Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska

Bosnia and Herzegovina Country Report

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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina – basic info

Geographic location: Bosnia and Herzegovina is located at the western part of Balkan peninsula.

Surrounding countries: Serbia (north-east), Montenegro (south-east), Croatia (north, west and south).

Area: Bosnia and Herzegovina has 51,209.2 km² (land 51,197 km² and sea 12.2 km²)

Climate: Mostly continental, Mediterranean at the South.

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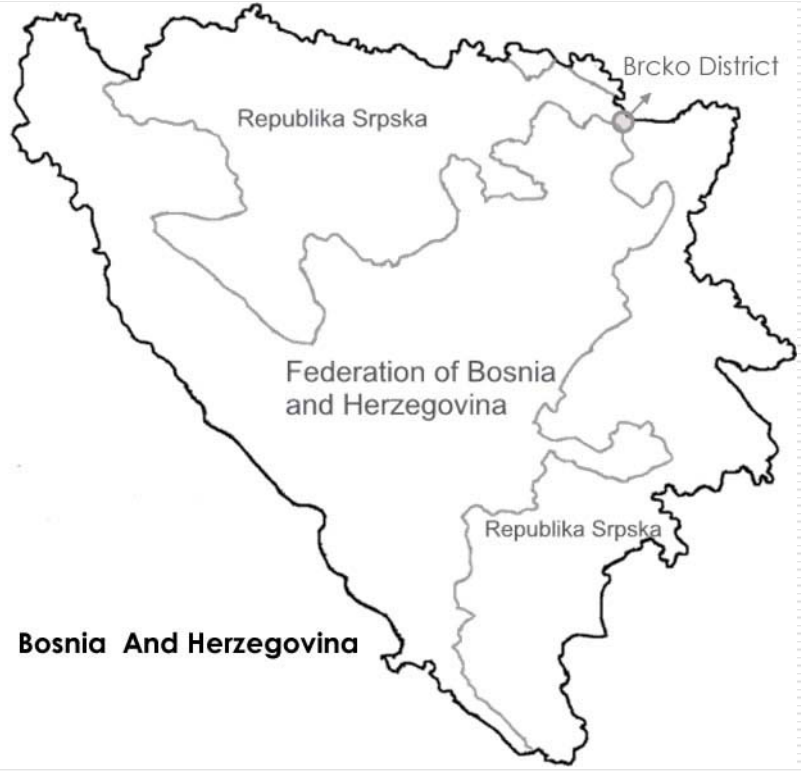

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Population: 3842942 - estimated (06.30.2007.)

Population structure: Bosniacs, Croatians, Serbians and others.

Religions: Islam, Orthodox, Catholic

Official languages: Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian with two alphabets (Latin and Cyrillic)

Official currency: Convertible Mark (KM, BAM) (1 KM/BAM = 0,511292 Euro)

Bosnia and Herzegovina – basic info

Flag and cognizance

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About Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Bosnia and Herzegovina is very rich in waters. There are 6 major rivers: Vrbas, Una, Bosna, Drina, Neretva and Sava and numerous smaller rivers
- Landscape is dominated by Dinaric Alps (with the highest point Maglić - 2387m) on the Central and South BiH and fertile plains on the North.
- Country has limited access to the Adriatic Sea through a small strip of land (about 12 miles wide) in the Southwest
- Thick forests cover almost 50% of the land

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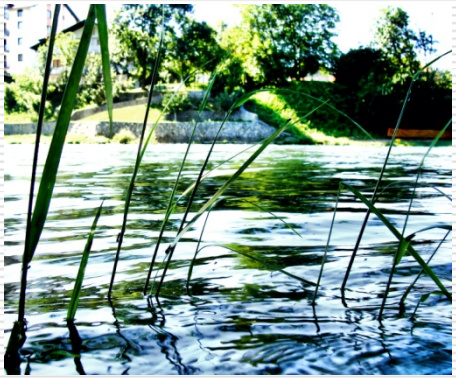

Hometown - Banjaluka

- As the university, economic, finance, political and administrative center of the Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka is the second biggest city in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the population of 300 000.
- Due to many of its green surfaces - parks and tree-lined roads, Banja Luka is known as the city of greenery.
- It is also called a city of young people, sport and culture.

