Fund Title* MPTF_00209: UN COVID-19 MPTF

For Funding: Re-imagining Education for Marginalized Girls and Boy

Herzegovina

Anticipated Start Date*
Duration (In months)*
Anticipated End Date*
Brief Overview*

The proposal aims to support the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Educefforts to strengthening the system which can prevent, mitigate imparticularly when addressing the needs of the vulnerable populatio attaining gender equality, specifically focusing on the most vulnera

Since Mid-March 2020, around 500,000 learners in Bosnia and Herz Education authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina attempted to quic learning under challenging circumstances, with varying degrees of such as Roma, children and youth living in poverty, and children and disrupted continuum of learning.

The widespread unemployment and income loss from COVID-19 wil fees and materials. Budget constraints may cause the poorest hous schools reopen. In June 2020, UNICEF and UNESCO conducted the I Education which revealed specific structural problems of the educatoresources to support e-learning and blended learning, particularly for and e-learning platforms/ networks; lack of standardised e-learning teacher and instructor training for implementing and facilitating e-learning of education government authorities to conduct quality a capacity gaps of teachers, 68% of them are female, for online and

This joint programme was designed with the vision of re-imaging enforce of our efforts: focus on gender responsive approaches that are dropouts, particularly of marginalized groups; offer skills for employ profession and teachers' readiness; expand the definition of the right barriers to connectivity; strengthen data and monitoring of learning levels and types of education and training.

Key activities of the joint programme are focused on mitigating anc and teaching outcomes for girls and boys as well as capacity buildir constitute close to 70% of the workforce. Additional key activities a long-term investments and education policy change that promotes

Given BiH's post-conflict context, the COVID-19 pandemic is exacer and creating new ones. In this regard, it is essential that priority be community resilience during the fight against COVID-19. The work of instability that communities have been grappling with for an extended the fabric of society across the country. In BiH, a fragmented educat at their early age.

The geographical scope of intervention is BiH with the following keg and boys) enrolled in preschool, primary, secondary, TVET and highe (55% female beneficiaries); 5,000 preschool, primary, and secondary BiH.

UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO and UNV are the recipient UN Organisations \$1,000,000 is being requested from the MPTF.

Comments Geographical Scope	Geographical Scope	Name of the Region
Coun	try	Europe

Participating Organizations and their Implementing Partners	Participating Organizations	NGOs
	ILO UNDP(UNV) UNESCO UNICEF	
Contacts	Contact Type	Name
	Focal Point	Bradley Foerster
Universal Markers	Gender Equality Marker	Risk
	GEM3 - GEWE is the principal objective of the Key Activity	Low Risk
Fund Specific Markers	Fund Windows	Fund Windows
		Window 2: Reduce Social Impact and Promote Economic Response
	Human Rights Based Approach to COVID19 Response	HRBA integrated Yes
	Primary Socio-Economic Pillars	Pillars Pillar 2: Protecting People
	Concept Note Type	Туре
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Estimated Budget	Budget Budget Requested	\$1,000,000
	Other Sources	\$200,000
	Total	\$1,200,000
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kly establish different mechanisms for distance success. Vulnerable groups of children and youth, I youths on the move were more at risk for

Il severely test household ability to pay school eholds to keep children out of school even when Rapid Situation and Needs Assessment in tion systems in BiH, including inadequacy of ICT or vulnerable children and youth; lack of online and blended learning curricula; inadequate learning and blended learning; and lack of assurance. The assessment also identified blended teaching.

ducation and has the following entry points to the addressing learning losses and preventing ability programmes; support the teaching ht to education to include connectivity; remove \$\(\); strengthen the articulation and flexibility across

I overcoming the educational disparities, learning ng and empowerment of female teachers who re focused on overcoming gender data gaps, and gender equality in teaching workforce.

rbating vulnerabilities while magnifying divisions e given to strengthening social cohesion and must include efforts to address some key drivers ended time and which continue to deeply impact tion system exacerbates divisions among students

y beneficiaries: 100,000 children and youths (girls er education in 4 education administrative units school teachers; and 14 education authorities in

, and the project duration is 18 months.

