

UNDP experience on Dog Population Management in BiH



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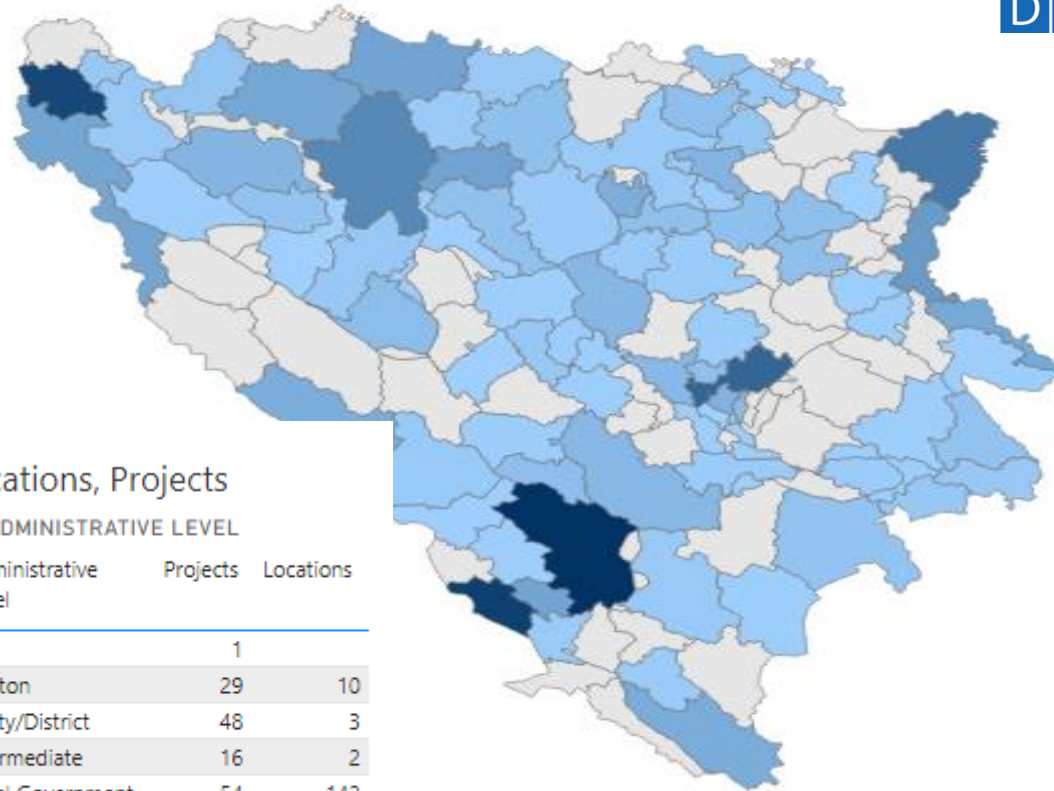
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UNDP presence in BiH

Where Do We Work? (Amount)



Locations, Projects

BY ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL

Administrative Level	Projects	Locations
▲	1	
Canton	29	10
Entity/District	48	3
Intermediate	16	2
Local Government	54	142
State	60	1
Total	93	158



**Strengthening the role of
local communities
(mjesne zajednice) in BiH**

What is MZ?

What is the project goal?