Hometown Banjaluka - photos

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Organizational structure

BiH consists of two entities:

- Republic of Srpska (RS) – 62 municipalities
- Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) - 10 cantons and 79 municipalities.

Organizational structure - photo

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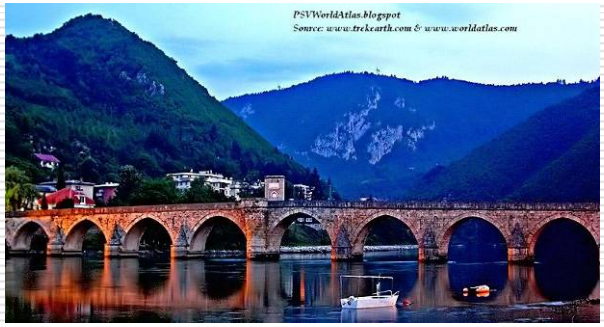
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Organizational structure of health and social sector in BiH

- Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH
- Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska
- Ministry of Health of Federation of BiH
- Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of RS

The mission of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska is to build modern, rational, efficient and effective institutions, committed to the policy of improving people's health and conditions that affect health and social welfare.

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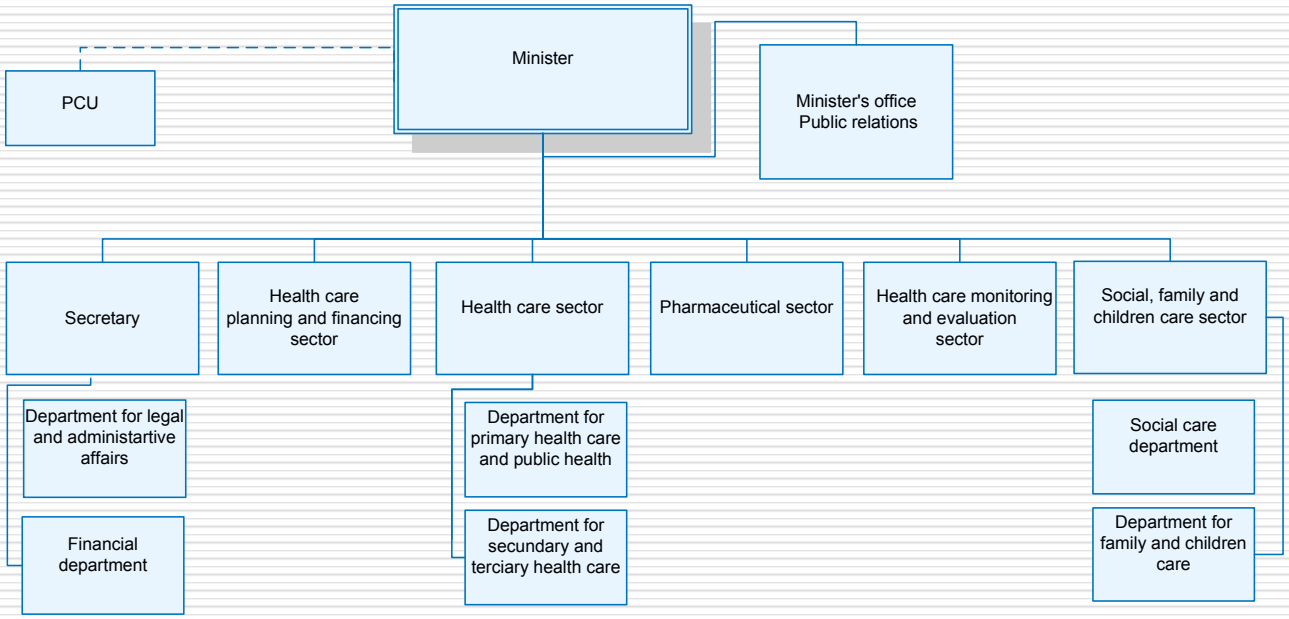
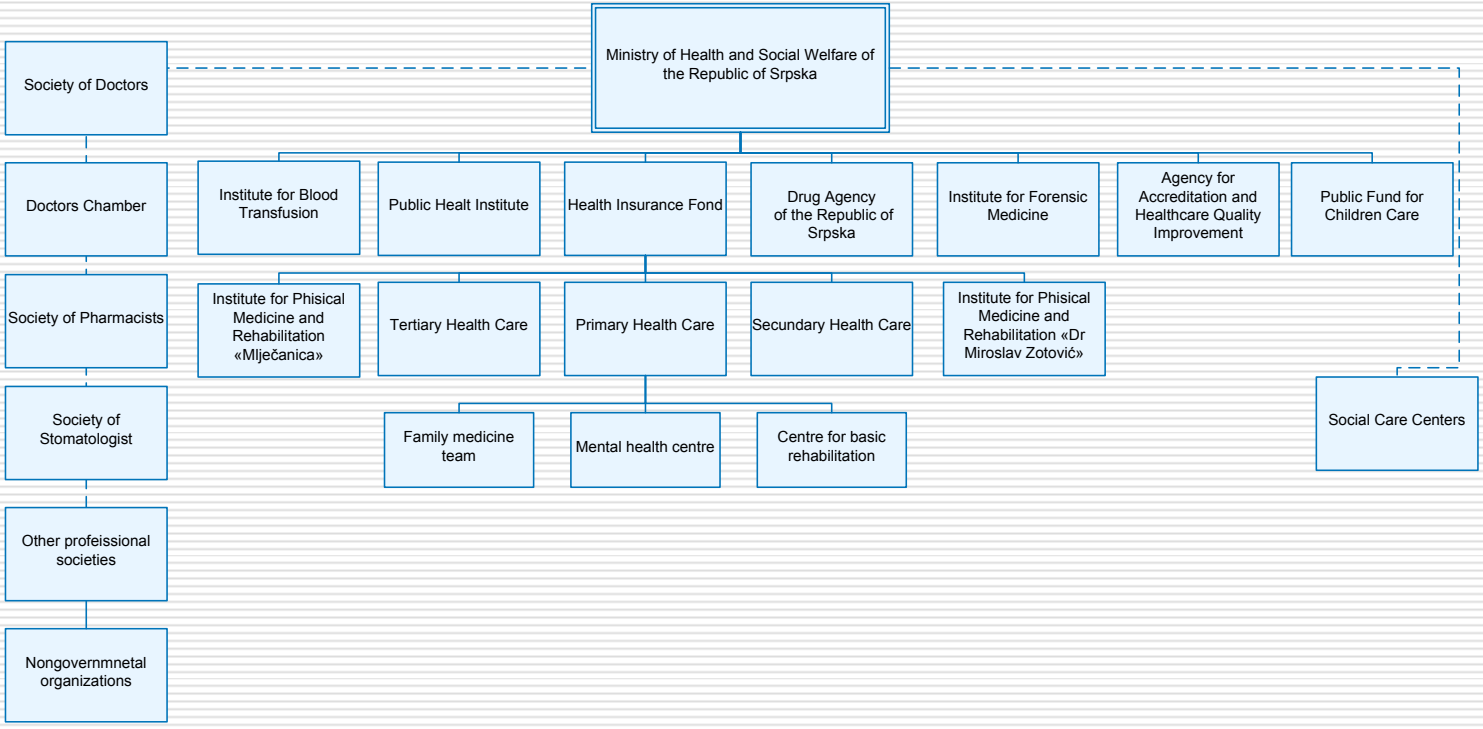


