

Report on the Republika Srpska part of the Project
Financial Statements of the

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT**

of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and
Herzegovina

Financed by:

- Loan No. 9097 – BA

For the year ended 31 December 2023

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina

CONTENTS

1	Introduction	1
2	Independent Auditor's Report	4
3	Project financial statements for the year 2023	6
4	Notes to the project financial statements	10

APPENDICES

A.1	Designated account statement – Loan No. 9097 - BA	11
A.2	Ministry of Finance of RS account statement (BAM)	12
B	SoE Withdrawal Schedule of IBRD Loan No. 9097- BA	13
C	Reconciliation between World Bank's disbursement statements in EUR and IBRD Loan account in EUR according to the balance sheet as of 31 December 2023 SoE Withdrawal Schedule of Loan No. 9097 - BA	14

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Introduction

1.1 Objectives of the Project

The objective of the Project is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Components and activities of the Project

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Republika Srpska, and

Part B. Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Providing immediate support to prevent additional cases of COVID-19, limit local transmission through containment strategies and prevent affected individuals and households from falling into destitution through:

1. Strengthening health care delivery and health system's through, inter alia:
 - a) Enhancing case detection, confirmation and reporting, and contact tracing through inter alia: (i) strengthening disease surveillance systems, public health laboratories and epidemiological capacity for early detection and confirmation of cases by, inter alia, adequately equipping public health laboratories with, inter alia, diagnostic kits and reagents; (ii) combining detection of new cases with active contact tracing; (iii) supporting epidemiological investigation by, inter alia, expanding the number of public health workers trained to undertake contact tracing and enhancing collaboration with the Inspectorate of RS; (iv) providing on-time data and information for guiding decision-making and response and mitigation activities, by, inter alia, enhancing systems and protocols for data reporting, analysis and dissemination.
 - b) Supporting the implementation of social distancing measures through, inter alia: (i) promoting personal hygiene, including information campaigns on handwashing and proper use of masks; and (ii) supporting the MOHSW in protecting the wellbeing of health care professionals and other personel involved in pandemic control activities through, inter alia, the supply of PPE and the provision of psychological support.
 - c) Strengthening the health system through; inter alia: (i) the provision of training and the development of guidelines for health care workers on, inter alia, identifying and treating COVID-19; appropriate use of PPE; surveillance and prevention of the spread of respiratory infections within healthcare facilities; (ii) the acquisition and distribution of PPE; (iii) the provision of medical supplies, including diagnostic kits and reagents for COVID-19; and (iv) the repurposing of health care facilities to meet the expected surge in demand for hospital beds, and intensive care beds in particular, and the establishment of specialized units in selected hospitals.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Introduction (continued)

1.1 Objectives of the Project (continued)

- d) Supporting communication preparedness and activities through, inter alia: (i) developing and distributing basic communication materials on COVID-19 for the general public; (ii) developing and distributing, inter alia, information and guidelines, training modules or presentations for health care professionals; and (iii) carrying out workshops and symposia on COVID-19 surveillance treatment and prophylaxis for a wide audience.
 - e) Supporting animal and environmental health by, inter alia, strengthening and equipping, through the MAFWM, veterinarian professionals, laboratories and organizations to rapidly identify, control and eradicate possible outbreaks of zoonotic potential.
2. (a) Providing Cash Transfers to vulnerable households adversely affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; (b) providing Cash Transfers and Social Services to socially vulnerable and elderly individuals with need of protection and care; (c) supporting the registration and in-take of beneficiaries in the Cash Transfer and Social Services Programs; (d) carrying out outreach and communication activities for the promotion of the Cash Transfer and Social Services Programs and of appropriate hygiene, preventive health services and COVID-19 infection prevention; and (e) acquiring PPE and hygiene products for social care institutions.

Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation

Carrying out Project management activities including: (a) the carrying out of financial management and procurement requirements of the Project; (b) the monitoring and evaluation of the Project, including spot checks of the provision of Cash Transfers and social care and beneficiary surveys; and (c) if needed, the recruitment of additional staff/consultants responsible for overall administration, procurement and financial management under country specific projects.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Introduction (continued)

1.2 Financing of the Project

The State of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("B&H") is the recipient of funds made available by International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, in the form of a Loan No. 9097 - BA amounting to the equivalent of EUR 33,100,000. Under the terms of a subsidiary finance agreement between B&H and RS, funds of the equivalent of EUR 13,240,100 have been lent to RS. Categories of cost items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit to each category and the percentage of expenditure for cost items so to be financed in each category are as follows:

Category	Amount of the Loan allocated (in EUR)	% of expenditure to be financed
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training, operating costs and Cash Transfers for Part A of the Project	13,207,000	100%
(2)		Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Agreement in accordance with Section 2.07 (b) of the General Conditions
Front-end fee	33,100	
Subtotal	13,240,100	

Planned closing date of the Project was 30 June 2022 but at the beginning of 2022, it was extended until 30 Jun 2023.

The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date ("Instalment Share").

