



Annual Report 2021

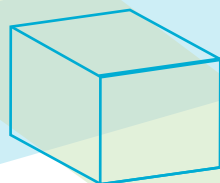


CENTER FOR PEACEBUILDING



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Our way is peace!

WELCOME 2022

Dear friends, dear friends,

The end of the year is always a good time to look back and see what we have done and how much we have improved since the last year.

2021 will be remembered for us at CIM as a very challenging year, with many peace activities and a year of great progress in developing the possibilities of our Garden.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was extremely difficult for us to plan and implement peacekeeping activities that are common each year, but it was much more difficult to obtain grants for peacebuilding projects given that many donors focused on financing pandemic mitigation.

The COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately took two great men, Sadik Tatar and Ahmet ef. Rahmanović, who were our support in every sense, and to that extent, 2021 was even more challenging and sad for us.

However, in 2022, we are entering with great expectations for the continuation of our peace activities, but also for work on the additional construction of the possibilities of the Garden.

Thank you once again for the love and selfless support you have been giving us all these years because without your support our vision would remain just a vision.

We wish you a lot of love, health and happiness in the New 2022.



Omanović

Vahidin Omanović,

Co-Founder and Co-Director



Rahmanović M.

Mevludin Rahmanović,

Co-Founder and Co-Director

IN MEMORIAM

Sadik Tatar

In January 2021, the heart of a great man, a hard-working volunteer, a wonderful father, grandfather, and husband, Sadik Tatar, stopped beating. Since the founding of Bašća, Sadik has been a part of our team and great support in all the work we did in Bašća.

As a sign of gratitude to this great man, we named the part of the Garden that was his corner with bees 'Sadikov gaj,' in order to preserve the memory of him. May the Almighty have mercy on him and dwell in the gardens of Paradise



Ahmet ef. Rahmanović

Ahmet ef. Rahmanović has been a part of our family since the founding of CIM. He also participated in the work of the founding assembly and helped us a lot with administrative and legal matters, given his many years of experience in running the administration. He was a great inspiration to us in designing interfaith activities.

Ahmet ef. he was a wonderful father, grandfather, husband, and a counselor and great support to us at CIM in doing good. We ask the Almighty to have mercy on him and settle in the gardens of Paradise.



YOUTH REGROUP!

YOUTH FOR YOUTH IN KRAJINA



In 2021, we continued to implement a project that included the young people of the Bosnian Krajina. As we planned, in January we opened four youth clubs in four border towns: Ključ, Sanski Most, Bužim and Bosanski Novi - Novi Grad. The task of the club leaders was to identify young people from these communities who wanted to learn about peacebuilding, youth activism and human rights, and to provide space and time for young people to learn about these topics. Clubs were free to create local programs based on the wishes and needs of young people from these four cities, so by August we had over 50 workshops on various topics, from peacebuilding, youth activism, to dance classes, acting, readers' club, visits famous places, etc.

We marked the end of the project with a final meeting held in Bihac. This was an opportunity for members of youth clubs to present their work in clubs, but also to meet young activists from the cities of Krajina

where we did not have clubs. Representatives of IOM and USAID were also present at the closing ceremony, with whose support we implemented this project. We were also honored by the presence of the director of the USC Pedagogical Institute, Haris Smajić. We would like to thank Haris Smajić, Director of the Pedagogical Institute, 5+, Greenteam, Center for Sustainable Development, representatives of the Municipality of Novi Grad working in the Department of Social Affairs Suzana Radjenovic and our representatives from USAID Brandon Wilson-Barts, IOM and BHRI programs that have magnified this event with their arrival.

The whole event was covered by the cantonal television TV USK.

The project was officially completed in early August and we expect the project to continue in 2022.

