

2022 BOSANA ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Bosana donors and supporters,



Thank you for supporting yet another year of education and educational opportunities that continue to change the lives of youth in BiH. While we no longer hold our annual events where we were able to connect with you at least once a year, we are very privileged that with your ongoing support, we are still able to give support to our students. Like every year, our students continue to also provide further support to those in need through their "Students for Humanity" Program that is financed by their personal donations that Bosana matches. In 2022, this project has helped 11 families and students in need. Good deeds do multiply and they inspire others around us to also want to do more good. Bosana community in 2022 has grown by 3 new mentors, 11 new students. Our students are fortunate to be part of the Bosana family and we are privileged to have your trust and continuous support.

Thank you!
Senita Slipac
Founder & President

NEW GRADUATES

Eight (8) Bosana students graduated this year, and eleven (11) more who are almost ready to graduate. This year Bosana academic community welcomed: one Doctor of Medicine, a Master of Communication Studies, an Electrical Engineer, a Master of Geology, a master of Mathematics and Informatics, an Economic, and two (2) Psychologists.



OUR STUDENTS COME FROM ALL PARTS OF B&H



BOSANA STUDENTS cover almost 50 DIFFERENT MAJORS

FURTHER EDUCATION

Three (3) of our graduates started their Master's programs after graduation, and one (1) student started a Ph.D. program in 2022.

3 MASTER STUDIES

1 PHD STUDIES

SUMMARY SINCE 2010

150 TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED STUDENTS

50 CURRENTLY ACTIVE STUDENTS

62 RECEIVED BACHELOR DEGREES

21 RECEIVED MA DEGREES

3 STUDENTS IN THE PH.D. PROGRAM

EMPLOYED GRADUATE STUDENTS

54

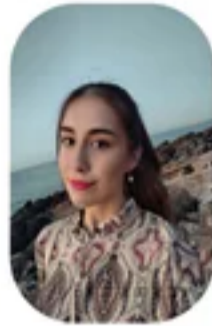
UNTIL THE END OF 2022

12 NEW STUDENTS!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
WELCOME!

We accepted and welcomed **11** new students into our Scholarship Program and **1** new student who was part of the Professional Development Program in 2021.

GENERATION **12**
2022/2023



STUDENTS FOR HUMANITY PROGRAM

This year alone, our "Students for Humanity" project successfully supported eleven (11) students and families for a total amount of 2,925 BAM!

For 8 years now, Bosana students have all set aside part of their monthly scholarship funds and they continue to do so even today!

Since 2015

\$16,620.63.

STUDENTS FOR HUMANITY 48

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Alumni students alike continue to contribute to this project so the impact is very significant!

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

6000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK



Azra, our new scholar, shared her perspective on the benefit of volunteering in her medical field of study.

Azra Tupkušić

"It entirely changes perspective! I've noticed a clear difference between those around me who have experience volunteering within the profession they've chosen as a supposed those who do not!"



STUDENT STORIES

SUNČICA ĐUKANOVIĆ



Sunčica Đukanović, Bosana's former student in 2022, became our new employee!

Suncica decided to use her free time to help even more BIH students as Bosana's Field Liaison.

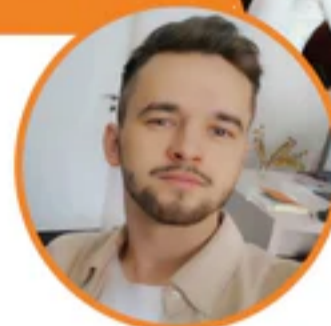
I am delighted to be part of the BOSANA team officially! I want to use all the experience I have gained to move Bosana's capacities to the next level with more excellent opportunities! With Bosana, I learned that hard work pays off and that we can change our society only if we start with ourselves and work on ourselves first! Choose the people you surround yourself with! It has an incredible impact on your life!

"For all that you have done, what you are doing, and what you will do - I'm very grateful to be moving forward with you on this path of envisioning a community in which everyone has the freedom to define the scope of their life and future and achieve their full potential!"

says Sunčica



Adnan, our former scholar, and **Sedin**, our current scholar, took the opportunity to express their ideas and talent, and they started managing our social networks in mid-2022.



Thank you for supporting students like:

SUNCICA, ADNAN, SEDIN!

We firmly believe that celebrating our students' successes motivates them **TO STAY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

On February 11, the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**, former BOSANA students, **Anela** and **Denis** marked this day by donating funds each for two students who contributed to science and society last year with their hard work, commitment, and activities!

