



PRESS STATEMENT

Diplomatic Winter Bazaar 2025 Raises 310,000 KM to Support Children and Young People Across Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo, 3 March 2026 - The Organizing Committee of the Diplomatic Winter Bazaar (DWB) is proud to announce that the 2025 edition of the Bazaar raised 310,000 KM, funds that will be distributed to 28 organizations dedicated to supporting children and young people across Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Beyond the funds raised, this achievement reflects the extraordinary spirit of solidarity among the international and local communities. The Diplomatic Winter Bazaar has become a place of connection and compassion. On December 6th 2025, over 13,000 visitors came together with 43 embassies and international organizations, international schools, local vendors, and more than 900 volunteers to support the cause. Their shared commitment created an atmosphere of generosity, and cultural exchange—reminding us that when communities unite, meaningful change becomes possible.

The Diplomatic Winter Bazaar is a fully volunteer-driven, nonprofit initiative of the international community in BiH. The 2025 Organizing Committee—David Badower (Sweden), Hiroko Aiki (Japan), Piet Bakker (the Netherlands), Madeline Ben Atikovic (the Philippines), Amy Davies (USA), Raoul Franker (Suriname), Elena Jidobin (Moldova), Dorina Kolici (Albania), and Marjo Wieman (the Netherlands)—extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed.

We especially thank our sponsors, including Leonardo Helicopters, Pomozi.ba, EFT Group, DPM Metals, Toyota BH, and Telemach Fondacija, whose generosity made this year's impact possible. We also express sincere appreciation to EUFOR and NATO Headquarters Sarajevo for their special support.

This year's Grantee Organizations work tirelessly to improve the lives of children and young people—those facing developmental challenges, disabilities, poverty, discrimination, or the absence of family care. From therapy and psychosocial support to scholarships, safe spaces, and empowerment programs, each organization plays a vital role in ensuring that every child in BiH has the chance to grow, learn, and thrive. In 2025, they are the following:



- **Angelus** (*Udruga roditelja djece s posebnim potrebama Angelus* - Domaljevac Šamac) works with children with special needs and their families to provide targeted support and help ensure their inclusion in society: **12.000 BAM**
- **Bosanski doktori** (*Udruženje "Bosanski doktori za osobe sa invaliditetom"* - throughout BiH) supports children and youth with severe disabilities to access education and manage everyday activities through personal assistance and functional support: **15.000 BAM**
- **Dajte nam šansu** (*Udruženje porodica djece i osoba s poteškoćama u razvoju "Dajte nam šansu"* - Sarajevo) provides health and psychological services for children and young people with developmental disabilities and their families: **10.000 BAM**
- **Djeca sa izazovom** (*Udruženje roditelja djece sa poteškoćama u razvoju „Djeca sa izazovom“* - Kakanj) aims to improve the communication, developmental, and functional skills of children with developmental challenges: **11.000 BAM**
- **Dobro djelo** (*Omladinsko udruženje "Dobro djelo"* – Sarajevo) manages a daily care center for disabled and vulnerable children that provides neurofeedback, speech therapy, and psychological support for these children: **12.000 BAM**
- **Down Sy I mi** (*Udruženje građana Down Sy i mi* - Banja Luka) helps children with Down syndrome, particularly through the provision of speech therapy services: **14.000 BAM**
- **Drugačiji svijet** (*Udruženje za pomoć licima sa autizmom "Drugačiji svijet"* – Bijeljina) supports children with autism and other disabilities and their families through educational workshops: **11.000 BAM**
- **DTCare Sarajevo** (throughout BiH) organizes summer camps aimed at empowering young women from disadvantaged families and marginalized groups or who have been victims of abuse: **5.500 BAM**
- **Fondacija Matica Bosna-duh Bosanski** (Ilidža / Srebrenica) provides scholarships to socially and financially disadvantaged students from Srebrenica and Bratunac – **13.500 BAM**
- **Humanitarna Organizacija Alfa** (Bihać) improves the material position of children, young people and families of the Roma community in Bihać so that they can live without poverty in a world of equality, notably through distribution of scholarships: **13.500 BAM**
- **Kruh Sv. Ante** (*Humanitarno-karitativna organizacija "Kruh Svetog Ante"* - throughout BiH) provides scholarships to socially and financially disadvantaged university students from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina: **13.500 BAM**
- **Los Rosales** (*JU Centar za odgoj, obrazovanje i podršku "Los Rosales"* - Mostar) helps children and youth with developmental difficulties achieve the highest possible degree of independence: **10.000 BAM**