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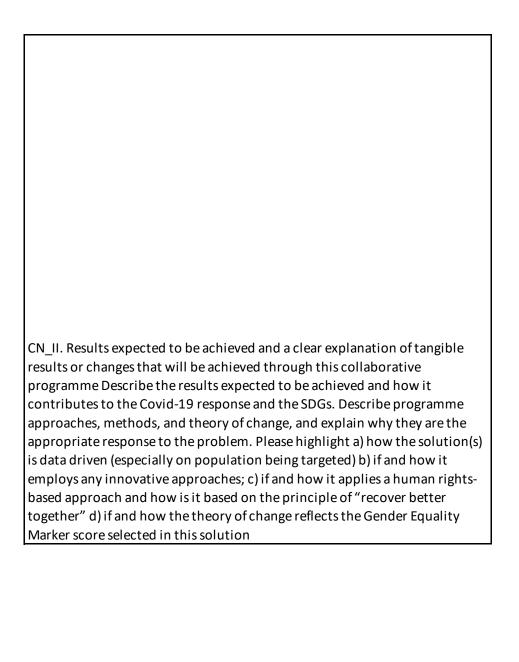
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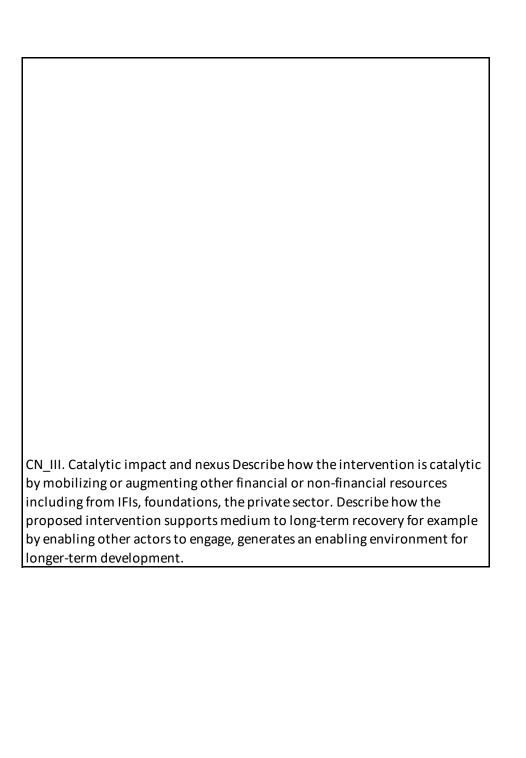
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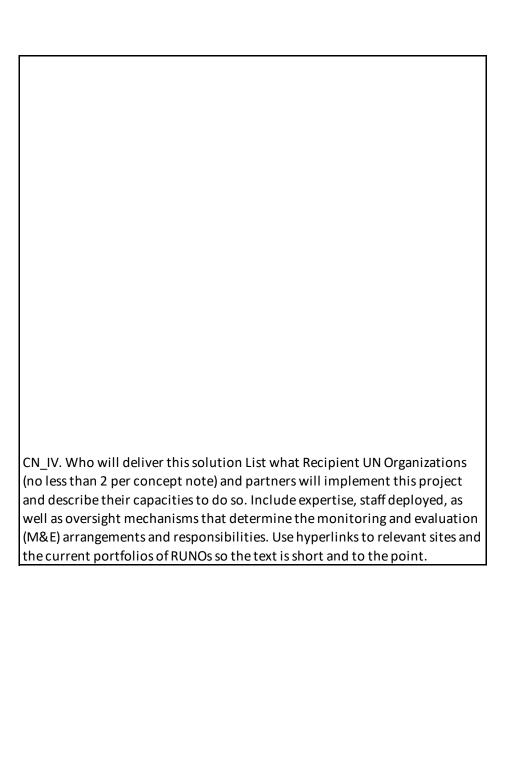
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Title
CN_I. What is the specific need/problem the intervention seeks to address?
Summarize the problem. Apply a gender lens to the analysis and description
of the problem. Be explicit on who has established the need (plans, national
authorities, civil society, UN own analysis, or citizens).