Health and Social System Organization



Gender issues regarding Health and Social Sector

- Domestic violence
- Women's participation in politics and their leadership
- Gender inequality in health and social system of the Republic of Srpska

Obstacles

- Traditional role of women (from the point of view of men and women)
- Insufficient knowledge of human rights
- Low budget and lack of human resources

Objectives (before coming to Japan)

- To gain additional knowledge about gender
- To gain knowledge and skills in prevention of domestic violence
- To learn more about promotion of gender equality
- To exchange experience with other participants

Achieved

- Learned a lot about gender issues in the world
- Learned a lot from the history of women
- Gain knowledge about gender implementation in different areas of life
- Gain experience from strong and powerful women
- Met a lot of beautiful and polity people
- Enjoyed in Japan

Action plan

Title – Men As Partners (MAS)

Objective – To raise awareness and sensibility for gender issues among men

Action plan - Activities and Expected outcomes

Activities

- Education for men
- Development of educational and promotional materials (from men's points of view)
- Engagement of famous and powerful men in campaigns

Action plan - Expected outcomes

- To decrease domestic violence
- To raise awareness about gender issues among men
- To achieve higher inclusion of man in gender mainstreaming processes
- To have men as partners in sexual violence prevention

Good example

We believe that manhood is *NOT* defined:

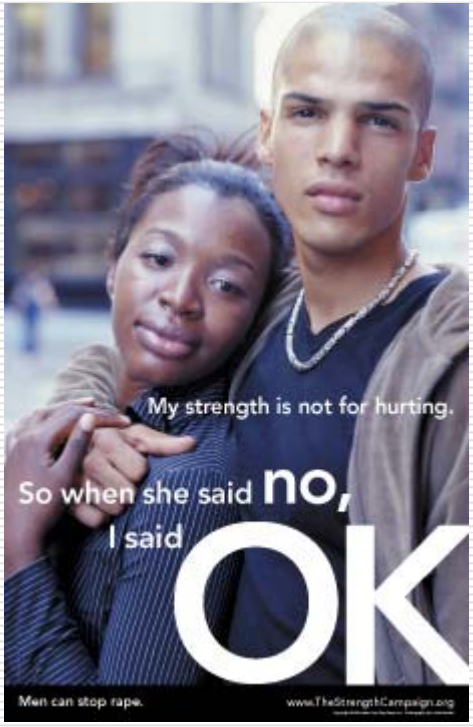
by how many sexual partners you have,
by using violence against women or men,
by how much pain you can endure,
by how much power you can exert over others,
or by whether you are gay or straight.

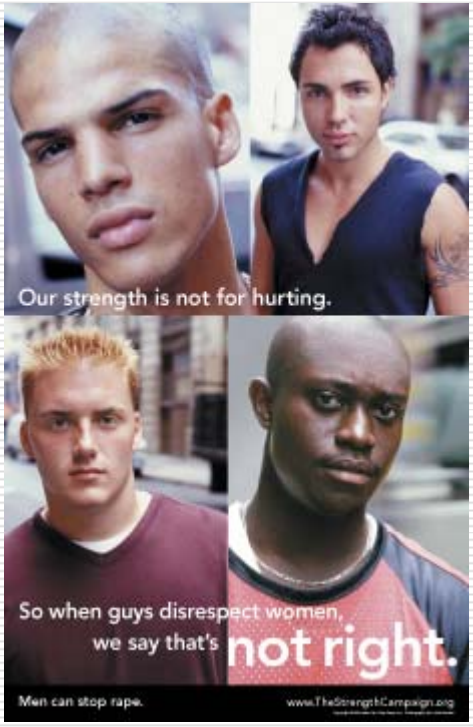
MenEngage
boys and men for gender equality

We believe that manhood *IS* defined:

by building relationships based on respect and equality,
by speaking out against violence in your society,
by having the strength to ask for help,
by shared-decision making and shared power,
and by how much you are able to respect the diversity and rights of those around you.

Good example – OK newsletter





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