"Since I was elected this year as one of the ambassadors of the **UN campaign - Women in Science**, on the occasion of International Women's Day, I wanted to **continue the excellent story and motivate students to continue working and investing in education and science**. Let this symbolic act motivate the students, but alumni of the Bosana students, to continue to spread the spirit of Bosnia - because education is the most powerful weapon!"

- Anela.



"Investing in science and in people who will be doing science or are already doing it is investing in the future. **Just as the Bosana Foundation is investing, I believe it is the obligation of us former students who have succeeded in our intentions to invest in the future.**"

-Denis.



ACHIEVEMENTS



"From the very beginning, I had every kind of material and moral support, understanding and friendly cooperation."

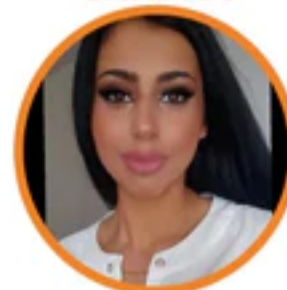
The youngest Doctor of Medicine in Republika Srpska entity our graduate student Sava.

THE RESEARCH PAPERS

4 FORMER STUDENTS SCHOLARS WERE PUBLISHED IN 2022 IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MOST ACTIVE STUDENTS

SANDRA



JOVANA



SUNČICA



SUMEJA



AWARDS AMONG BOSANA STUDENTS

1. Recognition of new leaders among young people:

BigBang Generation Heroes competition in the Civic Activism category.



IRMA
medical student

2. one of the best-ranked in competition for Vera Snajder Award in 2022 which awards young researchers and scientists in the STEM field.



SUMEJA
pharmacy student

OF OUR **8 GRADUATE STUDENTS** WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SHARE THAT IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2021/2022:**

4 OF THEM ARE THE BEST STUDENTS OF GENERATION

1 OF THEM IS THE BEST STUDENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY



1 OF THEM IS DEAN/S RECOGNITION FOR REMARKABLE RESULTS!

KICK-START YOUR CAREER

The workshops have proven successful every year as most students manage to find a job after collage.



"After graduating, I got a job at a software company, where I was welcomed by the wonderful team I work with. This is a job where I can improve and progress; that was my goal. My Bosana family played a big role in this. They were there when I needed them, not only financially but also as moral support, someone who was always by my side. Thank you, Bosana!"

said Aleksandra.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

9 of our students went abroad to gain new experiences through academic, work, and travel programs.



Writing to us from Lleida, our student **Sanel** has shared his experiences on the Erasmus Exchange in Lleida, Spain:

"This is the first time I've ever lived in another country, and the experience is amazing. I live in a flat where I have some household items that may seem common to everyone, but I do not have at home, such as a microwave, deep fryer, and properly working oven and stove. The education here, at least for software engineers, is amazing. The subjects are self-directed and stress-free, just a project we work on the whole semester."



- 2 OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTER'S STUDIES IN ENGLAND AND GERMANY.
- 2 OUR 2ND STUDENT IN A ROW WHO WENT TO STUDY AT ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN ENGLAND



Konrad Adenauer Foundation awarded our alumnus Amar a full scholarship for the MA Program at the Münster University of Applied Sciences!

"Without the support of the Bosana Foundation, this would not be possible! Thank you all, especially donors, for believing in me!"
Amar, MA Germany

"Dear people, invest in yourself and your knowledge! No one can take that away from you!"
said Lejla

2022/23
Chevening scholarship of the "British Foreign and Commonwealth Office" Nottingham University MA, Department of Youth Work and Leadership



Composer and pianist currently majoring in Film Scoring at Berklee College of Music with remarkable achievements as a pianist and composer.

"By providing financial support, the BAPA scholarship will help me focus on my studies and continue with my academic and career achievements."
said Hajrudin.

BAPA & BOSANA SCHOLARSHIP

INFOBIP SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION OF THE POTENTIAL IN OUR STUDENTS!

Paid internships with Full Scholarships to two of our students at Electrical engineering and the Information Technology fields of study.



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After School Tutoring for 70 ORPHANS IN BIH PROGRAM

provides educational and recreational opportunities for children in Zenica and Tuzla. Now, we also opened up a project in Sarajevo Orphanage.

"Program is educational and helps build our personalities, strengthen our qualities, and help us think outside of the box, which relates to creative thinking outside the usual parameters of finding original and innovative solutions"

said Šerifa.