Р	_I. Immediate Socio-Economic Response to COVID19 and its impact

P_V. Target population	

Text

their efforts to strengthening the system which can prevent, mitigate impacts and respond quickly to emergencies, particularly when addressing the needs of the vulnerable population ensuring the principle of leaving no one behind, attaining gender equality, specifically focusing on the most vulnerable and marginalized girls and boys and in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 socioeconomic impact assessment and the UN Socio-economic Response Framework (SERF) pillars.

Disparity in Access to learning in Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary Education:

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented disruption of education across the globe - around 1.6 billion learners were out of their classrooms for months. This situation has further deepened inequity and exacerbated an already existing learning crisis as millions of children, youth and adults did not have equal access and opportunities to continue learning. Since Mid-March 2020, around 500,000 learners in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) were not in their classrooms. Education authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina attempted to quickly establish different mechanisms for distance learning under challenging circumstances, with varying degrees of success. Besides the significant impact of disrupted learning on all children, children from vulnerable groups are under additional risk to be left out, with increased risk of dropping out and widening the existing equity gaps. School closures and disruptive education among the most vulnerable children, further exacerbates existing gender norms, increases house household care work for girls limiting their available time and resources to learn. This impacts on girls' futures, as well as intergenerational impacts on health and nutrition, on economic growth, and many other outcomes. The BiH education authorities estimated that the lack of continuum of learning affected over 9,700 children in primary and

SDGs, education contributes transversally to several targets and goals — including those related to decent work and economic growth, reduced inequalities, environment, promoting gender equality, innovation and peaceful and inclusive societies. For this reason, the role of education can be addressed both as a driver that contributes directly to bringing about economic and social benefits, and also as an enabler that contributes to the effectiveness of development interventions.

Hence, incorporating education into the UN Socio-economic Response Plan in Bosnia and Herzegovina[1], based on the Recover Better Together principle[2], helps to accelerate overall recovery of the society with the participation of all sectors and focusing on gender component of educational response activities to achieve better outcomes for women and girls and to build stronger, more inclusive and more resilient society.

In terms of Human Rights Based approach[3], the focus of the Joint Programme is not only to enable children to have access to school, but in the long-term to provide opportunities to have a quality curriculum and complete all years of schooling to fulfil their right to education. Crucial are teachers, school management and other staff, especially during the pandemic, playing key roles in creating safe learning spaces, adapting curricula and providing support to marginalized students.

The COVID-19 pandemic confronted education authorities in BiH with a unique set of challenges in ensuring the continuity and quality of learning with 'Leave no one behind' principle[4]. This Joint UN programme proposes to modernise education and learning in BiH for the following areas to increase resilience of the education systems and to further contribute to the education sector reforms:

and attract additional funding. Mobilization of the private sector was evident from the very beginning of the pandemic and learning disruption process when the first response of the UN agencies within the UN Socio-economic Response Plan in Bosnia and Herzegovina[1] was to ensure equal access of all students to online learning through provision of equipment. In cooperation with line ministries, and in-kind support by the private sector namely mobile and telecommunication companies, UNESCO and UNICEF jointly made a donation of ICT equipment (152 pieces Lenovo tablets for primary and secondary schools) and 5300 mobile connections to students of primary and secondary schools to assist in ensuring continuity of school process as well as equal learning opportunities for all students. UNICEF and UNESCO globally formed Global Partnership for Education[2] engaging private sector.

