

Help Strengthens Western Balkans Communities, Fostering Localisation, and Ensuring Sustainability



Empowerment

Help is dedicated to empowering individuals and communities through in-kind grants, offering economic opportunities, and fostering self-sufficiency. By strengthening the social and economic capabilities of local populations, we enable them to overcome adversity independently and lead secure, self-determined lives.

Localisation

In line with the humanitarian concept of localisation, Help partners with local organizations, fostering trust and enabling autonomous project implementation. These partners advise and sustain local structures beyond project completion, promoting sustainability and a seamless transfer of ownership to the community.

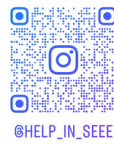


Sustainability

Help prioritizes sustainability through needs-based assistance, eco-friendly practices, and alignment with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. By integrating environmental considerations into our work, from sustainable agriculture to waste reduction, we set an example of environmental responsibility and minimize our ecological footprint.



Stand together, Bosnia and Herzegovina

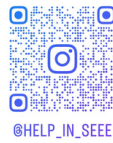


Inclusivity, Kosovo

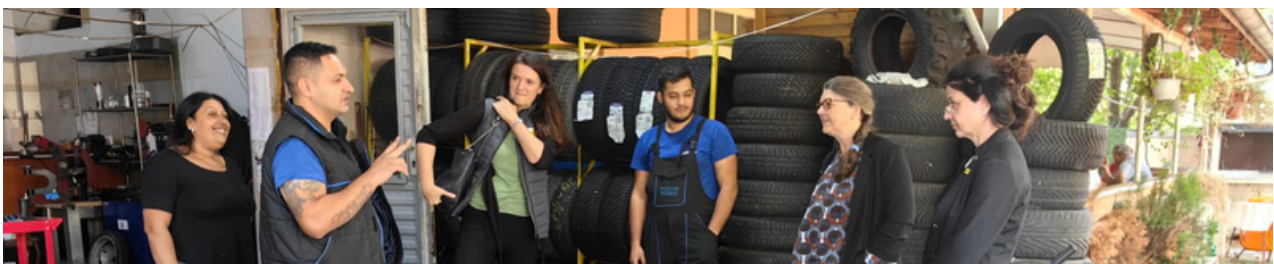




New perspectives, Montenegro



Strength in unity, Serbia





Womens power, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The inspiring women from the Association “Kovaci” united and started their journey in 2014 when they recognised the need for change in traditional gender roles and managed to create positive change in their community.

For over a decade, they’ve been helping women produce food, and crafts, and offer services, including catering. Through their active engagement in various sections, they produce eco-friendly products, traditional costumes, and more.

They were supported by Help with a state-of-the-art sewing and embroidery machine, which enabled them to further their impact.

The association is not only about business but also the exchange of knowledge and experiences, creating a strong community of women in the village. The local municipality, recognizing their entrepreneurial spirit, appreciates their efforts and ongoing support.

Together, we can empower women and create positive change.



Full inclusion and equal rights, Kosovo

The Down Syndrome Association of Kosovo, a non-governmental organization established in March 2007, is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. Founded by parents of those with Down syndrome, the organization’s primary mission is enhancing the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and advocating for their full inclusion and equal rights. They achieve this by offering employment opportunities, supporting their rights, and promoting their overall well-being.



Passion for grooming turned into business, Serbia

Vesna lives in Pancevo, suburbs of Belgrade, with her husband and two children, aged seventeen and fifteen, along with their dogs.

After experiencing redundancy in her previous job, she briefly ran an organic grocery store but eventually closed it.

She always loved dogs and soon she realised her passion for dog grooming. To hone her skills she obtained a certification in the field.

With over three years of experience, she excels in services such as hair cutting, bathing, and nail clipping for dogs.

Help’s donation enabled her to establish a professional dog grooming business, attracting numerous clients. Vesna is delighted with her venture and is confident that her hard work will yield success.

A good deeds, Montenegro

In the past year, Montenegro has opened its doors once more, as it did in all previous crises, welcoming those fleeing turmoil. Being a humanitarian at its core, backed by the network of German disaster relief organisations, Help partnered with the Ukrainian volunteer organisation “Dobro djelo”, firmly standing by refugees and offering a range of support from aid packages to educational opportunities as they endeavour to rebuild their lives far from home.



Commitment, Montenegro

Help’s commitment in Montenegro is exemplified through the recent signing of three crucial Memorandums of Understanding with Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, underscoring the close collaboration with local partners. One of the MoUs initiates a substantial regional housing project to provide housing solutions for displaced persons and refugees. The remaining MoUs signify cooperation within the RECONOMY programme and an additional housing project in Herceg Novi. This milestone acknowledges the trustworthy relationships with local partners in Montenegro.



Apitherapy in Kosovo



Maliq Koskoviku is known for his unwavering passion and hard work in beekeeping. He received essential equipment to elevate his honey business. Thanks to the support, a dedicated and licensed beekeeper with two decades of experience introduced apitherapy, the ancient method of treatment by breathing from the beehive, an advanced and therapeutic healthcare practice.