- **Lotos** (*Udruženje za Zaštitu mentalnog zdravlja djece i odraslih lica - Lotos - Zenica*) provides psychological support to children and young people with disabilities as well as their parents and guardians: **8.500 BAM**
- **MAK** (*Udruženje za kreativno učenje MAK - Vogošća*) supports early intervention for infants and very young children through specialized services such as speech and sensory integration therapies: **14.000 BAM**
- **Mala Sirena** (*Udruženje roditelja djece sa proteskocama u razvoju "Mala sirena" - Zavidovići*) provides essential therapeutic, developmental, and psychosocial services for children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families: **8.000 BAM**
- **Mala škola** (*Ustanova za prihvata i odgoj djece "Mala škola" – Vareš*) cares for children without parents or adequate parental care, regardless of their religious and ethnic affiliation: **12.000 BAM**
- **Novi Put** (*Udruženje "Novi Put" - Mostar area*) combats child trafficking, contemporary slavery and violence, and provides psycho-social support to victims and survivors: **15.000 BAM**
- **OAZA** (*Udruženje za podršku osobama sa intelektualnim teškoćama na području Kantona Sarajevo "Oaza" - Sarajevo*) provides continuous support to persons with intellectual disabilities through educational, social, and therapeutic activities aimed at strengthening their independence and social inclusion: **7.000 BAM**
- **OGBiH – Jovan Divjak** (*Udruženje "Obrazovanje gradi Bosnu i Hercegovinu – Jovan Divjak" - throughout BiH*) enables economically disadvantaged young people to continue their university education through the provision of scholarships: **13.500 BAM**
- **Otaharin** (*Udruženje "Centar za integrativnu inkluziju Roma i Romkinja Otaharin" – Bijeljina*) improves the overall well-being of, and expands educational opportunities for Roma children and their families: **11.000 BAM**
- **Pomirenje Grace Valley** (*Udruženje Građana "Pomirenje" (Grace Valley) - Zenica*) is a residential and day-care center mainly for Roma children: **15.000 BAM**
- **Rastimo zajedno** (*Udruženje Roditelja i Prijatelja Djece i Omladinu sa Posebnim Potrebama "Rastimo zajedno" - Gacko*) provides individual and group support to help children with disabilities integrate into society: **10.000 BAM**
- **Savez Slijepih Republike Srpske** (Banja Luka) helps blind and partially sighted children to learn braille by providing accessible reading materials : **7.000 BAM**
- **Srce za djecu** (*Udruženje "Srce za djecu oboljelu od raka" - throughout BiH*) provides support and dignity to children and youth with cancer, specifically through crafting wigs for hair loss: **15.000 BAM**



- **Sreća za sve** (*Udruženje "Sreća za sve"* - Travnik) provides individual sessions and workshops for children with developmental challenges and disabilities: **6.000 BAM**
- **Stariji brat, starija sestra** (*Fondacija za podršku i razvoj mentorskih programa Stariji brat, starija sestra* - Banja Luka/Pale/Bugojno) provides youth mentorship to children from socially excluded and dysfunctional families: **12.000 BAM**
- **Udruženje Građanki "Grahovo"** (*NVO Udruženja građanki (žena) "Grahovo"*- Bosansko Grahovo) is an extracurricular program that helps children from vulnerable families by providing them with active assistance in learning and socialization: **13.000 BAM**
- **Život sa Down sindromom** (*Udruženje "Život sa Down sindromom Federacije Bosne i Hercegovine"* - Sarajevo) provides psychosocial support to children and young people with Down syndrome through individual and group counseling sessions: **7.000 BAM**