To maximize results of the Joint Programme and to encourage their long-term support to the country's educational system, cooperation will be established with international donors and organisations. Close cooperation with the EU Delegation to BIH will be looked at as a valuable partner in furthering the objectives of this Joint Programme.

Inclusion of other IC partners is also expected to continue for these activities. World Food Programme and the World Bank Group is a global partner of UNICEF and UNESCO in the process of providing policy recommendations to ministries of education on safe transition process of school opening: Framework for reopening schools[3] were distributed in May-June 2020 to line ministries in BiH in order to inform the decision-makers on school reopening, support preparations and guide the implementation process, as part of overall public health and education planning processes.

partners will implement this programme and describe their capacities to do so. Include expertise, staff deployed, as well as oversight mechanisms that determine the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) arrangements and responsibilities. Use hyperlinks to relevant sites and the current portfolios of RUNOs so the text is short and to the point. [15,000 characters]

The Joint Programme will be implemented by using "Delivering as One UN" approach and the UN Resident Coordinator will lead political engagement at the highest political level, also ensuring engagement of the UNCT.

The coordination arrangements include: The oversight and strategic guidance of the Programme will be provided through Joint Programme Board. The Board will be co-chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator and the dedicated representative of the relevant Government Partners (Ministries of Education and other relevant institutions)[1] and the Heads of RUNOs. The Programme Board will meet first time after one month of the Programme inception to adopt terms of reference and agree on the composition of the Board, and how often the Board will be meeting. New members to the Board can be added by Board approval. The agencies participating in the Joint Programme will include UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO and UNV. Under the overall leadership of the Programme Board, the Recipient UN Organizations (RUNOs) will have the ultimate responsibilities for achievement of results of the UN activities conducted through Programme. UNICEF will act as the Convening Agency of the Joint Programme responsible for the strategic and programmatic leadership of the Joint UN Programme and ensuring cohesive and coordinated approach of the participating UN agencies. The Convening Agency, in partnership with other RUNOs, will be responsible and accountable to the Joint Programme Board for facilitation of the achievement of agreed delivery and results of the Joint UN

in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), which addresses the immediate and intermediate consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and promotes synergies across sectors to ensure more inclusivity and enhance the resilience of society.

This intervention is designed to help minimise the immediate socio-economic consequences emerging due to the disruption of continual educational processes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme envisions genderresponsive measures that transform education systems, prioritise resilience and address the key bottlenecks and barriers to girls' education. Firstly, the planned activities are intended to support the education authorities throughout the initial and critical school re-reopening phase and to assist in ensuring safe, quality and equitable education while prioritizing the promotion of gender equality, women's empowerment and enhanced capacity building of girls and women (students as well as teachers/trainers). Secondly, the joint programme aims to assist education authorities in ensuring equal access and continuity of learning for all students, by investing in improving the quality of e-learning and blended learning practices. Furthermore, through the provision of information, communication and technology (ICT) and appropriate assistive technology and information materials for children and youth with disabilities, the joint programme aims to address any digital skills and equity gaps. These interventions will also help to decrease the immediate risks of dropping out and reduce the number of out-of-school children in case regular education is disrupted. Moreover, the proposed activities intend to prevent future learning losses that could consequently hamper the acquisition of skills and competencies necessary for future and appropriate employment of girls and boys in the labour market. This is especially important for students in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), who experienced significant practical skills losses during the school closures. Proposed TVET interventions are specifically targeting girls through sustained exposure to Science,

