important part of the project, and where buyers and seller of domestic products met. And today, thanks to the good cooperation between „Stolisnik" association and local authorities, it is possible to buy domestic products in the Livno's main square. These are the products made of fruits and vegetables, jams, salads, juices, liqueurs. All this is solving the producers' dilemma of how to reach as many buyers as possible.

# CARING MOBILE TEAMS FOR BETTER QUALTY OF LIFE AND HEALTH OF THE RETURNEES



Within the “Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10” project funded by the UNTFHS, one of the priorities for improving the conditions of life of the returnees, mostly elderly and infirm persons, was to create prerequisites for their normal life, health care.

So, IOM B&H, aiming at creating equal access to basic medical services for all the citizens of Canton 10, organized a series of activities in the area of humanitarian work and social protection.

Implementing partner on this project was the Red Cross of the Federation of B&H, with whose help IOM successfully formed four mobile teams by the of December 2014. The humane teams, consisting of three members each – a nurse, an orderly and a driver/handyman – visited returnees at distant locations providing necessary help and care.

For the operation of the teams, IOM has provided three vehicles, basic medical equipment and supplies, as well as tools for small repairs. Just as the family would take care, mobile





teams have helped the returnees and socially vulnerable citizens in Bosansko Grahovo, Drvar, Glamoč and Kupres to get primary health care, transportation to the Health Centres, but they have also provided small repairs in the house, help in chopping wood, digging in the garden, cleaning the snow.



Through talking to the old and infirm, but also through concrete help and daily medical checks ups, and through distribution of packages with food and hygienic products, a helpful hand was extended towards the citizens of this region, and the message was sent that they are not alone and forgotten.



*"Close cooperation with Social Welfare Services, Health Centres and local community was established. Social maps of the municipalities were made with precise data for 5,000 people and more than 4,000 provided services. A great role and significance of mobile teams for the citizens is recognized, since apart from providing security by taking care of their health and social needs, through house calls they give the citizens the feeling that they are not forgotten" they point out in the Red Cross Of FB&H.*



# HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAVE USED FREE LEGAL AID FOR SUSTAINABLE RETURN



One of the areas dealt with in the “Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10” project funded by the UNTFHS, was providing direct legal aid for the returnees and displaced persons with the aim of their strengthening through the increase in exercising their rights according to national legislative and European practices.

In cooperation with “Vaša prava BiH” Legal Aid, which was started by the UNHCR twenty years ago as the “Network of Information and Legal Aid Centres” and which operates since 2003 as local non-governmental organization, UNHCR has realized a series of activities with the aim of providing free legal aid for the citizens of Canton 10.

Through this project, 637 returnees and 37 displaced persons obtained free legal aid. The aid included giving all necessary information and a range of legal services, advice, as well as representation in front of administrative and judicial bodies.

In this way, problems from different areas of law were solved for the returnees and displaced persons: right to health care, social care, property and family law, labour law, access to pension and disability insurance. Also, important information was provided about the possibilities of applying for domestic and foreign projects, which would make the conditions of their life better. It included legal advice, but also intensive help in gathering the necessary paperwork.

# SAFER FUTURE FOR EVERY CHILD



For the “Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10” project funded by the UNTFHS, to also represent security for every child, UNICEF in cooperation with local non-governmental organizations, has realized a number of project initiatives with the aim of strengthening those who will inherit the future.

U saradnji sa NGO „Genesis Project“ In cooperation with NGO “Genesis Project” we saw the realization of a series of workshops for children, trainings for the teacher and parents, training in making one-minute films on youth problems with the aim of preventing violence among children and promoting dialogue, peace and inclusive education.

Activities encompassed 5,000 children from all the municipalities and primary schools in Canton 10, and these were performed in cooperation with schools, local communities, and The Ministry of Science, Education and Culture.

Children were the main actors of educational puppet shows “Strange Trial” and “I am the most important”, as well as in the one-minute films featured at the Fourth B&H Festival of One-minute films.

*“I believe that our work had a significant influence on the decrease of violence among children, and on the promotion of true values through play”, they said in UNICEF.*





In cooperation with the IN Foundation, as a support for the Ministry's already initiated project "Let's Increase the Possibilities of Children in B&H for Early Learning", UNICEF has also implemented project initiative "Advancing Preparations of Children for School in Canton 10".

The goal of this initiative was strengthening of professional and pedagogical competences for 21 kindergarten teacher in Canton 10, who care for pre-school children, in order to eventually increase development capabilities of children so that children can better face future challenges in school.

Within the project, Performance Plan Guidelines were made for working with pre-school children in preparation for school. This document was meant as an aid for the kindergarten teachers to provide good quality preparation of children for school and thus fulfil

expected developmental outcomes for each child.

By engaging experts in the area of early growth and development, kindergarten teachers were given valuable expert knowledge through three educative modules.

In cooperation with NGO Duga, UNICEF has implemented project initiative called "Building Inclusive Communities in Primary Schools in Canton 10". This initiative has strengthened teachers, since a total of 223 of them have participated in a two-day workshop where they were learning about working with children with special needs, partnership between the school and the parents, individual approach to students and their successful monitoring and estimation. They will also be able to increase their knowledge by using the manual entitled "Inclusive Upbringing and Education in School" which gives

insights into contemporary inclusive practices in education.

Within the project and in cooperation with EDUS Association, and by engaging experts, UNICEF has also implemented a series of educations within the framework of the Early Child Development with the aim of improving expert competencies of professionals working with children having difficulties in their development.

EDUS education was attended by 19 persons from Canton 10, mostly working u Health Centres and working directly with children.

Thanks to these educations the possibility of early detection of development difficulties and early intervention was increased, thus enabling the realization of the full potential of the youngest.











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