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Introduction

IN Foundation – a foundation for social inclusion of children and youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina (INF) – was established in July 2009 and operates in the entire territory of BiH. The INF is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organisation, not tied to any religious or other movements.

Consequences of the war and transition, as well as numerous social and economic issues in the country resulted in serious social problems, particularly an increase in violence in all social spheres. Some of our research shows that two thirds of young people in our country have been exposed to some type of violence or traumatic experience, which requires further interventions. The negative impact of abuse and/or neglect of children and adolescents leaves a lasting effect on their physical and mental health and development. These are the reasons why violence is one of the INF’s main programme areas, with the special emphasis on children and youth.

The IN Foundation’s vision is to have children and youth in BiH grow up and develop in a healthy, safe and supportive environment recognising their participation and contribution to social development.

Our mission focuses on strengthening social inclusion of children and youth through the development and application of innovative models of social intervention and provision of support in creating the conditions for a safer and happier childhood. The expertise we develop is based on the identification of social needs and application of innovative methods that are proved and adapted to our specific social context.

What makes our foundation different from the others?

All our activities are based on innovative trends and models of good practices, as well as on the actual needs of the BiH society in the area of promotion and strengthening of social care and protection of the rights of children in BiH, which have been further researched and scientifically confirmed. By building the civil society sector, formal and informal education, as well as social welfare and health care, we have decided to steer our activities towards positive and long-term changes in society. We firmly believe that every child, especially children at risk, should be given an opportunity to take part and become active members of the society in accordance with their abilities, and have access to all aspects of life in their community.

We achieve our role through carefully designed projects and provision of resources for activities of other associations in the field, giving support to innovative initiatives for children and youth, as well as their parents and everyone else involved in empowering their growth and development in local communities. So far, we have supported more than 200 organisations with the aim of building a supportive environment for civil society organisations in terms of the promotion of social care and protection of children and youth from violence in BiH. The INF has so far allocated nearly EUR 5 million through grants to its partners.
Over the eight years we have been working, we believe we have managed to grow into a recognisable actor providing support to the civil and public sector in building institutional and organisational capacity in the field of social innovation and establishment of a more efficient system of prevention and protection of children and youth from violence. We have also achieved considerable results regarding education of professionals in education, social and health sectors and improved their competencies and better responded to the issue of violence through a more efficient prevention system and development of a protection mechanism.

The fact that foreign donors are leaving BiH and that financial resources are becoming very restricted for the civil society sector heightens our role in the field of philanthropy, fundraising and distribution with the aim of supporting innovative initiatives for children and youth in local communities. This is why fundraising will be one of the IN Foundation’s major activities in the future.

To that end, in January 2017 the INF performed strategic planning for the period 2017-2020 and identified the following strategic objectives:

- Ensure sustainability and further improve the Foundation’s philanthropy programme in order to provide financial support to activities in the interest of children and youth in BiH through:
  a) fundraising, and
  b) provision of funds through project approval.

- Build and further improve social innovation and intervention programmes focusing on:
  a) methodology/best practice development,
  b) technical support provision,
  c) cooperation development, and
  d) project/programme design and implementation.

- Improve organisational capacity and ensure quality and sustainability of the INF’s operations through the development of its own organisational capacity and operations.

Our programme areas are achieved through the following programmes:

- Day-care Nest Centres, centres for children at risk from multi-problem families
- Family Group Conference (FGC) model
- Prevention of gender-based violence in school setting and through youth initiatives
- Development of policies and prevention of peer violence in school setting
- Prevention of violence in children’s lives by adopting zero tolerance to violence in rural areas of BiH
- Building positive parenting skills
- Roma children and education
- Internet safety
Steering Board of the Foundation

The body in charge of managing the Foundation is its Steering Board. The Steering Board of the Foundation is comprised of five members – a chairperson and four members. These are all proven experts with experience in economics, finance, civil and international sector, professionals nurturing high moral principles and having expertise.

