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**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA- PROJECT SUMMARY**

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Inclusion is not a gesture- it is a basic human right!

Children with disabilities have the right to learn from quality inclusive education and to be included in all aspects of the society. In Bosnia and Herzegovina many children with disabilities and their families are excluded from education and do not receive the needed community support.

Tuzla Canton has many valuable resources which can support inclusive education- it is needed to mobilize multi-sector and multi-disciplinary support to all children with disabilities and their families.

In 2018 Cantonal Assembly of Tuzla Canton adopted the Strategy for inclusion of children with disabilities in education in Tuzla Canton and its 7-year action plan, developed by the Ministry of Education and Science and supported by Save the Children.

The Strategy provides comprehensive guidance on how to improve inclusive education by using many existing capacities in the communities and by endorsing contemporary inclusive education approaches, based on the social model of disability.

This project, Inclusive4All, provides direct support to the Tuzla Canton Government to start with the implementation of the Strategy.

The project is funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and is implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science, Center of Knowledge Profectus, University of Bologna, and Association Vesta.



About the project

The aim of the project Inclusive4All is to enable children with disabilities to develop their potentials and fully enjoy their right to education and social inclusion. In the next 3 years it is planned to:

RESULT 1- Provide access to children with disabilities and their families to new community based multidisciplinary support by establishing and supporting 2 Centers for Development of Inclusive Practices (CDIP) in Gradačac and Banovići municipalities.

RESULT 2- Empower and support authorities in the process of transformation of the two special education institutions for children with disabilities in Tuzla by providing expert support in the transformation planning and by building capacities of special education professionals.

RESULT 3- Sensitize general public and CSOs to understand and endorse the social model of inclusion by implementing awareness raising activities and campaigns and by building CSO advocacy platforms in Tuzla Canton.

Centres for Development of Inclusive Practices (CDIP)

First two CDIPs were established in 2016 in Una Sana Canton, with the support from Save the Children.

CDIPs offer quality multisector support to children with disabilities, their families, professionals, and wider community, with the overall goal to facilitate and improve inclusion. CDIPs offer rehabilitation, psycho-social support and mobile outreach team services. They also offer trainings, seminars, resources, and work on promotion and advocacy for inclusive education.

Italy experience

By cooperating with University of Bologna the project will model the best practice examples from Italy, one of the most developed EU countries in the area of inclusive education. Inclusive education in Italy is implemented throughout the country since 1970s- it is the country with the highest inclusion rate of children with disabilities in mainstream schools (99%).

Planned activities

RESULT I

- Rehabilitation and equipping of two CDIPs in Banovići (Elementary school Banovići) and Gradačac (Elementary school Mehmed-beg Kapetanović Ljubušak);
- Capacity building of CDIP professionals;
- Provision of rehabilitation, psycho-social support, and mobile outreach team services for children with disabilities and their families;
- Development and management of referral mechanisms for multi-sector and multi-disciplinary support.



RESULT 2

- Mapping of the good special education transformation practices in the EU and organization of study visits to examples of good practices in BiH and Italy;
- Provide technical assistance to educational authorities for the development of feasibility study for the transformation of the two existing institutions for special education;
- Support the development of operational plans for transformation of special education institutions and facilitate their endorsement by the competent authorities;
- Provision of trainings for professionals and initial rehabilitation of premises to create pre-conditions for transition of two existing institutions for special education into CDIPs;
- Organization of conferences in BiH and Italy to present the transformation outcomes.

RESULT 3

- Empower and build capacities of CSOs to become allies in the process of transformation of institutions for special education;
- Provide support to CSOs to advocate for consistent implementation of the Strategy for inclusion of children with disabilities in education;
- Carry out a pre- and post-campaign research on attitudes of general public towards inclusion of children with disabilities in education and in the community;
- Conduct a public campaign and advocacy activities in order to raise awareness of general public about importance of inclusive education.

Project advisory group (PAG)

On the beginning of the project we will establish partnerships with relevant local and cantonal government authorities. Representatives of the partner institutions will work on provision of support to CDIPs and on improvements of inclusive practices in their communities.

Project in numbers

2 CDIPs to be established, adapted and equipped per highest standards

900 children with disabilities and their families to be reached with CDIP services

CDIP services to be available for **9 Tuzla Canton municipalities**

300 teachers from mainstream schools to be supported with CDIP services

2 operational plans for transformation of special schools in Tuzla to be developed and further adopted by the Tuzla Canton Assembly

2 study visits to be organized

2 special schools to be equipped

2 shadow reports on implementation of the Strategy to be developed by CSOs

48,000 Tuzla Canton residents to be reached with campaigning activities

2 conferences (BiH and Italy) to be held

Over **1.4 million EUR** to be invested

Project sustainability

In order to make the planned intervention fully sustainable Save the Children established partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science in Tuzla Canton, which committed to allocate premises for CDIPs, completely cover the costs of professionals' salaries and CDIP running and administrative costs.

Further, it is envisaged to form the multi-sector partnership with local governances, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Social Policy and Returnees and the Pedagogical Institute in Tuzla Canton in order to support implementation of the project Inclusive4All, as well as implementation of the Strategy. The partner institutions will form the Project Advisory Group (PAG) which will contribute to the overall quality implementation and provide multi-sector support.

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