Principal Payment Date	Instalment Share
On each 15 February and 15 August	
Beginning 15 August 2027 through 15 February 2052	2%

2. Independent Auditor's Report

To the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Ministry of Finance and Treasury
Attn. of Minister of Finance and Treasury

Baker Tilly Re Opinion d.o.o.
Bulevar M. Selimovića 81a
71000 Sarajevo
Bosna i Hercegovina

T: +387 (0) 33 525 226
info@bakertilly.ba
www.bakertilly.ba

Report on the Project Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying project financial statements of the Republika Srpska part of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Emergency COVID-19 (the "Project"), which comprise of Summary of sources and uses of funds, Balance sheet, Designated account, Statement of loan withdrawals as of and for the year ended 31 December 2023, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the year then ended, financed under IBRD Loan No. 9097 - BA.

In our opinion, the accompanying project financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Project as of 31 December 2023, and of the funds received and disbursed during the year then ended, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting based on International Public Sector Accounting Standard ("IPSAS"), as described in Note 4.1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). In conducting audit we were also guided by the Bank's financial reporting and auditing requirements, Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, the Loan Handbook for World Bank Borrowers and the World Bank's Procurement Framework. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Project Financial Statements

Project implementation and management unit (PIMT) with support of Accounting Department is responsible for the preparation of these project financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting based on IPSAS, as described in Note 4.1., and for such internal control as Head of PIMT determines is necessary to enable the preparation of project financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, PIMT is responsible for assessing the Project's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Project or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the project financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the project financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Project's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Project to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the project financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on other requirements

In addition, with respect to the Statement of Expenditure, adequate documentation supporting Disbursement Linked indicators or Performance Based Conditions and underlying expenditures have been maintained to support claims for reimbursements of expenditure occurred, and such expenditures were eligible and incurred for the purpose intended under Loan No. 9097-BA. Also, respective reports issued during the period were in agreement with the underlying books of account.

Signed on behalf of Baker Tilly Re Opinion d.o.o. Sarajevo

Jasmina Oručević, Director

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
30 May 2024



Aldijana Gabela, Certified Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aldijana Gabela".

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

3. Project financial statements for the year 2023

3.1 Summary of sources and uses of funds under the Loan No. 9097 – BA

	Actual 2023	Cumulative 2023	Cumulative 2022	Cumulative budget	Cumulative variance
FINANCING					
<i>Loan No. 9097 – BA</i>				13,207,000	
Initial deposit	-	5,072,500	5,072,500		
SoE replenishments	-	8,134,500	8,134,500		
Other income	247,259	850,862	603,603		
Front-end fee	-	33,100	33,100	33,100	
TOTAL FINANCING	247,259	14,090,962	13,843,703	13,240,100	(850,862)
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By Category</i>				13,207,000	
Goods	1,500,572	5,814,918	4,314,346		
Retro Consulting services	-	3,967,196	3,967,196		
Unconsultants services	8,473	46,571	38,098		
Cash transfers	5,425	19,468	14,043		
Incremental costs	-	3,277,471	3,277,471		
Front – end fee	11,152	81,241	70,089		
	-	33,100	33,100	33,100	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,525,622	13,239,965	11,714,343	13,240,100	135
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By component</i>				13,207,000	
Component 1: Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Republika Srpska	1,470,662	12,951,525	11,480,863		
Component 2: Project management	54,960	255,340	200,380		
Front – end fee	-	33,100	33,100	33,100	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,525,622	13,239,965	11,714,343	13,240,100	135

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

3. Project financial statements for the year 2023

3.1.1 Summary of sources and uses of funds under Loan

	Actual 2023	Cumulative 2023	Cumulative 2022	Cumulative budget	Cumulative variance
FINANCING					
<i>Loan No. 9097 – BA</i>				13,207,000	
Initial deposit	-	5,072,500	5,072,500		
SoE replenishments	-	8,134,500	8,134,500		
Front-end fee	-	33,100	33,100	33,100	-
Wrongly paid funds *	-	-	-		
TOTAL FINANCING	-	13,240,100	13,240,100	13,240,100	-
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By Category</i>				13,207,000	
Goods	1,500,572	5,814,918	4,314,346		
Retro	-	3,967,196	3,967,196		
Consulting services	8,473	46,571	38,098		
Unconsultants services	5,425	19,468	14,043		
Cash transfers	-	3,277,471	3,277,471		
Incremental costs	11,152	81,241	70,089		
Front – end fee	-	33,100	33,100	33,100	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,525,622	13,239,965	11,714,343	13,240,100	135
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By component</i>				13,207,000	
Component 1: Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Republika Srpska	1,470,662	12,951,525	11,480,863		
Component 2: Project management	54,960	255,340	200,380		
Front – end fee	-	33,100	33,100	33,100	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,525,622	13,239,965	11,714,343	13,240,100	135

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

3. Project financial statements for the year 2023

3.1.2 Summary of sources and uses of funds under Other income

	Actual 2023	Cumulative 2023	Cumulative 2022	Cumulative budget	Cumulative variance
FINANCING					
VAT return	247,259	850,060	602,801	-	(850,060)
Tender documentation sold	-	802	802	-	(802)
TOTAL FINANCING	247,259	850,862	603,603	-	(850,862)
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By Category</i>					
Goods	-	-	-	-	-
Consulting services	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Incremental costs	-	-	-	-	-
Front – end fee	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-	-	-	-	-

