

Renovation of School Central Heating in Bosnjace



Nemanja Mitrovic and Matija Colic sitting on warm radiators in their school



Better school is common interest: CDC member with pupils in front of school

BOSNJACE, SERBIA – Through the USAID-funded Community Revitalization Through Democratic Action (CRDA) program, CHF International is helping pupils and teachers to improve quality of education through renovation of school central heating system.

Nemanja Mitrovic and Matija Colic are first grade pupils in primary School Radoje Domanovic in Bosnjace. Bosnjace is situated between Lebane and Leskovac in the South of Serbia. It is a central village in the area, where about 3000 inhabitants live in.

"Before the School heating was renovated, there was not heating at all", said Nemanja Mitrovic. "Since there was no heating in the school we were sitting in the jackets in the classrooms", added Matija Colic from the same class. This is their first year in the school, and their start was very hard.

The situation is much better now since the classrooms are heated. Children from seven neighboring villages attend the School in Bosnjace. There are 650 pupils and 60 teachers.

Renovation of the Bosnjace School central heating system is the first

project between CHF International and Community Development Council (CDC) from Bosnjace. The CDC has identified other projects that improve conditions for children to go to school. One of the projects is solving problems of transporting children from distant villages who use to walk to school. The big need in the village is a kindergarten. The plan is to build one in the schoolyard.

The CDC from Bosnjace is one of the most active in the area. Citizens meet on their own often and, together with CHF, Lebane Municipality as well as county authorities give their contribution in village development.

"I am boring to myself from repeating this, but I really think that cooperation between CHF, citizens of Bosnjace and authorities is a model for solving our problems", said Mr. Milorad Milicevic, chief of county, while visiting school in Bosnjaci.

Speaking about success of its CDC, Goran Tosic says: "All others were just promising to us for years. People from CHF came and finished job for two months".