Children and youth

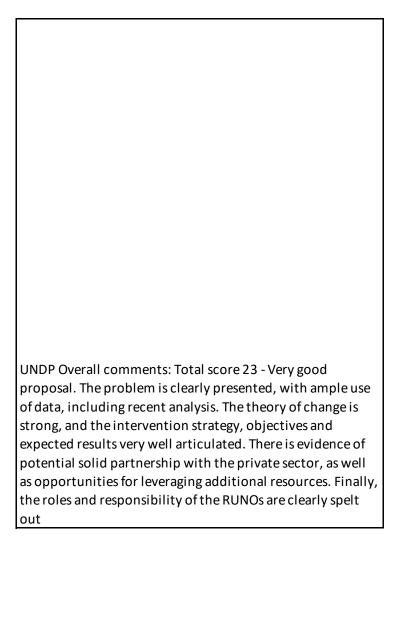
Children and youth (girls and boys) enrolled in preschool, primary, secondary, TVET and higher education are the main target population for the joint programme. The activities will particularly target girls and women enrolled in formal education, comprising at least 55 per cent of children and youth beneficiaries. The programme will be implemented in four education administrative units in BiH, namely: Bosnia Podrinje Canton, Central Bosnia Canton, Una-Sana Canton and Republika Srpska, and therefore it is expected to reach 100,000 children and youth enrolled in formal education.

Preschool, primary, secondary school and TVET school teachers and trainers The proposed programme aims to empower and build capacities of 5,000 preschool, primary, secondary and TVET school teachers and trainers, of whom at least 68% are women.

Education government authorities

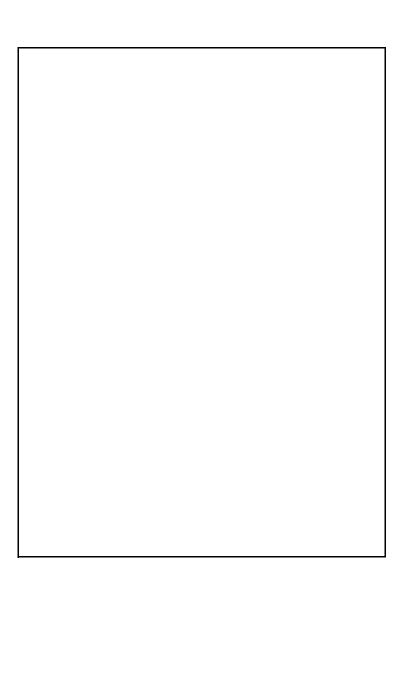
The activities intend to build capacities of all 14 education authorities in BiH to improve inclusive quality e-learning and blended learning for all children and youth. While broadly working with all education systems in the country, a set of targeted interventions will be specifically focused on four education administrative units, prioritised based on their particular vulnerabilities in ensuring access to education during the disruptions (Bosnia Podrinje Canton, Central Bosnia Canton, Una-Sana Canton and Republika Srpska).

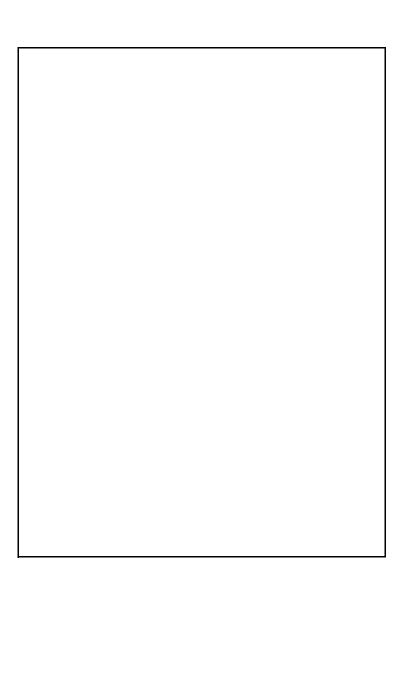
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21. Excellent proposal. Very focused on results for
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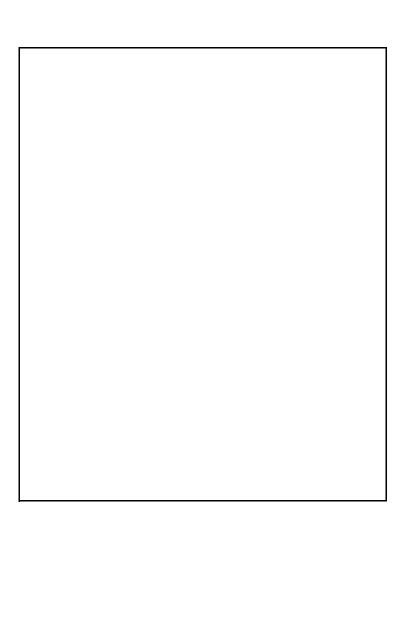