WONDERFUL AND INSPIRING

NEWS TO SHARE!

Through the Global Giving platform, Project "**Women Empowerment for Former Bosana Students**", we managed to fundraise resources to help **Ildijana and 4 other students**.

THIS IS THE SECOND SUCCESS STORY of the impact of College education for **10 talented students in BiH Program**.

"I had the wind at my back that Bosana would accompany my training and help me to finish what I started. That was the turning point for the success I'm enjoying now. So thanks to Bosana, I didn't lack anything to become what I am today. Today I work as a clerk in the student service. Thank you, Bosana, for all the support and money you invested in my education and the selfless support you still provide. I am honored to be part of the Bosana family"

said Ildijana



BOSANA **TEAM BUILDING**

This year, we had a fantastic **team building** in **Konjic**. It was amazing to see more than **20** of us all together from all over Bosnia, and Herzegovina meet up!



BOSANA Foundation was always more than just an organization. **Our donors, volunteers, and our students** - we are all part of one big **#family**. That's why we cherish times we can spend together to strengthen those bonds and instill a sense of togetherness and trust.



.... FEW WORDS FROM **BOSANA DONORS**



"I've been a proud **monthly supporter** of Bosana since **2019**. It's a wonderful organization that enables youth in my home country to pursue their dreams — there's truly no greater gift than access to higher education. I always look forward to the participant updates and tracking their progress from eager students to career professionals."

Damir Konjicija



3 • NEW MENTORS
• JOINED THE
• BOSANA MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM IN 2022

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM BOSANA HAS CURRENTLY **17** NEW MENTORS



"My motivation to mentor the Bosana Foundation scholarship holders hides in my great love for education and school and my desire to support them in their education. I am very grateful for that opportunity. I recommend the mentoring program in life to everyone, to have a mentor and to be a mentee."

says Aida, one of the new mentors in 2022 from BiH

Working with the **BOSANA** foundation has strengthened my cultural roots and love for Bosna - particularly since being a **mentor**. The connections made through the foundation are invaluable through the friendships that are fostered. Being able to share joyful moments, and having a support system to share and make it through hardships, is just as valuable for the students as it is for the mentors.

Ines Ramadanovic, USA

CHECK OUT a student's view of being part of the **MENTORING PROGRAM!**



"Dr. Belma, my mentor, specialized neurologist, invited me to her home in Walnut Creek, California, where I spent a fantastic month with her family and a productive 3-week clinical rotation at St. Mary Clinical Center in San Francisco! Dr. Charles Alisson was my second mentor, an excellent, amiable, and pleasant doctor. His specialty was internal medicine. We examined patients together and discussed possible diagnoses and appropriate treatment. I

also went with Belma to her work, where she let me do some physical examination and take the patient's history. I liked it so much that I even considered doing a residency in neurology!" I learned so much from both of them. This professional experience will significantly impact my studies and professional development, "

says Emir,
a 5th-year medical student in Sarajevo

BOSANA 2022

BEST STUDENT OF THE YEAR

This year a big Congratulations goes out to SUNČICA!



Sunčica is nearing the end of her MA thesis research at the Department of Security and Peace Studies, University of Sarajevo, complemented by the International Security and Development program - ISAD, Center for International Studies and Development - at Jagiellonian University in Krakow. With a grade point average of 9.60, Sunčica is one of the best students of her generation. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Faculty of Political Science, UNSA.

Suncica has also completed several academic programs for young professionals, including a "BOLD Institute on Civic Engagement" Fellowship at the University of Nebraska, Omaha; In-Peace training in Reykjavik, Iceland, and Security Policy and Development Training at the Peace Support Operations Training Center (PSOTC).

During her studies, she was engaged in numerous non-formal education activities, projects, and voluntary services in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad.

Sunčica has more than 5 years of professional experience in non-governmental and international organizations in the civic engagement sector, providing technical assistance in human rights and peace education processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina and managing individual technical assistance projects.

Suncica's first full-time job came right after she passed her exams, proving that her hard work had paid off. She is a junior consultant at Lucid Linx, a consulting company that works with policymakers and practitioners in the public sector to advance governance and improve service delivery to citizens.