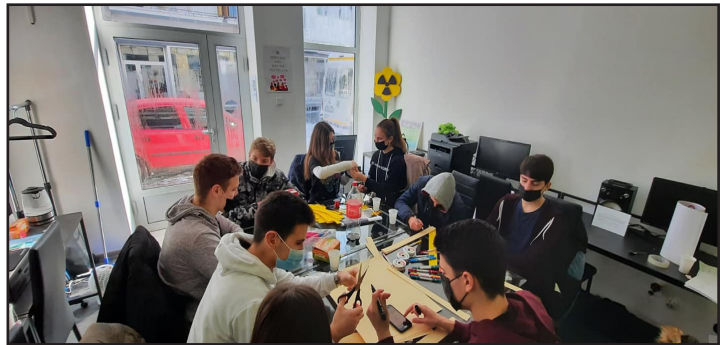


The Center for Peacebuilding (CIM) seeks to restore trust and foster reconciliation among people in Bosnia - Bosniaks, Croats, Serbs and others.

UPGRADE FOR PEACE

In the period from 21 to 23 May 2021, the Center for Peacebuilding held an "Upgrade Reunion" - Peace Camp, which was attended by participants in the Peace Camp "Upgrade for Peace" together with their parents. This was the first time that the participants of the camp expressed their desire to bring their parents so that their parents understand the importance of peace building and be more supportive of young people in their peace work. During the two-day gathering, participants and parents had the opportunity to discuss the impact of CIM activities on the individual development of participants. For some parents, it was the first time since the war experiences that they talked about their common painful past, which, as you said, was extremely healing for them.

We took the opportunity to make a small trip to the dream natural beauties, and in this way enriched this gathering.





Amina Hodžić,
volonterka CIM-a

Volonitanje u CIM-u mi je donijelo puno novih i korisnih prijateljstava. Najbolja stvar u cimu jeste što svako ima priliku, prostor i podršku da se izrazi na svoj način.

Volunteering in CIM has brought me lots of new and useful friendships. The best thing about CIM is that everyone has opportunity, space and support to express themselves at their own way.



Nadja Zukić,
volonterka CIM-a

Volontiram u cim-u jer mi to pruža mnoge beneficije kao što su nova poznanstva, nove vještine i uopćeno mnogo zabave. Znam da ću svaki put kada imamo radionice ili druženja naučiti nešto novo i poučno, nešto što će mi koristiti dalje u životu.

I do the volunteere work because it gives me many benefits such as new friendships, new skills and a lot of fun in general. I know that every time when we have some activities or meetings, I'll learn a lot of new things, things that will be very useful in the future.

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After almost a month spent in the Youth Club Bužim, I first noticed positive progress in myself, but also in other members. Over 20 young people have passed through the Youth Club, from the very beginning until now, and the number is constantly increasing. Many previous acquaintances have been renewed and strengthened, and new ones have been made. In the club, we learn about youth activism and other topics related to youth, we try to become the driving force of society that will greatly improve life in the local community, and who knows, maybe in the country. Imagination really has no limits, so we hope to be a role model for young generations to get rid of prejudices and stigmas from the past and become young people full of tolerance, desire and will to be better than we are.



ELHAMNA ALDŽIĆ

Participant of the Youth Club in Bužim



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I think that the youth club is very useful for young people in development to get to know the opportunities and opportunities that the world offers us, meet new people, have fun in cultural and inspiring ways. We live in a small country whose cities have few opportunities to develop cultural literacy and we all know each other, so it is difficult to meet new people who are similar to us.



ALEKSANDRA STARČEVIĆ

Participant of the Youth Club in
Novi Grad / Bosanski Novi



ECO KIDS

From June 2021, we started with the Eco kids section. The aim of this section is for children in the early stages of development to understand the importance of nature conservation, but also to actively address issues related to climate change and nature conservation. We also want to enable children to learn how to grow certain plants, but also how to recognize edible wild plants in nature.



PEACE CAMP „I DECIDE MY VIBE“

Another novelty we tried this year was a peace camp organized by our longtime volunteers, participants from previous camps and coaches. The camp was designed so that young people learned, among other things, about life skills, growing crops, making compost and the process of dealing with the past and designing and implementing peace camps.