Overall score: 16.
Overall Comments: The concept note clearly explains a
digital an innovative plan for improving the educational facilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The concept note has a
strong emphasis on vulnerable groups such as romas, children and women. The Concept note however, fails to
adress any of the key SDGs and lacks focus on the

mobilization of additional funding







Main Goals

Goal 5. Achieve gende

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Contributing Goals

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er equality and empower all women and girls

5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

ve and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for

4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development

ceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice

16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all

16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

11.7 By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities

Main Goal

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

TARGET_5.b Enhance the use of enabling technology, information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women

Secodary Goals

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

TARGET_4.1 Ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes

TARGET_4.5 Eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations

TARGET_4.c Substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States

Contributing Goals

Goal 8 - Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all

TARGET_8.6 Substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training

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Indicator

4.1.2 Completion rate (primary education, lower secondary education, upper secondary education)

Total Estimated % Budget allocated per target

Note: 55% of the total budget requested is allocated to gender equality and empowerment of women and girls (GEEW/G) through SDG Targets 5.b., 4.1., and 4.5. 35% of programme activities are directly supporting girls and women.

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15%

25%

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Indicator Title	Description		
Percentage of education government authorities with integrated e-learning and blended learning in their action plans	Four targeted education government authorities (100% of targeted locations) which have integrated e-learning and blended learning in action plans of their education strategies and/or strategic documents. Means of verification are official gazettes and websites of education government authorities.		
Percentage of education government authorities that have developed gender-responsive contingency plans and risk assessments	4 targeted education government authorities which have developed gender-responsive contingency plans and risk assessments to be used in case of further disruptions of learning. Means of verification are official gazettes and websites of education government authorities.		

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Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services, disaggregated by sex, age group and at-risk population	Number of children and adults, disaggregated by sex, age group and at-risk population reached with distributed COVID-19 prevention hygiene and information materials. Means of verification is the Monitoring Framework for the UN Framework for the Immediate Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning, disaggregated by sex	Number of children attending schools who benefit from the provided ICT resources, including Assistive Technology, and TV and other media content which supports home-based learning, disaggregated by sex. Means of verification is the Monitoring Framework for the UN Framework for the Immediate Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19.
Standards/guidelines for quality inclusive blended learning developed (Y-N)	State-level standards/guidelines for quality inclusive blended learning developed. Means of verification are official gazettes and websites of the state-level education government authorities.
Number of education government officials trained in utilizing Education Management Information System (EMIS) and Training Management Information System (TMIS)	Number of education government officials trained in how to integrate EMIS and TMIS systems and how to actively use both for effective education management. Means of verification are training reports.
Percentage of education government authorities which have developed instructions for safe elearning and blended learning, with focus on prevention of online genderbased violence	Percentage of targeted education government authorities (four out of four) which have developed instructions for teachers, school management, parents and children for safe e-learning and blended learning, with focus on prevention of online gender-based violence. Means of verification are official governments' reports.

Number of teachers trained	Number of teachers who have completed trainings on quality learning and blended learning, including online, offline and blended trainings. Means of verification are training reports.
Standards/guidelines for TVET quality inclusive blended learning developed (Y-N)	Cantonal-level standards/guidelines for quality inclusive TVET blended learning developed. Means of verification are official gazettes and websites of the state-level education government authorities.
Number of key TVET occupations with blended and e-learning training plans and multi-media e-learning materials	Multi-media training materials and training plans for e-learning / blended learning available for two key occupations. Means of verification are records/portfolios of training materials available
Percentage of girls benefiting from piloted e- learning curricula and gender-sensitive multi- media e-learning materials focused on STEM skills	Percentage of girls studying TVET in the selected pilot areas reached with piloted gender-sensitive multi-media e-learning materials focused on STEM skills, out of the total number of girls studying TVET in the selected pilot areas. Means of verification are school reports.