2022 GRADUATES

MUSTAFA BEŠIĆ



ALEKSANDRA ILIĆ



ŠERIFA BUŠEVAC



DIA BIČAKČIĆ



MATEA JEVRIĆ



NEW GRADUATES

ENESA HRUSTIĆ



2022 Finances

Donations

General Donations Programs	Afterschool	\$	4,501.00
	Scholarship	\$	124,013.00
	Total Program Inflows	\$	128,514.00

Fund Allocated for Operations (15% from donations)

General Donations	\$	19,653.00
In-Kind Services	\$	2,300.00
Total Operational Budget Increase	\$	21,953.00

BOSANA Expenses in 2022 were **\$ 107,124.00** as follows:

Towards Current Programs	Afterschool	\$	11,147.00
	Scholarship	\$	83,291.00
	Total Program Expenses	\$	94,438.00

Towards Current Programs	Benefits	\$	2,300.00
	Bank Fee	\$	340.00
	Accounting Services	\$	712.00
	PR in Bosnia	\$	695.00
	Travel	\$	94.00
	Marketing	\$	3,048.00
	Membership	\$	214.00
	Other Expenses/Insurance	\$	1,010.00
	Taxes	\$	220.00
	Paypal Fee & GG fee & FB	\$	2,549.00
	Web Support and Fee	\$	1,504.00
	Total Program Expenses	\$	12,686.00

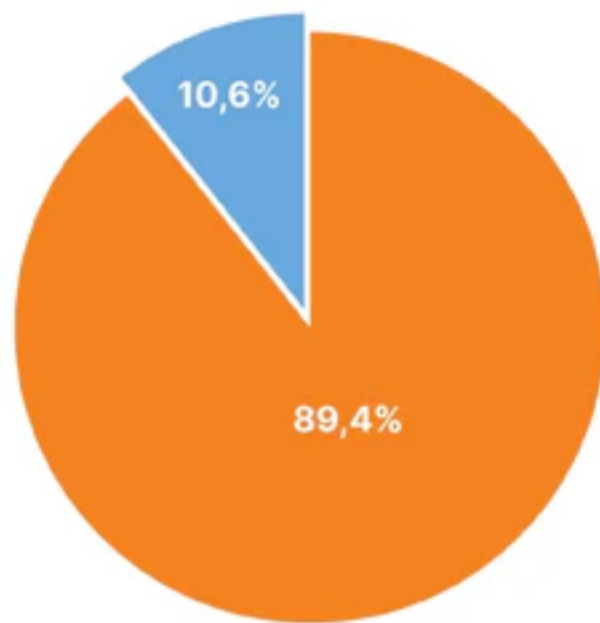
Covered Benefits	Accounting service for Financials	\$	2,300.00
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Break down of Bosana Foundation Operational Expenses in the amount of \$12,686,00 with following ratios:

Operational Exp to Total Collection	8%
Operational Exp to Total Expenses	12%

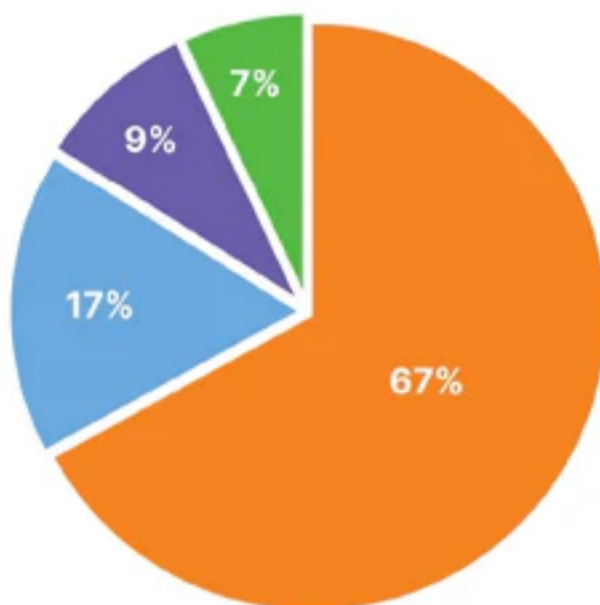
Accounting service for Financials and Tax Return was an in-kind donation in amount of \$2,300.

2022 Financial Summary



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- Allocated towards programs **\$ 107,124**
- Spent on Operational Cost **\$ 12,686**



2022 Scholarship Expenses

- Stipends
- Housing
- Tuition
- Other Expenses

In 2022 Bosana supported these projects:



BH Diasporic Conference

Bosna continued to support the BH Diasporic Conference in the amount of **\$1000**.



New Educational Project

BAPA & Bosana Scholarship in the amount of **\$5000** for one Bosnian-American student.