IN Foundation team:

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<td>Branka Ivanović</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
<td>Is a psychologist with extensive experience in social innovations, organisational development, and management of psychosocial and children protection programmes, as well as in working with children through programmes with international organisations. She has considerable training experience and special professional interest in research of violence and children at risk. She is dedicated, productive and focused, with prominent managerial skills and ability to motivate, guide and inspire her team.</td>
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<td>Aleksandar Božić</td>
<td>INF’s Project Officer</td>
<td>Acquired the title of Master of Social Policy at City, University of London, Great Britain. He graduated from the Department of Social Work at the University in Banja Luka. He has long experience in the management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of innovative social programmes/projects, particularly in the field of child protection, social welfare, education, mental health, judiciary and social services. He has acquired his experience by working in the public sector, development agencies and civil society organisations. He possesses training experience and has a keen interest in social research.</td>
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<td>Sanja Stanivuković</td>
<td>Fundraising Officer</td>
<td>Holds an MA in Political Science and International Relations and BA in Lower Elementary Teaching. Over the years, she has worked with all relevant partners at all levels of government, both in BiH and in the region. She dedicates special attention and has an interest in education and working with children. She is reliable, dedicated to achieving results, and interested in innovations and new projects for community development.</td>
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<td>Mirjana Dinek Mičić</td>
<td>Administrative/Financial Officer</td>
<td>Is an economist with extensive experience in finance and administration, accounting and monitoring of partner organisations’ financial management. She likes working with children and in the interest of children. She is dedicated, analytical, team oriented, with good organisational skills.</td>
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INF’s activities in 2016

In the course of 2016, INF Foundation covered through different project interventions more than 11,000 children directly and 20,000 children indirectly, 4,000 of their parents, around 1,600 professionals and 600 volunteers, 170 schools in 48 municipalities in BiH.

Total number of grants awarded:

10

Total number of CSOs supported:

41

404,187,16 €

In the course of 2016, the INF continued to operate and support its partner organisations in the following programme areas:

- Day-care Nest Centres for children from multi-problem families
- Family Group Conference model
- Prevention of gender-based violence in school setting and through youth initiatives
- Development of policies and prevention of peer violence in school setting
- Zero tolerance to violence in lives of children in rural areas of BiH – pilot project
- Building positive parenting skills
- Roma children and education
- Internet safety
- Other project activities
Apart from the programme activities, IN Foundation developed the following documents in 2016:

- Strengths and Difficulties of Children at Nest Centres in BiH – third, final report
- Prevention of Gender-Based Violence – Manual for Teaching and Professional Support Staff in Primary and Secondary Schools
- Two proposals to relevant institutions with respect to peer violence prevention strategy
- Programme evaluation and application of the Family Group Conference Model in BiH
- Report on Results of Research on Gender-Based Violence in Youth Intimate Relationships in BiH
- Recommendations for integrating the Family Group Conference Model on the basis of experience in organising family group-conferences in the country
- Violence prevention – pilot project “Safe Village for All” in rural areas in BiH – overview of activities, lessons learned, recommendations, conclusions and results
- A significant achievement of ours we would like to highlight is the grant awarded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the project entitled “Strengthening the Institutional and Social Response to Gender-Based Violence in BiH,” which was launched on 1 December 2016 and will last for two years. The project activities are carried out in Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje, Livno, Grahovo, Derventa and Brod.

Throughout 2016, we monitored and provided technical support to partner organisations’ initiatives in order to carry out our programme activities and achieve our objectives. We provided technical support and consultations, as well as guidance to our partner organisations and ensured the quality of programme/project implementation with the view to achieving results and permanent changes for the benefit of children and youth in BiH.

Our primary target group in 2016 were partner civil society organisations in BiH, 41 in total, which implement projects and provide direct assistance to children, youth and their families in local communities throughout BiH.

The secondary target group included social, education and health professionals.

The tertiary target group included the relevant partners from entity/state institutions and competent ministries, representatives of local authorities and professionals.

In 2016, the INF was an active member of four informal national and international networks: Stronger Voice for Children in BiH, NEVAC – Network for Elimination of Violence Against Children (UNICEF BiH), European Network on Family Group Conference, and Women’s Network BiH.

Apart from the programme activities, IN Foundation developed the following documents in 2016:

- 105 CHILDREN
- 48 PROFESSIONALS
- 3,996 PARENTS
- 1,585 PROFESSIONALS
- 170 SCHOOLS
- 549 VOLUNTEERS
- 43 SUPPORTED CSO’s
- 36,521 BENEFICIARIES

IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS INCLUDED
Day-care Nest Centres for children from multi-problem families

Nest Centres have proved to be a successful model for the direct prevention of transgenerational transfer of violence. By taking part in the centres’ activities, children improve on the personal, family, school and social level, which helps them take a more active part in all activities in their local community.