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Description

Increased capacities of education systems to provide continuity and quality of e-learning and blended learning for all children and youth, girls and boys in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Gender-responsive crisis management, including legal frameworks, established to enable implementation of safe school operations and risk communication

Continuity of learning in BiH is supported for all vulnerable children and youth, girls and boys equally

Education authorities are supported to implement quality inclusive e-learning and blended learning approaches

Teachers (women 68%) are empowered and have enhanced capacities for delivering quality e-learning and blended learning

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) authorities have enhanced capacities for delivering quality TVET e-learning and blended learning, including enhanced capacities for TVET teachers and instructors

Manage Indicators		
Baseline Value		Max Value
	0%	100%
	0%	100%

0	7,000
105,000	125,000
Not available	Standards/guidelines for quality inclusive blended learning developed
0	20
0%	100%

0	5,000 (at least 3,400 women)
Not available	Standards/guidelines for TVET quality inclusive blended learning developed
0	2
0%	80%

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Outcomes	Outputs
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Risk Management			
Event	Category	Level	Likelihood
Due to the unstable political and complex operating environment, government representatives from the Ministries of Education and other relevant institutions are not responsive	Political	High Medium	Low Likelihood
Selected schools/teachers lack resources for the implementation of the programme activities (availability of teachers/interest in participation)	Organizational	High Medium	Low Likelihood
Lack of quality implementing partners to deliver results according to the programme objectives	Operational	Low	Low Likelihood

Impact	Mitigating Measures	Risk Owner
Intermediate	The RUNOs will actively engage in advocacy and long-standing good cooperation with relevant national and sub-national counterparts to ensure early preparation of	RC, RCO and Heads of RUNOs
Minor	The programme team will prepare for a solid assessment in the early phase of the programme and optimize participation of relevant target groups. Selection of	Programme Technical Team/Senior Management
Minor	The pool of implementing partners is relatively known in BiH. A longstanding cooperation of RUNOs with reputable quality implementing partners will	Programme Technical Team/Senior Management

Budget Lines	Fiscal Year
1. Staff and other personnel	2020;2021
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	2021;2022
3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture, incl. Depreciation	2021;2022
4. Contractual services	2021;2022
5. Travel	2020-2021
5. ITavel	2020;2021
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	2021;2022
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7. General Operating and other Direct Costs	2020;2021
Sub Total Programme Costs	2020,2021
8. Indirect Support Costs * 7%	
Total	

Description	Agency 1 UNICEF	Agency 2 UNESCO	Agency 3
Includes all staff, temporary staff costs including base salary, post adjustment and all staff entitlements, as well as costs of UNVs, directly related to the project.	200,131	69,152	0
Includes costs associated with procurement of hygiene materials, learning materials and ICT resources for schools and preschools, including TVET schools.	167,100	0	15,150
Includes costs to put asset into service. For those who do donor reports according to IPSAS this would equal depreciation for period.	0	4,700	0
Services contracted by agencies through procurement processes, such as final evaluation, communication and visibility of the programme, training design and implementation.	115,800	200,345	72,320
Includes staff and non-staff travel directly related to a project.	12,841	3,010	4,851
Includes transfers to implementing partners, in particular to support education government counterparts in digitization of education process and in developing standards and guidelines for quality inclusive blended learning	40,500	0	0
Includes all general operating costs for running an office. Examples include telecommunication, rents, finance charges and other costs which cannot be mapped to			
other expense categories.	4,030	23,700	950
	540,402 37,828	300,907 21,063	93,271 6,529
	578,230	321,970	99,800

Agency 4 UNV		Total USD
	0	269,282
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