STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES/ Mjesne Zajednice (MZs) IN BiH

#MjesneZajednice

OVERALL PROJECT GOAL:

**Improve the quality of life** of the citizens of BiH through enhancing local and increasing democratic accountability and social inclusion.

**VISION AND ITS ATTAINMENT:** Citizens and governments are committed to realize the jointly agreed upon new inclusive and gender-sensitive vision of MZs in BiH, as foundation for more participatory and accountable local governance in BiH.

**ACTIVISM:** Pro-active, capacitated and inter-connected MZs contribute to downward responsiveness of local governments and improved service delivery.

**INSTITUTIONALISATION:** A new regulatory framework for functional MZs developed by governments enables more inclusive, gender-sensitive and accountable local governance in BiH.

**Beneficiaries:** 300,000 individuals

**Outcome 1:** 24 local governments and 136 MZs

**Outcome 2:** July 2015 – July 2019

**Outcome 3:**

**THE PROJECT WILL BE:**

- People-centered and needs-driven
- Inclusive and community-led
- Dialogue-centered
- Well-coordinated
- Evidence-based

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The project is a joint initiative of the Governments of Switzerland and Sweden, implemented by UNDP in BiH.

**PARTNERS:**

BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, Ministry of Justice of the Federation of BiH, Ministry for Administration and Local Self-Government of Republika Srpska, Brčko District, local self-governments and local communities (MZs), Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska and others.