The total of 327 children at risk, 296 parents, as well as 282 children indirectly, 142 volunteers and 41 professionals were involved in the work of Nest Centres in nine (9) municipalities in 2016.

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**Family Group Conference (FGC) Model**

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The Family Group Conference has a clearly structured work methodology and is applicable in the field of social care, education, health care, and justice (juvenile justice). The FGC–Association Žene sa Une Bihać has been developing this model in BiH since 2011 in cooperation with civil society organisations and their partners, social welfare centres in local communities.

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In the year 2016, we hosted two major events:

- A meeting of experts entitled “Family Group Conference – contemporary support models for multi-problem families in BiH” in Sarajevo, which gathered 40 participants who were presented the achievements of this type of intervention and gave the recommendation to integrate the model in the child and social welfare system.

- A three-day annual meeting of the European Network on Family Group Conference, which was in 2016 hosted by IN Foundation as the BiH representative in the network. The meeting gathered 50 delegates from 12 European Union Member States, with a view to sharing experiences on the methodological and practical issues, as well as equalising and standardising the service in Europe.

A five-year Family Group Conference programme in BiH was evaluated in June 2016. The goal was to access the implementation of the programme, its effects on the target group (children, youth and families at risk), as well as the impact achieved in the development of extra-institutional and innovative services in the BiH social sector. Reviewing and analysing the key documents, materials, semi-structured interviews and focus groups including 40 persons, the report identified the end results and outcomes of this model and service in BiH with children, youths and families at risk. The findings and recommendations focused on further development and sustainability of family group conferences in BiH.

Certified training in Family Group Conference, which was held in March 2016, was attended by 32 participants. At the time, 21 persons were trained as independent FGC coordinators, three project managers were educated to implement the project in practice, while eight expert staff from selected social welfare centres expanded their knowledge and professional competences. For applying Family Group Conference in their direct work with children, youth and families at risk. During the same year, three interventions meetings were held with representatives of partner organisations, independent coordinators and social workers with a view to monitoring and improving certain programme components. The seed was then identified for the promotion of the model and training of social representatives as potential FGC initiators, which we incorporated in our plan of actions in 2017.

Thus, apart from the previously supported NGOs in Banja Luka, Sarajevo, Mostar, Bijeljina and Tuzla, the Family Group Conference was applied in six more towns of BiH: Srebrenica, Most Gradiška, Žene sa Une Bihać and Mostar, Zenica, Bijeljina, Tuzla, Gradiška, Bihać.

In order to build sustainability of the Family Group Conference programme in BiH, at the beginning of the year we organised the training for trainers for a small group of professionals having extensive experience in the practical application of the model. This is how we educated and strengthened the training staff to transfer knowledge and further employ the model and service in BiH.

Inspired by positive outcomes achieved by such conferences in previous experiences with children and families facing a crisis in their lives, IN Foundation decided to keep applying the model in other local communities in BiH as well.

On the basis of observed social needs in communities and interest in new social care services in the partnership between the governmental and non-governmental sector, the replication of the model was supported in three new communities, in Tuzla, Bihać and Gradiška. In 2016, three more NGOs became the IN Foundation partners in developing Family Group Conference: Amica Educa Tuzla, Žene sa Une Bihać and Most Gradiška. The local social welfare centres welcomed the process.

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### Involvement of professionals

Sixty (60) persons were directly involved in family group conferences in BiH in 2016; these were FGC coordinators, three project managers were educated to implement the project in practice, while eight expert staff from selected social welfare centres expanded their knowledge and professional competences. For applying Family Group Conference in their direct work with children, youth and families at risk.

### Into action family and social networks to resolve a certain problem

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### After both his parents died, a 15-year-old boy was all on his own, with a lot of existential problems, which negatively impacted his learning. He started hanging out with a wrong crowd.

### A social worker, who is his guardian, suggested a family group conference. Apart from close relatives, his late mother’s and father’s friends and the pedagogue from his school took part in the conference, too.

### Together with the boy, they set up a plan to solve the problem.

### After the meeting, he started going to school again, fixed his grades, kept the apartment he had lived in, and realised there were important people close to him he could rely on in difficult life situations.
Prevention of gender-based violence in school setting and through youth initiatives

This subprogramme operates in two segments. One segment is implemented in schools as part of the prevention programme and its goal is to raise the students’ awareness of gender equality and equity through training of students and teachers, and promote and nurture the relations of gender equality and respect. The support programme for secondary school students who have negative experience in intimate relationships has been launched in the scope of this initiative. Interventions include education of students and teachers, and promotion and awareness of gender equality and respect.