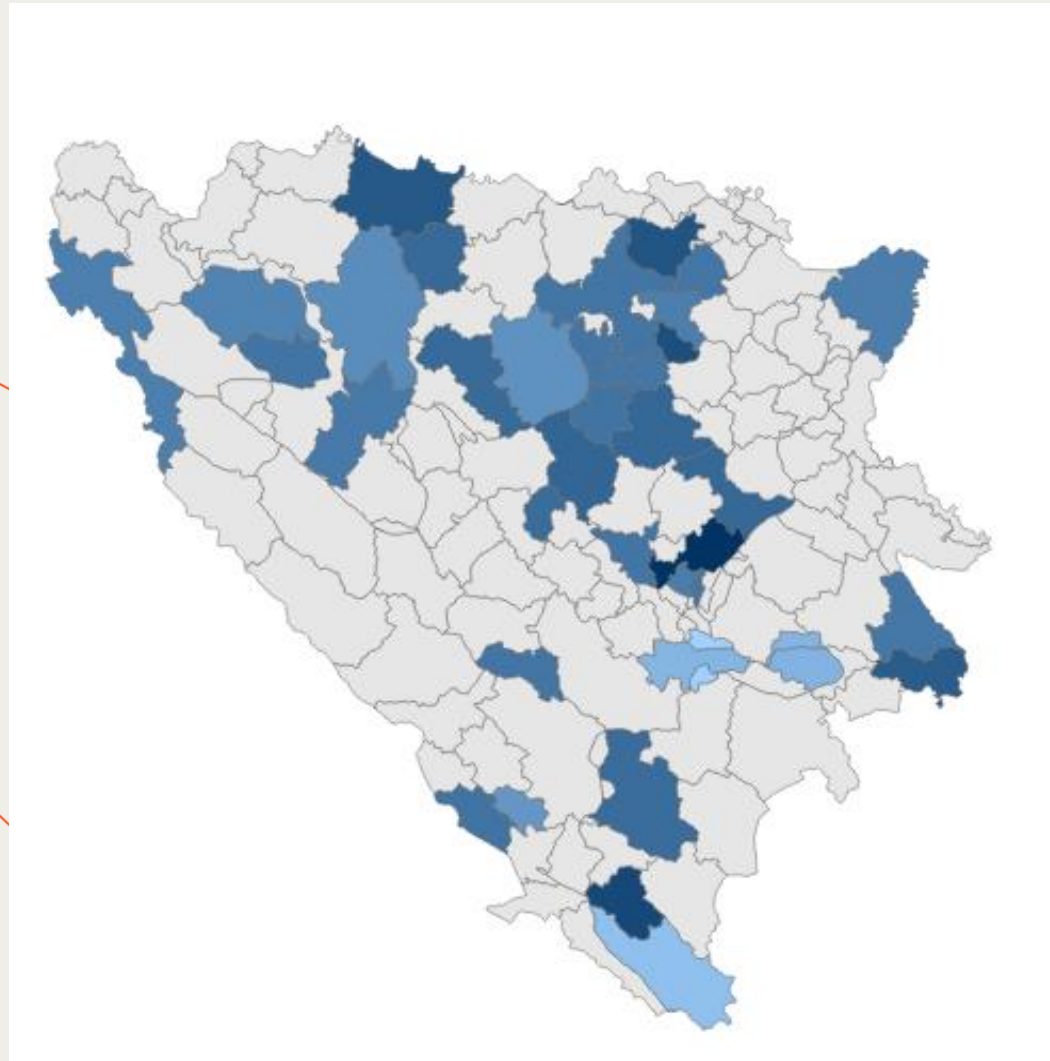
How to achieve this goal?

Where MZ Project is active?

Who are our donors and partners?



MZ project in BiH





What is old and what is new around dogs in BiH

- **Legislation**
- **Control of the number of the dogs - old and new practices**



Why UNDP and dogs?

- Survey conducted in 2009 indicated roaming dogs as a major security problems in local communities
- Requests from local communities asking for support
- Partnership with IFAW



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IFAW HCD approach

- Assessment of readiness of local communities
- Assisting development of dog management plans
- Monitoring implementation



Assessment of readiness of local community

- Request for assistance
- Meeting with mayor
- Introducing other stakeholders
- Set the date for the workshops



Assisting development of dog management plans

Objectives of the Workshop day 1:

- Discuss all the problems with dogs in their community
- Understand how human and dogs are connected
- Understand the sources of the dogs on the streets
- Assess the effects of the interventions they did to date on the sources of the problem



