



Genesis Project

TO: BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY

CC: H. AERTSSEN – B.A.R.F. BELGIUM

**Subject: Report on the distribution of Becton Dickinson and Company donation
Banjaluka, Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina: March 2004**

Respected donor,

Wonderful co-operation between Balkan Aid Relief Foundation (BARF) and Genesis Project started in June 2000. Since then, people from BARF have delivered eight substantial shipments of humanitarian aid to Banja Luka and western part of Republika Srpska. This part of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) has a population of over 700.000 people.

Genesis Project is a local, non-governmental, non-profit humanitarian organization, set up in Banja Luka, Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in June 1996, with main goals:

- to spread the idea of interactive education through live puppet show performances depicting different educational topics (mine awareness, children rights, prevention of addiction diseases, etc.)
- to educate children and youth about healthy life styles
- to develop and support various co-existence initiatives throughout BiH
- to strengthen communities with the purpose of teaching people about freedom of speech, democracy and basic human rights
- to help war-traumatized children and their families
- to build up democratic governance, etc.

In the past, as now, Genesis Project has targeted mainly rural areas of Republika Srpska, trying to help people in numerous ways, starting with setting up libraries and finishing with puppet show performances for children.

Recently, the majority of Genesis Project activities have been focused on the whole of Republika Srpska and some parts of Federation BiH. Genesis Project staff is comprised of local residents.

In 2004, Genesis Project is funded by **UNICEF BiH, International Orthodox Christian Charity and Balkan Aid Relief Foundation.**

First humanitarian aid convoy, in cooperation with B.A.R.F., was realized in November 2000, second one in June 2001, third in October 2001, fourth convoy was realized in March 2002, fifth in October 2002, sixth in April 2003, seventh in June 2003 and **eighth in March 2004.**

Trustees of BARF with Mr. Neil Ross Newitt as Chairman, organized all humanitarian aid convoys.

Thanks to these wonderful people from BARF and their efforts, we were able to distribute huge amounts of humanitarian aid to all people and institutions in need, here in Bosnia and Herzegovina and there are a large number of them.

Numbers speak for themselves. Thanks to BARF, we were able to help and bring necessary humanitarian aid to 40 different governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as:

- Banja Luka Clinical Centre – different clinics;
- primary schools;
- specialized educational institutions for children with special needs;
- different local humanitarian organizations involved in helping refugees, internally displaced and socially endangered domestic population;
- different clinics throughout western part of Republika Srpska
- and many other formal and non-formal associations of citizens.

IMPORTANT PART OF LAST CONVOY OF HUMANITARIAN AID, BROUGHT TO BOSNIA BY B.A.R.F., WAS THE DONATION BY BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY.

In beginning this report, I would like to emphasize that all aid donated by Becton Dickinson and Company is very much needed aid due to the constant lack of necessary funds to purchase expendable medical supplies.

All Becton Dickinson and Company donation was given to Clinical Centre – biggest medical institution in Republika Srpska.

It is important to emphasize that the majority of Republika Srpska citizens have extremely low monthly incomes. Majority of the population is unemployed and there is huge number of people without health insurance. For these people, when they get sick, Clinical Centre provides health protection same as for people with health insurance. But, costs of their treatment are left unpaid and Clinical Centre is facing constant lack of financial means necessary for normal work.

That is why donations like the Becton Dickinson and Company donation are highly important for both, Clinical Centre management and medical staff as well as for patients who both can not afford to buy disposable nappies due to overwhelming poverty.

The importance of this humanitarian aid is beyond its commercial value because people of United Kingdom give it with love to people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and that is the most important thing.

We hope that we will continue our cooperation with Balkan Aid Relief Foundation and Becton Dickinson and Company, in order to help people of Bosnia and Herzegovina who still need our assistance very much, in order to live their lives with a bit more dignity and humanity.

In order to describe you level of need that exists locally for this type of donations, we have asked general director of Clinical centre dr Dragan Kostic to elaborate more about existing need for humanitarian aid.

Here is what he wrote:

"Respected,

I am using this opportunity to express my personal respect to you, as Executive director of local humanitarian organization Genesis Project Banjaluka, and to thank you for all your engagement in projects of convoys of humanitarian aid that was donated to Clinical centre.

I also wish to thank you for your further actions that you make in attempt to continue gathering new and necessary aid for Clinical centre. Those actions can be taken only by great human beings - people of good will such as you and your organization are.

In order to explain needs of Clinical centre, for humanitarian aid donations, I am submitting you following information:

- **aid that you donated during March 2004 convoy will be sufficient to cover needs of Clinical centre for period of 2 months**
- **during one month Clinical centre threats 25 000 patients which is 300 000 patients during one year.**
- **out of total number of accepted patients 35% are without medical insurance which is 8 750 medically un-insured patients per month or 105 000 medically un-insured patients per year.**
- **biggest problem for Clinical centre is purchase of medical expendable supplies due to constant lack of financial means that are not provided by Republika Srpska Fond of health insurance. Republika Srpska Fond of health insurance participates with 95% in the budget of Clinical centre.**
- **Very big problem is lack of expendable materials on following clinics: Clinic for children diseases, Neurology clinic and Oncology clinic.**
- **Within those clinics there is huge need for disposable nappies to cover monthly needs for 900 - 1200 children patients of Clinic for children diseases, 930 adult patients on Neurology clinic and 900 adult patients on Oncology clinic.**

On the end I would like to emphasize honest gratitude for everything you have done and what you are still doing in order to gather humanitarian aid for the needs of Clinical centre.

Signed: dr Dragan Kostic, general director"

Within this report we are enclosing you following attachments:

1. Copy of letter / report written by general director of Clinical centre – dr Dragan Kostic in local language.
2. "Thank you" letter written by management of Clinical centre and addressed to Ms Henny Aertssen – representative of B.A.R.F. Belgium – appreciation for liaison between Becton Dickinson and Company and Clinical centre.
3. Newspaper articles about B.A.R.F. donation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, with emphasis on donation from Becton Dickinson and Company.
4. Delivery form confirming that BD and Co. aid was received by Clinical centre.

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We hope that this report is sufficiently detailed to present to you how your donation was distributed and how it will be used.

We are looking forward to co-operating with you again.

Yours truly, Dijana Pejic, executive director, Genesis Project.