



Fast Facts

Area: Kosovo

Duration: May 2000 to December 2004

Implementing UN Agencies: UNICEF

Other Implementing Partners: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Environment; World Vision; CRS; Care International; EducAid; Kosovo Forum of Women

Budget: \$16,160,000.31

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BACKGROUND

The violent conflict which accompanied the fall of the former Yugoslavia during the 1990s had a severely detrimental impact on the region's social services and infrastructure. In Kosovo, following the violence of 1998 and 1999, the primary-education sector was hit particularly hard and badly needed assistance. The physical infrastructure was in poor condition as many

schools had been badly damaged and others needed significant upgrades to their water and sanitation systems. Teachers were also in short supply, and many of the younger educators were incompletely trained. With the massive influx of returning refugees as the political situation stabilized, immediate help was required.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project's general objectives were to ensure access to quality pre-school and primary education in Kosovo. This was to be achieved by improving infrastructure, introducing new teaching methods and providing a full review and revision of the primary

curriculum. At the same time, the capacity of local Government was strengthened to develop and implement new education policies and reform plans at the central and municipal levels.

BENEFICIARIES

Over 310,000 children benefitted from the rebuilding of 20 schools destroyed by the conflict, while 92 schools received upgrade water and sanitation

systems. Moreover, 300 teachers were trained in child-friendly school techniques.