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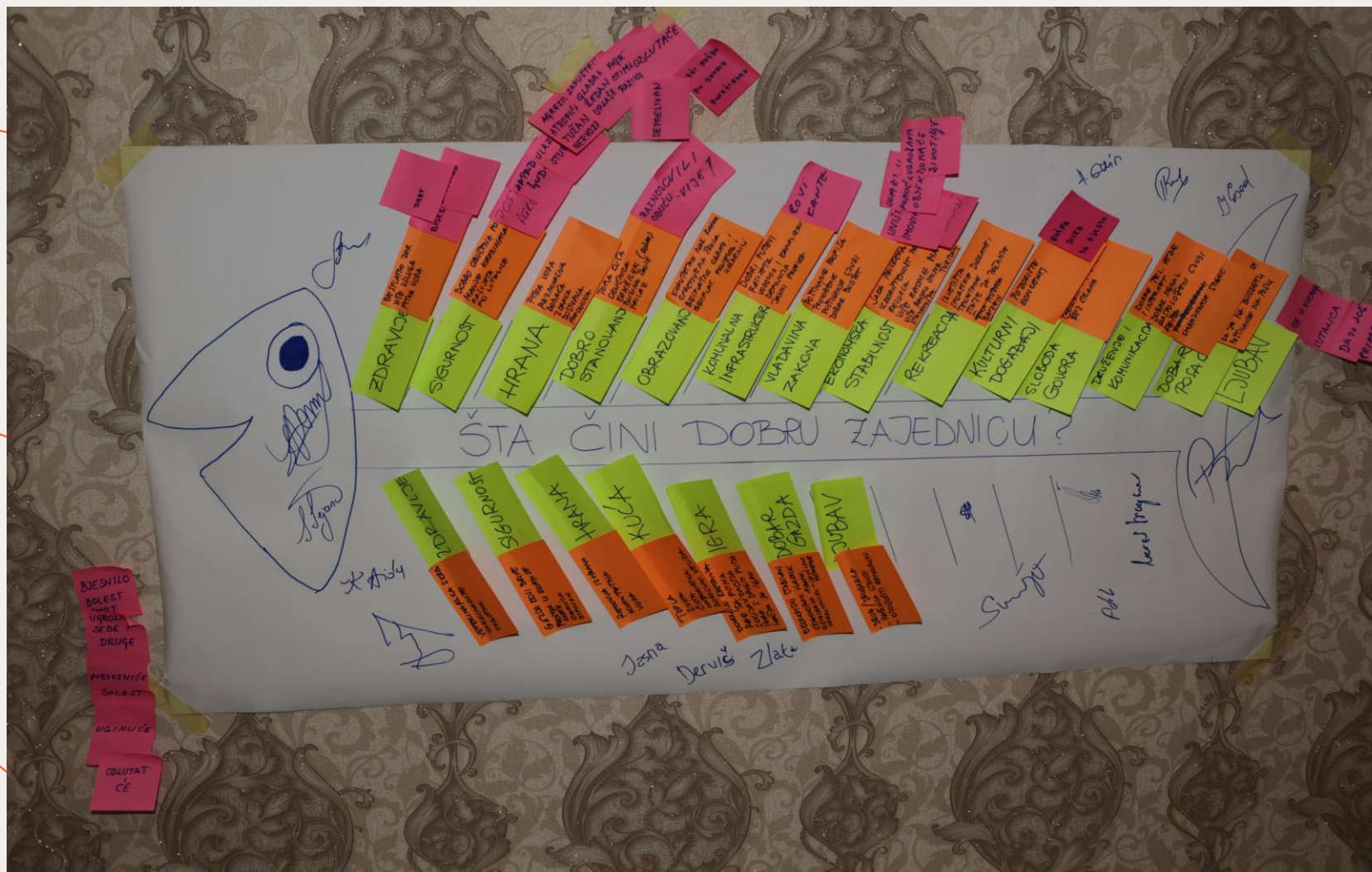
Problems with the dogs in community





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How are people and dogs connected?



