



INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF SOLIDARITY - EMMAUS

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Mission

"To create, support and vivify resources in which everyone, by being free and respected can comply their needs and show mutual solidarity."

Vision

"To act so that every man, every society, every nation can live, demonstrate and achieve trough exchange and share in equal dignity!"

Humanitarian organization International Forum of Solidarity – Emmaus (IFS-EMMAUS) was founded at the beginning of 1999 in Gračanica- Bosnia and Herzegovina with the aim of providing assistance to all vulnerable groups in society who need help. It is registered as local, non-governmental and non-profit organization that operates on the whole territory of B&H. Furthermore, IFS-EMMAUS is also a member of the international organization Emmaus International which operates on four continents.

During its long-term work and existence in B&H and wider region, IFS-Emmaus has implemented various projects providing assistance to beneficiaries including refugees, displaced persons, victims of human trafficking (VoTs), old and helpless people, homeless, individuals with minor mental disabilities, the young population dealing with problems and youth at risk. Today, with a network of offices in Dobož Istok, Sarajevo, Srebrenica and Zvornik, with 260 employees and 50 active volunteers, it represents one of the leading NGOs in B&H.

Following its main objectives IFS-Emmaus, in cooperation with donors, implemented the following projects: Reception Center „Duje“ (440 beneficiaries); Accommodation of children in Potocari, Srebrenica; Daily Center for children and youth Srebrenica; Daily Center for children and youth Zvornik; Daily Center for children Dobož; Soup kitchen Dobož (230 users); Monthly scholarships for children without one or both parents across BH (1500); Scholarships for 2994 children in Burkina Faso; Assistance to Victims of Human Trafficking (VoTs); A Comprehensive Approach to Solving the Problem of Child Pornography in B&H; Drug Abuse Prevention; Reducing Risk Factors for Youth in Local Rural Communities- HIV/AIDS Prevention; Sustainable Economy and Production- basis for self-sustainability; Youth Camps and Voluntarism Expansion; projects that are supporting sustainable return; one meal per day in municipalities Dobož, Dobož Istok, Gračanica, Srebrenica and Bratunac; assistance to returnees in Srebrenica and a various number of other short-term and one-time assistance.

IFS-Emmaus running the second hand shop since 2016, as a part of social enterprise IFS-Trade (dairy). IFS-Emmaus founded a dairy 2005, with support of Emmaus International. Through the years, it was developed with aim to support local population on way of buying the milk from them for the purpose of producing different products (cheese, cream, sour cream). Since IFS-Emmaus, as non-profit organization, can't assure the income, this was the only way to establish a basis for self-sustain activities. Today, second hand shop is still running with aim to gain an income, which is directed toward support different social projects, implemented by IFS-Emmaus.

