

Sustaining Peace and Social Cohesion in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SPSC) through enhanced inter-municipal and inter-entity cooperation on local services



STRATEGIC PROGRAMME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND (PBF)

<p>THEMATIC AREAS:</p> <p>Youth, Peace and Security Social Cohesion Human Security and Resilience Gender Equality</p>	<p>WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?</p> <p>Bridge divides and foster social cohesion within and between communities along the administrative borders of the entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p>
<p>DURATION:</p> <p>December 2022 – June 2025</p>	<p>HOW?</p> <p>By empowering authorities and key actors in local self-government units to promote dialogue, civic engagement, and stronger social structures and services. Through meaningful exchanges between youth and community leaders, the initiative strengthens trust in local institutions, encourages collaboration, and equips young women and men to build cross-community and inter-entity connections, as a foundation for a shared future.</p>
<p>INVESTMENT:</p> <p>USD 3.5 million</p>	
<p>TARGET BENEFICIARIES:</p> <p>Approx. 9,000 people</p>	
<p>WHERE?</p> <p>Local governments in the western party of the country (Bosansko Grahovo, Bosanski Petrovac, Drvar, Glamoč, Ključ, Livno, Mrkonjić Grad, Ribnik, and Sanski Most)</p>	<p>WHO IS INVOLVED?</p> <p>Signatory for BiH: Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Project led by: IOM (lead agency) and UNDP Implementing Partners: FBiH Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Health, Social Protection and Exiled of Canton 10, NGO <i>Step by Step</i>, NGO <i>Psiholuminis Prijedor</i>, NGO <i>Pravi požar</i> Derventa</p> <p>WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR (until January 2025)?</p> <p>Facilitated 21 dialogues, engaging 302 citizens in meaningful discussions to foster social cohesion and mutual understanding.</p> <p>Mobilized 18 UN Community Volunteers, strengthening community-level engagement and support.</p> <p>Implemented 548 initiatives, including dialogues, workshops, training/mentoring sessions, interschool and intercommunity visits, fairs, festivals, youth club formations, psychotherapy sessions, and meetings with government and CSO representatives, impacting diverse groups across the country.</p> <p>Completed 7 community social work projects in Bosanski Petrovac, Ključ, and Livno, directly benefiting local citizens and promoting resilience.</p> <p>Launched 9 reconstruction projects, supporting recovery and long-term development in affected communities.</p>

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