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

3. Project financial statements for the year 2023 (continued)

3.2 Balance sheet as of 31 December 2023 showing accumulated funds of the Project and bank balances concerning World Bank funding

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
ASSETS		
Project expenditure under Loan No. 9097 – BA (bank provision)	13,206,865	11,681,244
Front – end fee	33,100	33,100
Subtotal	13,239,965	11,714,344
Designated account – Loan No. 9097 – BA	135	1,525,756
Total assets	13,240,100	13,240,100
LIABILITIES		
IBRD Loan No. 9097 – BA	13,207,000	13,207,000
Front-end fee	33,100	33,100
Other - wrongly paid funds		-
Total liabilities	13,240,100	13,240,100

Signed and authorised by:



Milenko Dulić
Assistant Minister

Banja Luka, 30 May 2024



Alen Seranić, dr. med.
Minister

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

4. Notes to the project financial statements

4.1 Basis of preparation and accounting records

These project financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard: "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" issued by the Public Sector Committee of the International Federation of Accountants, and incorporate the accounting policies below, which have been consistently followed in all material respects and comply with the "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank – Financed Activities", issued by the Financial Management Sector Board.

4.2 Accounting policies

The Project's fiscal year is 1 January to 31 December for the recording of all transactions.

Cash basis of accounting

All receipts and expenses under IBRD Loan are recorded on actual receipt and payment basis of accounting as per approved categories.

Project expenditure is stated at original cost on the balance sheet.

Direct payments

Direct payments concern the amounts paid directly from the credit account of the World Bank.

Statement of Expenditure (SoE)

Statements of Expenditure are used to state the expenditure under IBRD Loan during a certain period. These statements are sent to the World Bank's disbursement specialist who authorises the payment of the expenditure through the Designated account.

Currency conversions

The reporting currency is EUR. Sources and use of funds (payments to workers, institutions, suppliers and contractors, as case may be) in currencies other than EUR have been converted to EUR using the currency rate at the moment of the transaction.

Bank balances, recorded on the balance sheet at year-end, have been converted at year-end rate.

Designated account

This is the total amount of the withdrawals from the Credit account for the Project. The Credit account is in EUR.

Interest on Designated account

Interest earned on the Designated account belongs to the Borrower.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

APPENDIX A.1

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT STATEMENT

Account owned by: Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Account No.: 5550000050010987

Depository Bank: Nova Banka a.d. Banja Luka

Address: Kralja Alfonsa XIII br. 5

Related Credit: Loan No. 9097 – BA

Currency: EUR

	EUR
Opening balance 1 January 2023	1,525,756
Add:	
Return of wrongly paid funds	-
Subtotal	-
Deduct:	
Payments of expenditure	1,525,621
Subtotal	1,525,621
Ending balance 31 December 2023	135

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

APPENDIX A.2 MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF RS ACCOUNT

Account owned by: Ministry of Finance RS

Account No.: 562099-81130466-41

Depository Bank: NLB banka

Address: Milana Tepića 4 , Banja Luka

Related Credit: Loan No. 9097 – BA

Currency: BAM

	BAM	EUR
Opening balance 1 January 2023	1,180,545	603,603
Add:		
VAT return	483,596	247,259
Tender documentation sold	-	-
Subtotal	483,596	247,259
Deduct:		
Payments of expenditure	-	-
Subtotal	-	-
Ending balance 31 December 2023	1,664,141	850,862

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

APPENDIX B SoE Withdrawal Schedule of IBRD Loan No. 9097 – BA

	Initial deposit	Goods, works, non- consulting services, consulting services, Training, operating costs and Cash Transfers	Front – end fee	Total application	Total replenished
Previous period	375,531	11,681,243	33,100	11,714,343	13,240,100
Application 6*	-	954,997	-	954,997	-
Application 7	-	570,625	-	570,625	-
Cumulative 2023	-	1,525,622	-	1,525,622	-
Cumulative 31 December 2023	375,531	13,206,865	33,100	13,239,965	13,240,100

*Total application 6 amounts to 1,132,073 BAM which partially relates to expenses of previous period in amount of 177,076 BAM and expenses paid in current period in amount of 954,997 BAM.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)

**APPENDIX C Reconciliation between World Bank's disbursement statements in EUR
and Credit account in EUR according to the balance sheet; SoE
Withdrawal Schedule of Loan No. 9097 – BA**

	Changes in Loan No. 9097- BA (in EUR)
Original amount	13,240,100
Front-end fee	33,100
Withdrawal 1	5,072,500
Total disbursed in 2020	5,105,600
Withdrawal 2	2,053,726
Withdrawal 3	1,826,047
Withdrawal 4	4,167,304
Total disubursed in 2021	8,047,077
Cumulative disbursements 2021	13,152,677
Withdrawal 5	87,423
Total disubursed in 2022	87,423
Cumulative disbursements	13,240,100