

PARTNERS FOR DEVELOPMENT BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

2009

FACT SHEET

TOTAL POPULATION: 3.7 MILLION

ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH: -0.1

UNDER-FIVE MORTALITY RATE: 14 PER 1,000

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH: 75

HIV PREVALENCE: 0.1%

FERTILITY RATE PER WOMAN: 1.2

GDP (US\$): 18.5 BILLION

GNI PER CAPITA (US\$): 4,510

SOURCE WORLD BANK 2008



MISSION:

Partners for Development's (PFD) mission is to work with underserved populations in developing countries to improve quality of life. The central criterion for assistance is need, without regard to race, religion, age, sex, or ethnic group.

CONTACT:

Dervisa Numica 4
71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tel: 011 387 33 645 806

Fax: 011 387 33 645 808

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA OVERVIEW

The 1992-95 war in Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH) resulted in widespread death and destruction and the displacement of close to 2 million people within and outside the country. Since the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords, much reconstruction has been achieved, but unemployment rates remain high.

The BiH government has identified the agriculture sector as a priority for development activities. For the past several years, PFD has therefore been implementing integrated agricultural activities that seek to develop local capacity and improve economic opportunities for households and communities.



Planned Phase-Out of PFD Program

PFD has been operating in Bosnia & Herzegovina since 1993 developing local capacity in the agricultural sector which was devastated during the war.

There have been great improvements in the economy since the end of the war as a degree of stability has returned to the country. PFD is therefore phasing out its program in mid-2009 in order to redirect its resources to its other country offices.



Local Implementing Partners

- State Veterinary Office
- Central Bosnia Regional Development Agency (REZ)
- Action For Enterprise
- Independent Farmers Association
- Sarajevo Veterinary Faculty
- Lider
- Microfin
- ProCredit Bank
- UPI Bank

Financial & In-Kind Support

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- Upper Vrbas Municipalities

Seminars, Trade Fairs and Printed Materials

- Sponsoring of Tea and Apiculture Fairs, with exhibitors from BiH and neighboring countries.
- Assisting BiH small agriculture enterprises to attend international agricultural fairs.
- Co-sponsoring and organizing Buyer-Seller meetings.
- Sponsoring of a Bio-technology conference.
- Marketing and promotion training – promotion materials, websites, and market communication.
- Development of an “Herb atlas” with list of marketable medicinal herbs and forest fruits.
- Development of a “BiH Herb, Mushroom and Berry business directory” with description and contact information on 24 BiH companies.

Institutional Capacity Building of Public Veterinary Sector

- Development of state level regulations on veterinary border inspection through technical assistance to the State Veterinary Office (SVO).
- Development of manuals for inspection of live animals and products of animal origin for use by the SVO.
- Training of 23 veterinary border inspectors in collaboration with the Slovenian State Veterinary Authority.
- Training of 24 veterinary border inspectors in clinical signs of zoonotic infections in collaboration with the Sarajevo Veterinary Faculty. Production of a manual for this training.
- Construction of a Border Inspection Station for animals and animal products at Raca, on the Serbian border, which will be operated by SVO.



Agriculture Producers Organizations

- Establishment of an Independent Farmers Association (IFA), with four branches in four municipalities resulting in better communication with members.
- Provision of training and technical assistance to the IFA resulting in the development of administrative manuals and an organizational strategic plan.
- Establishment of three municipal information centers for provision of better services to farmers in the region.
- Facilitating development of the Upper Vrbas agricultural council which brought together 11 members including municipalities and agriculture producers' organizations.

PRIORITY TO DEVELOP THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Economic Development

- Establishment of 5 herb collection centers for purchase of wild grown products in the Upper Vrbas region.
- Generation of \$425,000 in revenue for 450 rural households from collection and sale of wild grown products.
- Creation of 15 seasonal jobs in the herb and berry sector.
- Training for mine awareness and the sustainable collection of wild products.
- Training and certification for organic standards.
- Linking of agricultural producers with 4 Bosnian small enterprises for processing.
- Assisting 81 farmers in the Upper Vrbas region to establish 15.4 hectares of raspberry plantations, producing over 40 metric tons of raspberries and \$34,500 in income.
- Provision of credit and ongoing agriculture extension.
- Development of a “Raspberry Producers Technical Manual” with specific instructions on cultivation.
- Joint purchasing by farmers of \$128,000 worth of agriculture inputs, with estimated savings of 40%.



Reconciliation

- Issuing of \$2,900,000 in micro credit to over 820 agriculture producers through partnerships with four credit partners.
- Implementing an impact assessment of the micro-credit program

Micro-finance

- Bringing people from all ethnic groups to work together. This has resulted in faster reconciliation and achievement of joint goals, in turn improving the economic situation and quality of life in this region.