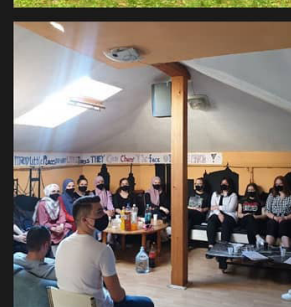
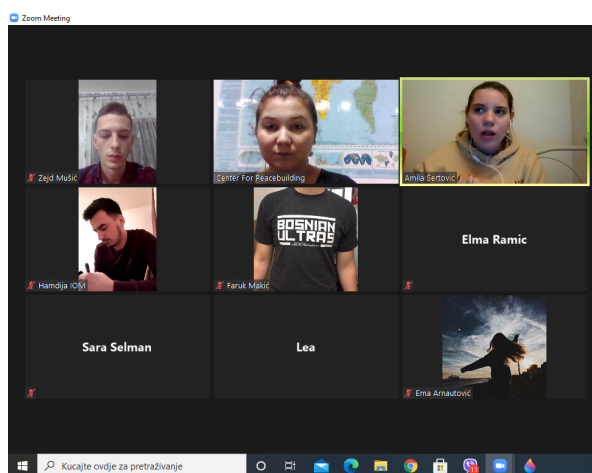


PROJECT OF OUR VOLUNTEER

ELMA RAMIĆ "BRIDGE"

The coordinator of the Volunteer Club, Elma Ramić, managed with her team to win a grant through the Pro-Future project, and to design and implement the "Bridge" project. It was about socializing and joint learning of young people from Sanski Most and Banja Luka and it lasted 6 months. We are proud that Elma and her team, even though they are high school students, managed to design and completely carry out a rather demanding project on their own. We congratulate Elma and look forward to the next joint ventures.

The MOST project was financially supported by USAID through the PRO-Future project, dedicated to building peace and trust among citizens of all ethnic and religious groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Please note that the Pro-Budućnost project is implemented by the American humanitarian organization Catholic Relief Services CRS, with partners: Caritas BiH, Institute for Youth Development KULT, Tuzla Citizens' Forum (FGT), Helsinki Citizens' Parliament Banja Luka (hCA) and Interreligious Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



CHILDREN'S THEATER "LIFE"

From September 2021, after the restrictions caused by the pandemic were lifted, our volunteer Timka Omanović started preparations for a new show called "Stay Here". A total of 14 children participated in the preparation and performance of the play, which was performed on 27.12. where our guests were mostly children covered by the programs of several organizations from Sanski Most. After the show, we took the opportunity to present New Year's packages to the children present, which we received from the German humanitarian organization Aktion Pomoć.





JOHAN SATTLER - THE AMBASSADOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO BIH

On 21 July 2021 the Ambassador of the European Union to BiH Johann Sattler visited our Garden of Opportunities and we talked about our efforts to build a stable and just society in our country. Ambassador Sattler did not hide his satisfaction as we talked about our projects and plans for the future. We are currently awaiting approval of the Peace Camp project we have applied for at the institution represented by Ambassador Sattler.



A GARDEN OF POSSIBILITIES

This year was a year of very important construction works in our Garden. We moved into a new ancillary facility whose construction we started last year thanks to the support of our friend Kristina Bulling from Bremen in Germany and donations we raised through the Global giving platform.

We are happy to inform you that we have managed to find funds and renovate one of the two existing houses and we have moved the CIM office to the Garden of Opportunities and thus reduced the cost of renting office space.

Our lake is finally finished and despite the great drought that has befallen us this year, the lake has not dried up.

In partnership with our friends from the Die Schwelle Foundation, we managed to secure funds to renovate another house in which we plan to place a therapy room, bedrooms and bathrooms with toilets in order to attract tourists and other organizations to use our services. Through the same project, we have provided funds for the construction of an exercise room in nature and the creation of raised beds with participants in permaculture and peacebuilding workshops that we plan to implement next year.

From the company Akrobat doo we received a large trampoline that will be part of the Children's Corner on the farm that we plan to make in 2022.

In June we managed to find funds and make a sandy volleyball court, and in July we designed and arranged the center of our Garden. The center of the Garden is made in the shape of a large circle in the middle of which is a tree and the rest of the center will be filled with tulips of various colors

while rosemary and lavender will be planted on the edges of the center. As part of the celebration of the International Day of Peace, the linden tree was planted by the mayor of Sanski Most Faris Hasanbegović and the director of the Austrian Cultural Forum, Sabine Kernthalleruz.

