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Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

## **1. Introduction**

IN Foundation (INF) has focused its work through the programmatic approach, with the aim to reduce the violence in different segment of lives of children in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Family group conference presents one of INF's six subprograms.

In terms of Family group conference, In Foundation operates as a central organization at a national level in BH, being accountable for providing financial, organisational and technical support to the local partners-NGOs responsible for the implementation of FGCs directly into the practice. Through program coordination, technical support and monitoring, we are attempting to strengthen overall achievements of our local partners in the field of the development and implementation of FGC model in BH.

## **2. Background and related work**

Since 2011, INF has been supporting the NGO "Family Network" for the implementation of FGCs in two cities in BiH - Sarajevo and Banja Luka. The NGO "Family network" showed significant outcomes achieved through the project implementation. Four years of implementation of this initiative enabled the organization to establishing good partnership relations with the local Centres for Social Welfare who are recommending FGC model to the beneficiaries, and applying it nowadays with more complex and difficult cases.

By mid 2014, In Foundation supported three new local initiatives with the aim to implement Family Group Conference model in new local communities in BiH. In that process INF organized and coordinated a core FGCs training for newly selected partners: independent coordinators and initiators/professional staff from Centres for Social Welfare.

In June 2014, three-day training for FGCs model implementation was organised for 29 participants from three new municipalities (NGOs and Social Welfare Centres staff). Training was led by the team of trainers from Serbia who tailored the training program for FGC according to the requirements of INF for BiH.

As a result of our four years efforts, nowadays, in Bosnia and Herzegovina exists a small network of 4 local partners-NGOs with over 25 trained independent coordinators and 15 trained initiators-professional staff from Centres for Social Welfare accountable for implementing FGCs across 5 municipalities.

### **3. Future work**

Alongside with providing financial, organisational, technical support, and monitoring and evaluating partners' activities, INF continues to fulfil its mandate by ensuring the space for knowledge exchange and lessons learnt in the process of implementation the FGC model in BH, with the aim to ensure quality of model implementation and create new tools for provision of social services to those in need, especially children and young people in BiH.

In September 2014, we organised the first joint intervision meeting with the aim to assessing different aspects of implementation process and strengthening our local partners overall performance. The representatives of our local parents - project coordinators from four NGOs, independent coordinators and professionals from social work centres participated in the first meeting. The second one will be organised in December aim at undertaking a mid-term evaluation of the FGCs model replication.

We hope that our role, by providing better social services, will contribute to improvement of the position of children and youth our country, therefore we are very pleased to take active part at this conference.

Best regards,

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