



Save the Children

PROJECT: "SCHOOLS AS GREEN ZONES - INCREASING READINESS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA"

The project entitled "Schools as green zones - increasing readiness for climate change in the education sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" was launched in two primary schools in Sarajevo Canton - Elementary School "Mirsad Prnjavorac" from Vogošće and Elementary School "Stari Ilijaš" from Ilijaš. The project aimed at increasing the inclusion of children as well as developing awareness of the importance of improving waste management, monitoring air pollution, as well as dealing with the negative impact of climate change, and was implemented in partnership with the company Ekopak, which is the first authorized operator of packaging and packaging waste management in BiH.

Elementary school "Mirsad Prnjavorac" and elementary school "Stari Ilijaš" are equipped with eco bins - sets of bins for separate collection of packaging waste and connected with local services for removal and sorting. Students from selected schools were educated in special workshops on how to manage packaging waste, how to separate it and use donated bins. In addition to eco bins, air pollution meters and air purifiers were donated to schools, which will contribute to better information about air pollution in real time and to taking certain measures to reduce its harmful impact. The students of these schools also implemented creative advocacy mini-campaigns and raising awareness about waste management in their school and in the local community, as a process that builds their ability to lead and influence the world around them.

THE PROJECT INCLUDED:



40 children participated in climate change and proper waste disposal workshops



1603 direct beneficiaries of school children and



184 adults (teachers, teachers, support staff and school management)

WITH THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE SCHOOLS, WAS DONATED:



50 bins / containers for separate disposal of paper and plastic



40 air purifiers with spare filters



2 air quality meters whose data is available to all residents of the local community online at <https://map.purpleair.com/>



1. Lamija (9th grade) Primary School „Mirsad Prnjavorac“, Vogošća
"My class teacher introduced me to the project "Schools as Green Zones" and I was thrilled to be part of it. I'm glad that I got involved and that I can learn a lot of things about recycling, how to deal with waste, and ultimately get more involved in the waste problem in our city."

2. Lejla (8th grade) Primary School „Mirsad Prnjavorac“, Vogošća
"I think the role of us students is to raise awareness among our peers about environmental pollution and improper waste disposal. I think that recycling is very important, that we all must try to reduce waste, sort it properly, etc. Recently, my friends from school and I made our own waste bins, separating caps from plastic cups, and it taught me that there are different types of plastic that can be used in different ways."

3. Elma (9th grade) Primary School „Mirsad Prnjavorac“, Vogošća
"In my neighborhood where I live, there are containers of different colors for disposing of different waste, so I learned where to dispose of what kind of waste, a lot of people from my area put in recycled waste, which I am very happy about. Honestly, I am most saddened by the large landfills around the world, not just in my country, because they destroy our planet. I sincerely hope that we, young people, will change the world, that we will pay more attention to nature. That we will talk more about the environment and environmental preservation."

4. Ahmed (5th grade), Primary School „Mirsad Prnjavorac“ Vogošća
"I think there are two options in our future. If people don't improve and don't start protecting the environment, nature will be in worse condition and probably the temperature of the Earth will increase and the sea level will increase a lot because the ice will melt. If people start taking better care of the environment, the Earth will probably get better and it won't be as polluted as it is now."

5. Iman (5th grade), Primary School „Mirsad Prnjavorac“ Vogošća
"If we continue to throw waste like this, wherever we can, planet Earth will certainly look like one big landfill in the future."

6. Alen (5th grade), Primary School „Stari Ilijaš“, Ilijaš
"We can help our city and our school by putting the waste in the right bins and then recycling it. If people recycle waste, it will be better for all of us."



7. Irfan (5th grade) Primary School „Stari Ilijaš“, Ilijaš
"Waste should be thrown into the right bins designated only for special types of waste. If you have glass, throw it in the glass bin, if you have paper, throw it in the paper bin. I will tell my friends that I really enjoy talking about environmental protection and that Save the Children has taught me a lot. What I learned most is that everything we do with waste affects climate change. It affects not only our city but also the whole world, and that we should be careful how we throw away waste."

8. Amel (9th grade) Primary School „Stari Ilijaš“, Ilijaš
"I decided to sign up to participate in the Save the Children project on environmental protection firstly because I think that we students can change and improve something in our school, but also in the place where we live. I think that in the future it will be much better for us because if we learn now about ecology and climate change, we will influence the future and it will be better for us. I think we can improve the situation in our country, and we can also teach the elderly how they can change their attitude towards the environment."

9. Ajša (9th grade) Primary School „Stari Ilijaš“, Ilijaš
"I believe that we as individuals cannot bring about any big changes, but with small steps we can all bring huge changes together, and they will not mean only us but also future generations because we are borrowing this planet only for a certain period, and that world must remain for future generations that are just being born."