The other segment is implemented through youth initiatives in rural parts of BiH. After training, youth are able to create and implement activities focusing on raising awareness of the presence of gender-based violence in their communities. The peer support model was introduced in the course of 2016. Five organisations implemented the “Prevention of Gender-Based Violence in Schools” project in the following municipalities: Gradiška, Tuzla, Prnjavor, Doboj, Končina, Sarajevo, Istočno Sarajevo, Goražde, Đurđevića Tara, Sarajevo, Čitluk, Nevesinje, Foča, Sokolac, Gradiška, Tuzla, Foča, Derventa, and Kakanj, where every school has a group of 10 trained peer counsellors working with their peers. Prevention of gender-based violence in rural areas through youth initiatives in project implementation is a 10 month community-based programme which runs in southeast and central Herzegovina. Presentations, workshops, and support projects on the project gathered around 1500 youths, with 25 of them having participated in a project writing and implementation of gender-based violence training. In December 2016, ten youth initiatives that emerged after training, technical support and monitoring received financial support for the implementation of interventions in smaller communities in that part of BiH. Furthermore, a project supporting youth that had gender-based violence experience in their intimate relationships began in five (5) rural areas of the Tuzla Canton.

Findings of this survey were submitted to the partner organisations and will serve as the basis for writing early intervention projects in cases of gender-based violence in youth intimate relationships in BiH. Prevention of Gender-Based Violence – Manual for Teaching and Professional Support Staff in Primary and Secondary Schools was made as well (Manual available at http://www.infondacija.org). The peer support model was introduced in the course of 2016. Five organisations implemented the “Prevention of Gender-Based Violence in Schools” project in the following municipalities: Gradiška, Tuzla, Prnjavor, Doboj, Končina, Sarajevo, Istočno Sarajevo, Goražde, Đurđevića Tara, Sarajevo, Čitluk, Nevesinje, Foča, Sokolac, Gradiška, Tuzla, Foča, Derventa, and Kakanj, where every school has a group of 10 trained peer counsellors working with their peers. Prevention of gender-based violence in rural areas through youth initiatives in project implementation is a 10 month community-based programme which runs in southeast and central Herzegovina. Presentations, workshops, and support projects on the project gathered around 1500 youths, with 25 of them having participated in a project writing and implementation of gender-based violence training. In December 2016, ten youth initiatives that emerged after training, technical support and monitoring received financial support for the implementation of interventions in smaller communities in that part of BiH. Furthermore, a project supporting youth that had gender-based violence experience in their intimate relationships began in five (5) rural areas of the Tuzla Canton.

Activities of youth centres supported: 14
Alternative Roots

Activities of children creative centre of NGO Alternative Roots

A 14-year-old girl lives in a village where prejudice is common and jobs are divided into male and female, while verbal violence, insults and humiliation are completely normal. Having taken part in creative workshops with peers, parents and teachers, villagers learnt they could hurt others with their deep-rooted prejudice, that girls and boys are equal and both equally good, and that such behaviour could be changed by learning about gender equality.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS

7

61,270 €

| Project | Doboj, Delavaca, Brat, Tuzla, Livnica, Sarajevo, Ilidza Sarajevo, Gradiška, Tuzla, Shadervan, Kakanj, Mostar, Doboj, Jajce, Konćina, Kakanj, Smoothie |
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| Total number of initiatives supported | 7 |
The programme aims to reduce the rate of peer violence among school children by raising awareness and sensitivity to the problem, reducing the level of tolerance to violence and initiating cooperation between students, teachers, expert staff and parents.

Preventive measures are based on early problem detection and on the change of attitude and behaviour by using different approaches and models of work. The programme also aspires to stimulate school environment.

Preventive measures in the school setting.

In the course of 2016, six partner organisations continued to carry out project activities in primary and secondary schools in the Central Bosnia and Federation Canton, as well as in Bajina Basta, Mostar and Sarajevo in the scope of this subprogramme area. Initiatives of the following NGOs were supported: Centre for Cultivating Dialogue Sarajevo, Foundation Krila nade Sarajevo, Humanitarian Organization Genesis Project Banja Luka, Foundation Lara Bijeljina, Centre for Psychological Support Sensus Mostar and Association Leptir Bugojno.