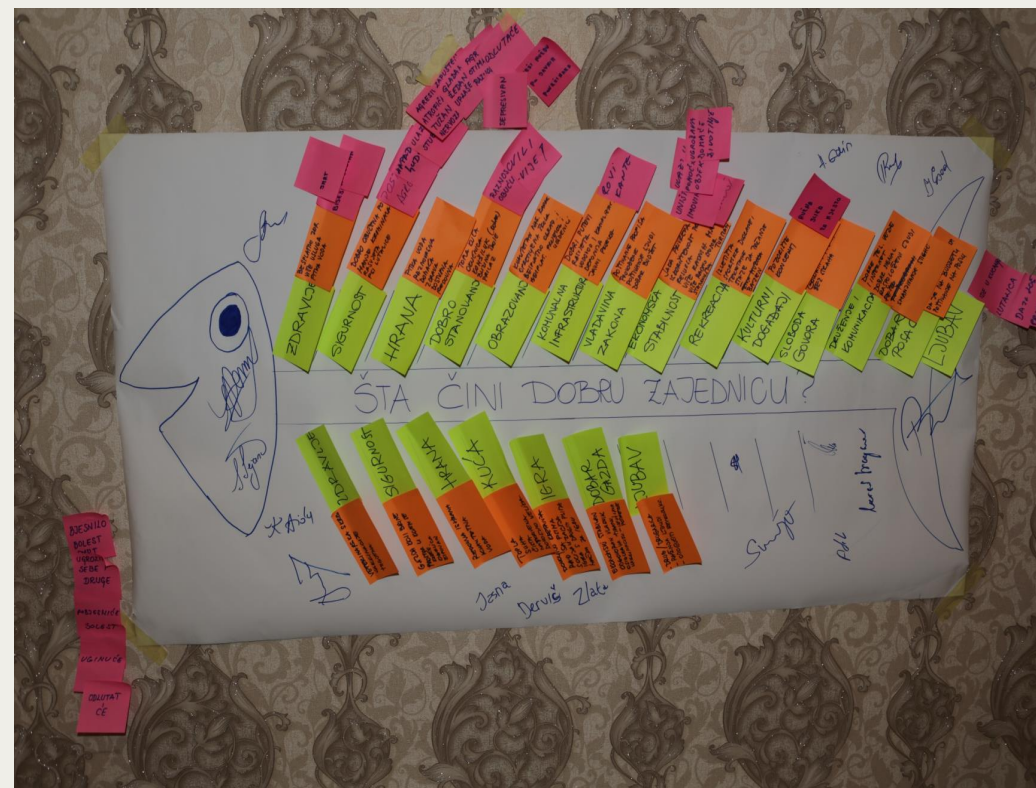


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How are people and dogs connected?



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How are people and dogs connected?

- Our needs are very similar
- What we called problems now are the consequences of not fulfilling dogs needs
- Impact on quality of our life
- Care about dogs on the street means care about our health and safety



What are the effects of our interventions on the sources of the problem?

- Most of the intervention didn't affect the sources
- Human house is source of three out of four sources
- Almost all interventions targeted dogs
- Humans' behavior to be changed



Assisting development of dog management plans

Objectives of the Workshop day 2:

- Create joint vision for the community
- Considering that human behavior needs to be changed discusses and prioritize activities for future plan
- Create plan and agree on plan coordinator and specific activities coordinators



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What are the activities HCD groups envisaged?

- Promotion of values of street dogs and adoption
- Sterilization of owned and roaming dogs
- Promotion of responsible ownership
- Education on dogs' behavior
- Establishing foster system
- Stopping illegal transfer from one to another community
- Registering dogs



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Roaming dog management plans implementation

- Commitment of local authorities
- Engagement of local veterinarian
- Engagement of volunteers
- Local media



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UNDP coordination with other agencies/organizations

- With IFAW
- With DogsTrust BiH
- With BiH State Veterinarian Office



Humane Community Development

Achievements:

- Conditions for surgical sterilization of the dogs and humane handling with animals secured (equipment for sterilization and catching dogs delivered). Equipment for five clinics financed by IFAW and three by Swiss Government.
- Veterinarians performed sterilization in line with international standards (all veterinarians trained by DogsTrust BiH and IFAW in municipalities of Trebinje, Ključ and Jajce)
- Humane handling with dogs secured through training provided to dog catchers (DogsTrust BiH and IFAW in Ključ)
- All municipalities still support sterilization of roaming dogs
- Rehoming programme is active in all municipalities
- Training on dogs behavior for secondary school children provided in municipalities of Ključ and Jajce
- Education for new facilitators secured through adoption, translation into local language of IFAW Guidance for HCD Facilitators)



Ultimate goal of HCD programme is to change behavior of the people – how to measure it?

- Is the number of the dogs on the street right indicator?
- What we can learn from veterinary clinics?
- How to fight fear?



Lessons learned

- Bringing together local community around dogs is good approach
- Every community needs sustainable and humane strategy/long term plan on managing dog population
- More cooperation between communities on this topic should be in place
- Support is needed longer than we could anticipated
- Joint and agreed work various stakeholders on agreed activities is the recipe for success (local authorities, vet clinic, volunteers and press at minimum)
- The same applies for internationals involved



What should be a future of HCD

- UNDP is good „home“ for HCD but it should be a project itself
- Concept to be adopted by responsible state authorities
- Propose HCD concept to cities and municipalities
- Facilitators trained to deliver workshops
- Involve all international organization willing to help
- Cover as many communities as possible



Some nice memories



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