

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- Healthy Diet for Preschool Children (Smjernice / propisi za zdravu ishranu djece predškolskog uzrasta)

**Lead Agency:** Ministries/Departments of Education in 10 cantons in the Federation of BiH, in Republika Srpska, and in the Brcko District Government

## NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

- National school feeding policy
- Nutrition**
- Food safety
- Health**
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

Line item in the national budget...

- Yes  No  No response

## BUDGET

N/A (No monetary resources are allocated to support this program, though other types of support are provided.)

- Government: USD 0
- International donors\*: USD 0
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0

Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture  Yes  No  No response

*\*International donations by United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations often represent funding from multiple donors.*

## INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools have electricity, clean and piped water, and gender-private flush toilets. Some schools have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias and kitchens.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Some data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) were used to complete this report. The decentralized nature of this school feeding program means that not all information is available at the federal level.

## MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- Breakfast**
- Lunch**
- Dinner
- Snacks**
- Take-home rations
- Other

- Grains, cereals**
- Roots, tubers**
- Legumes, pulses, nuts**
- Dairy products**
- Eggs**
- Meat**
- Poultry**
- Fish**
- Green, leafy vegetables**
- Other vegetables**
- Fruits**
- Oil**
- Salt**
- Sugar**

- Dairy milk
- Yogurt drink
- Fruit juice
- Tea
- Water**
- Other

**Prohibited food items:** None

## FOOD SOURCES

- Purchased (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
- No response
- In-kind (domestic)
- In-kind (foreign)

## COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- Handwashing with soap
- Height measurement
- Weight measurement
- Testing for anemia
- Deworming treatment
- Eye testing/eyeglasses
- Hearing testing/treatment
- Dental cleaning/testing
- Menstrual hygiene
- Drinking water
- Water purification
- No response

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Food and nutrition
- Agriculture
- School gardens
- Hygiene
- No response
- Health
- Reproductive health
- HIV prevention
- Physical education

*The checked items were provided in most or all participating schools.*

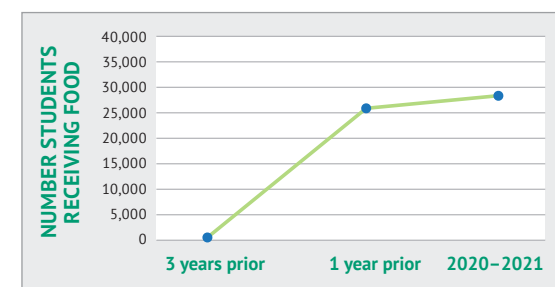
# Bosnia and Herzegovina



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	Unknown	27,698	27,698
Primary school	Unknown	268,132	0
Secondary school	Unknown	110,543	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>406,373</b>	<b>27,698</b>



### COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: Unknown

Receiving school food: 0

Food was also provided to some students in...

- Pre-schools**
- Vocational/trade schools
- Other

All enrolled pre-school students (31% of all children ages 3–5), benefit from school feeding.



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## NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:

- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved
- Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition
- Objective to meet nutritional goals**
- Objective to reduce obesity

### Food items fortified/biofortified:

Not applicable

### Micronutrients:

Not applicable

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None provided

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

No major studies have been conducted.

## RESEARCH NEEDED

A study of the current nutritional status and eating habits of pre-school and school-age children would be helpful.

## AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

### Jobs created by school feeding programs\*

Cooks and food preparers  
Transporters  
Off-site processors  
Food packagers and handlers  
Monitoring  
Food service management  
Safety and quality inspectors  
Other

*\*If blank, no response was provided.*

### Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes  No  No response

### Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved...

- Yes  No  No response

### There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...

- Women  Other groups  
 Youth  No response

### There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes  No  No response

### Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?

- Yes  No  There are no food banks in this country.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None provided

## CONTACTS: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Agency:** Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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## SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Among the successes of the Healthy Diet for Preschool Children program in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the nutrition guidelines have effectively demonstrated the importance of a healthy diet for preschool children. This program provides some children with the only food they may eat on a regular basis.

## EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily interrupted school feeding operations, decreased the frequency of school feeding, and resulted in meals being served at school in a very different way than before (e.g., fewer children eating together at the same time). Some charities/NGOs were involved in helping to reach school children with food during this time. There were no other major changes or disruptions to the program's operations.

Without the observance of measures to protect public health during the pandemic, the program would undoubtedly have been suspended. However the government made these measures mandatory so that children could continue benefiting from the program. Moreover, the government has made and will continue to make observance of COVID-19-related rules and restrictions mandatory. A positive development stemming from the pandemic is that children have been taught how to adhere to public health guidelines and to care for their school mates from a very young age.

## HEALTHY DIET FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

### (SMJERNICE / PROPISI ZA ZDRAVU ISHRANU DJECE PREDSKOLSKOG UZRASTA)

**Lead implementer(s):** Ministries/Departments of Education in 10 cantons in the Federation of BiH, in Republika Srpska, and in the Brcko District Government

#### OBJECTIVES:

- To meet nutritional and/or health goals

#### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals
- In-school snacks

#### FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 5 times per week during the school year

#### TARGETING:

All enrolled pre-school students

#### HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	27,698	48%	52%
Primary school	–	–	–
Secondary school	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,698</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Grains, cereals	Meat	Fruits
Roots, tubers	Poultry	Oil
Legumes, pulses, nuts	Fish	Salt
Dairy products	Green, leafy vegetables	Sugar
Eggs	Other vegetables	Water

\* fortified

#### FOOD SOURCES:

- Purchased (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
- In-kind (domestic)
- In-kind (foreign)

If blank, no response was provided.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the cost of school feeding for preschool students is fully included in the school fees parents pay on a monthly basis. While the government does not contribute any funds to this program, it has administrative and coordination responsibilities to ensure that the program is implemented smoothly throughout the whole country. In this decentralized program, the 12 districts (cantons in the Federation of BiH, in Republika Srpska, and in the Brcko District Government) have full responsibility over their respective school related activities. As a result, patterns of food sourcing and costs vary from one district to another.