The supported projects covered 30 primary schools, including direct participation of 2911 children and youth, and indirect participation of 187 parents and 73 teachers and expert staff who got acquainted with the causes, types and consequences of peer violence and prevention measures in the school setting.

In mid-2016, in cooperation with five local partner organisations the INF created an initiative whose goal was to incorporate the topic of prevention of violence against and among children in pre-school, lower primary, teaching psychology and social work departments’ curricula. The initiative was submitted to 30 higher education institutions of which five responded affirmatively and confirmed that they did introduce the topic in their curricula. The initiative resulted in topical sessions, reviews of educational standards and norms, and roundtables.

A growing number of children and youth were involved in peer violence prevention activities.

The INF hosted several meetings with partner organisations and professionals to create training materials for teachers and expert staff in schools. The result of these activities was a training manual which was submitted to the partner organisations, teachers and expert staff at schools.

At the study programme of Psychology of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Banja Luka we held a presentation on the prevention of peer violence at schools for school psychologists. More than 70 participants had an opportunity to learn more about the findings of the research, programmes, experiences and examples of good practice which the INF had working together with partner organisations over the past three years.

Given that informal training for representatives of competent institutions is one of IN Foundation’s major activities, in August 2016 we organized a three-day training for a group of psychologists, pedagogues and teachers from 30 primary schools across BiH. The topic of the training was related to intervention measures and support activities for victims and perpetrators of peer violence in schools. A proposal was also launched to assemble successful programmes for the prevention of violence against children in the school setting in BiH. It was submitted to the representatives of competent ministries, expert staff in education and civil society organisations with the aim of jointly assessing all the projects implemented so far and identifying the most efficient interventions that would be the model for peer violence protection in schools across BiH.

Activities with parents regarding peer violence, Krila nade Sarajevo.

In the wider community, the programme aims to develop policies for the prevention and protection of children from peer violence through cooperation with the non-governmental sector. Application and enforcement of these policies is ensured through cooperation with the non-governmental sector. Application and enforcement of these policies is ensured through cooperation.
Zero tolerance to violence in lives of children in rural areas of BiH

The programme aims to contribute to the reduction of violence in the lives of children and youth in rural areas of BiH on the basis of a defined programme model. An inclusive, participatory approach to target groups including children, youth, parents and older residents allows the collection of data in an initial survey, and then opens and examines the problem of types of violence, from domestic, to gender-based, to peer violence in selected rural communities.

During joint workshops and with the support of moderators, causes of the problem are defined, relationships of power, views and adopted norms of behaviour are examined, and answers are sought and adequate interventions offered through education, building of capacity and improvement of skills, psychological support, counselling, and assistance through services within the community. Attempts are made to foster gender equality through microfinancing in the community, while parents are given an opportunity to attend workshops for building positive parenting skills. In this way, the community defines its commitment to zero tolerance to violence.

The programme is implemented by two partner organisations in six villages in the area of Gornji Vakuf – Uskoplje, Livno and Bosansko Grahovo. Initial meetings in these communities helped establish their interest and willingness to cooperate and become actively involved in the issues pertaining to various types of violence and change the views, practices and behaviour that would lead to zero tolerance to violence in the selected communities.

After a series of interventions within this pilot project, we created the findings and lessons learned and put them all in the document entitled “Prevention of Violence – model of the Safe Village for All pilot project in rural areas of BiH – overview of activities, conclusions and results” so that we can use the experiences from this pilot project to create a new programme component.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS
25.567 €

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Building positive parenting skills

Parenting is a unique, challenging and complex development task for which one is often neither sufficiently skilled nor prepared. Families today face numerous challenges and high expectations.

At the same time, social support and professional support programmes which are supposed to help parents fulfil their role and build competences for boosting children’s early growth and development are lacking.

Through its Let’s Grow up Together programme, the INF has educated and trained educators and professionals at kindergartens across BiH to work with parents. Parents who attended the workshops learned how to raise their children in accordance with recent scientific findings, recognise and adequately respond to their developmental needs, build a good relationship with them, set boundaries and discipline the children, without compromising parental love and affection.

