**Project: Coronavirus Relief for Children in Serbia**

**POMOC DECI PROFILE**

Pomoc deci is a Serbian NGO established as a local non-profit making organisation in 2004. Prior to that, for a year and a half, it operated as a Serbian office of an American NGO CCF Inc. Our mission is to create an environment of hope and respect for children and youth, where they have opportunities to achieve their full potential, and to provide children, youth, parents and communities with practical tools for a positive change. It is a developmental organisation with rich experience in analysing the situation in the field, developing and executing long-term projects and programmes. Since its establishment, Pomoc deci has been working together with other local NGOs and developing their skills through a learning by doing approach.

Pomoc deci has five main programmatic fields of work: 1. Improvement of the rights and education of marginalised children; 2. Prevention of children and youth related violence; 3. Mobilisation and capacity building of local and minority NGOs; 4. Mobilisation of youth to become active change makers; and 5. Environment protection.

Pomoc deci is a member of several Serbian and international networks (EUROCHILD, International Network for Peace-building with young children*,* WWSF Children - Youth Section) and has developed a regional PRECEDE Network for peace-building and reconciliation through early childhood education and development. It also has strategic partnership agreements with Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, as well as with several NGOs from the Balkan Region, UK and Serbia.

For its work in the field of social integration of the marginalised children through education, Pomoc deci won an international ERSTE Group Award for one of the best programmes for social inclusion in south east Europe in 2009.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

Children and their families in Serbia, living near or below the poverty line were already struggling. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, since March 16, a state of emergency has been active in Serbia. With businesses shutting down or reducing hours, parents’ ability to earn a basic living for themselves and their children has been compromised. Furthermore,

Additionally, for children, it has been difficult as their schools have shut down, leaving many with no access to food and are also receiving limited, to no contact education.

For many growing children, their parents are faced with two problems: being able to provide healthy, nutritious meals and provide access to tools for remote learning and socializing. While the Serbian government has ensured that every child in elementary school (ages 7-15) has access to basic education through televised streams, children still need access to the internet as well as remote-learning tools in order to be able to stay on pace, ask their teachers questions and socialize with friends.

**PROJECT GOAL:**

Every donation will directly provide children in low-income families with necessities. We aim to provide families with access to food, remote learning resources, school supplies and basic utilities such as electricity, water, internet, and gas. The budget of $20,000 will provide relief and aid to 410 children.

**ACTIVITY PLAN:

Activity 1.** Creating a list of children and families who are most financially affected by new measures imposed by the Serbian government .

**Activity 2.** Determine the children’s needs per the type of item (internet access, school supplies, basic utilities, critical groceries, remote learning tools) who need each particular type of assistance or a combination of different types.

**Activity 3.** Analysis of the educational status and needs of each child.

**Activity 4.** Provision of assistance to the listed children.

**Activity 5.** Monitoring the success of children upon receiving the assistance.

**Activity 6.** Regular reporting on the project’s progress and sharing the reports with all relevant people – donors, schools, parents and other communities.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

**Project Management 3,000 USD**

(Human resources, travel, bank charges)

**Project activities 17,000 USD**

Internet access for children 3,000 USD

School supplies 1,250 USD

Basic utilities 1,050 USD

Critical groceries 4,500 USD

Internet, utilities, and groceries 4,200 USD

Electronic device for remote learning 3,000 USD

**Total 20,000 USD**