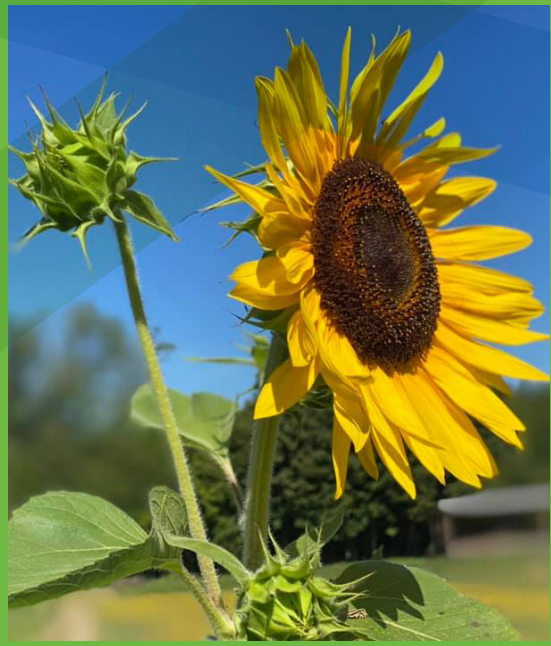
Due to the drought that hit us from May until the end of September, although our hard-working gardening volunteers did their best, the yields in the garden were not what we expected but we still produced enough healthy food for everyone to garden at the end of the season. had enough onions, garlic, tomatoes, peas and eggplant. This year we experimented with watermelon and melon and ate some excellent fruits of this fruit from our garden.

We started looking for companies to make architectural plans in order to start making designs for the future seminar center, with the goal of being able to implement activities in the Garden during the winter months.

In November, thanks to several private donations, with the help of our volunteers, we planted 80 seedlings of different fruits, and we hope that next year we will have the conditions to plant at least the same number.

As a reminder, the Garden of Opportunities is conceived as a meeting place for different people, a place of exchange, creativity and learning, where organic food is grown according to the principles of permaculture, with a restaurant, hostel and nature center for children, but also numerous activities such as peace camps. and various trainings for young people from BiH and the world.







AWARDS

The co-founder of CIM, Mevludin Rahmanović, received the prestigious Heroes of Reconciliation award given by CRS through the Pro-Future project. We are happy that Pro-Budućnost, as the largest reconciliation project in BiH, has recognized our programs as very important in the reconciliation process in BiH.

12/13/2021 The Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to BiH, Dr. Ulrike Hartmann, presented us with the Intercultural Achievement Award #IAA at the residence of the Austrian Embassy in Sarajevo, because our project "Garden of Opportunities" is this year's winner in the main category "Sustainability".

The award is given by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria to successful and innovative projects in the field of intercultural

and interreligious dialogue, both in Austria and around the world. The award has been given since 2014 in several categories.

In 2021, there were over 230 applications from around the world, including the Garden of Opportunities project.

As part of the Western Balkans for Change project, conducted by the Center for Post-Conflict Research (CPI), the CIM team campaigned for social media in an effort to promote peace and intercultural understanding, and raise awareness of important topics affecting our society and work. CIM won second place for campaign success because we, along with other teams, managed to reach 130,000 people in less than a month of campaigning.



ACTIVITIES

The Center for Peacebuilding in 2020 presented its work, mission, and vision to numerous local, national, and international organizations and individuals

- We held 3 meetings with the Mayor of Sanski Most.
- 10 meetings with councilors of the Municipal Council of Sanski Most.
- We are participating in the Insider mediator project of the Berghof Foundation.
- As a visiting professor, CIM Executive Director Vahidin Omanović conducted online lectures on peacebuilding at Bennington College in Vermont, USA.
- Held lectures at the Peace Academy, Keene State College, and the Cohen Center for Holocaust and genocide studies.
- Visited several developing farms in BiH.
- The Peacebuilding Center participated in campaigns organized by GlobalGiving.







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