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The Framework Law on Primary and Secondary Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina specifically provides that primary education (grade 1–9) is free and compulsory for all children.

Although the gap between Roma and the total population has decreased over time for primary school enrollment and completion, disparities still persist. Whereas 98% of non-Roma children enroll, only 69% of Roma children do (Education for All 2015 National Review). There is no systematic monitoring of the participation rates of Roma children in primary schools, no systematic data collection on school enrollment, progress and completion, as well as no systematic approach to address the issue of school-aged children who are out of the school system.

A high dropout rate in primary school leads to low enrollment in secondary education, which is not compulsory in Bosnia and Herzegovina, also contributing to low secondary school completion (57%) among the total population and an even lower 10% for Roma (Roma Inclusion Index 2015).

According to the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the national dropout rate for students enrolled in secondary school in 2014–2015 was less than 1%. In comparison, statistics provided by the Ministry of Education and Science Tuzla Canton shows a 49% dropout rate among Roma students between 2012-2015.

OVERVIEW

SINCE 2005

Roma Education Fund has supported over

450 teachers
5,700 children and youth
9,500 Roma parents and caregivers

Roma Education Fund has invested
more than € 1,940,000 in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**Since 2005 Roma Education Fund has supported**

### Early childhood education and care

- **Over 300** Roma children in early childhood education programs

### Primary education

- **Over 4,500** Roma children reached in early school leaving prevention programs

### Secondary education

- **More than 200** secondary school scholarships
- **More than 100** mentors and teachers

### Tertiary education

- **More than 50** tertiary school scholarships