The American Psychological Association (APA) has developed and accredited the ACT Raising Safe Kids programme, which the INF obtained and got a license to implement in BiH. In 2016, we received financial support for the translation of the programme materials.

The model will also be presented through other activities: family group conferences, Nest Centres and zero tolerance to violence in the lives of children in rural areas. The workshops with parents began in the autumn of 2016.

The mother of a child in kindergarten was very happy with the workshops where she had a chance to learn about positive parenting. She told the other parents about the challenges and problems she was encountering in raising her children. “It’s important to talk about experiences and listen to others who are in the same or similar situation. That’s how we come up with better solutions and new ideas which we apply in our day-to-day life,” said the mother.
Roma children and education

The programme aims to provide support to Roma children attending mainstream education system in order to help them overcome the demanding school curricula and successfully complete primary school. Access to education significantly improves their chances in life, and also directly reduces the risk from exclusion and violence. Many Roma children do not go to school, but if they are included in the school system, they are exposed to a great risk of dropping out before they finish school and acquire a diploma.

One segment of the project interventions also includes pre-schoolers by way of workshops preparing them for school. At the same time, their parents are involved in various educational activities, meetings, workshops and home visits helping to emphasise the vital role of education in children’s lives.

Project activities include volunteers, as well as young unemployed teachers who thus acquire their first practical experience and become sensitised to working with marginalised social groups. The relevant projects usually have Roma assistants/mediators, which makes the socialisation of Roma children easier, improves the monitoring of children, communication with school representatives and contacts with families, and simultaneously builds the capabilities of mediators.

An 11-year-old girl attends only the second grade because, due to frequent trips abroad with her parents in hope of getting asylum and monetary aid, she was absent from school a lot, therefore being unable to follow the curriculum. Having become involved in intensive support classes, she quickly made progress in learning. She took part in a school event as a reciter and says she now feels proud. By regularly attending this support programme she fixed her grades and will finish this school year without failing any subject.

This programme is implemented in 5 municipalities: Tuzla, Bijeljina, Kakanj, Kiseljak and Mostar/Capljina. The goal is to provide support to Roma children in regular education in order to improve their results and make sure they attend school as long as possible. Activities with pre-schoolers and parents are also carried out in order to raise awareness of the importance of education and enhance positive parenting skills through direct work with children, meetings with parents, and home visits, in order to build trust and improve communication.

295 direct beneficiaries of school age, 452 indirect beneficiaries, 10 schools, 29 professionals, 34 volunteers, 216 parents.

The results of the programme are visible in children who achieve good results in regular classes, learn their lessons more easily, get better grades, remain in the education system longer, have less absences and continue education after finishing primary as well as secondary school.

This programme is implemented in 5 municipalities: Tuzla, Bijeljina, Kakanj, Kiseljak and Mostar/Capljina. The goal is to provide support to Roma children in regular education in order to improve their results and make sure they attend school as long as possible. Activities with pre-schoolers and parents are also carried out in order to raise awareness of the importance of education and enhance positive parenting skills through direct work with children, meetings with parents, and home visits, in order to build trust and improve communication.

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Internet safety

The goal of this programme is to raise awareness of children, youth, their parents and teaching staff about the ways of using the Internet more safely and responsibly. We also try to promote prevention of online violence against children committed by their peers as well as adults.

A 20-year-old student has been active as a peer educator on online safety of children for two years now. The things he likes most is working with children, learning new things and specifically the possibility to make a positive impact by setting a good example to others. His motto is: “There’s always something I can do better and more of.”

Through this programme, the INF supported three projects in 2016. Project proposals of the following partner organisations were supported: Association Duga Sarajevo, Association Zdravo da ste Banja Luka, and Centre for Social Innovation Tuzla.

By taking part in this programme, children acquaint themselves with negative experiences they face online and learn what to do in such situations.

13 schools were involved in the project, 1295 pupils involved directly, 4200 pupils involved indirectly; 401 parents and 253 teachers also took part.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS

12,205 €
Other project activities

Apart from providing support to CSOs in the aforesaid programme areas, the INF also supported a number of organisations working with children, youth and their parents, which are not part of the programme aiming to prevent violence in children’s lives.

Apart from its programme activities, the INF continued to work together with four (4) other organisations in terms of general operations. Those activities ended in 2016.

1778 children were covered directly and 135 indirectly; 484 parents, 32 volunteers and 13 professionals in 13 municipalities in BiH were involved.

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