



Education for Social Justice - Case study

Center for Educational Initiatives Step by Step Bosnia and Herzegovina



**Elementary school
“Džemaludin Čaušević”
Svrakino selo, Sarajevo**



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1992 -1995
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but did not stop with
work.





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October 1996. - the school was rebuilt

Today, the school has 608 students in 26 classes.

34 out of 50 employees are teachers (elementary teachers and subject teachers).



They call their school **“Open school – child friendly school”**, because of the multiculturalism that is the main characteristic of the school: students from different ethnics, national and religious origin.



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The school is situated in the poor region/municipality of Sarajevo and most of the students come from **poor, socially deprived and single parent families.**

“We involved representatives of local community in ESJ training, we invited representatives from Primary health centre and Social welfare centre to attend the training.

That was a chance to connect with them in order to establish better cooperation, so from that time it is very easy to communicate with them and to work jointly on solving the problems.” (school principal)



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Thanks to the **enthusiasm** of the school staff, **commitment** they show toward improving the conditions in which children live and learn, the school is managing to cope with the problems.





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Enthusiasm is important, but also...

- They realized the importance of empowering and **strengthening their internal capacities**, so they involved all teachers and the rest of the staff in different projects, trainings and seminars.
- They've established **permanent education** in order to be in tune with current trends in education.
- They also established **strong cooperation with parents and with local community** as well as with local NGOs (including Roma organizations).



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