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World Bank provides $100 M to improve healthcare systems in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Aiming to introduce incentives for improved service delivery and stronger primary healthcare

The World Bank Board has approved a EUR92.30 million ($100 million equivalent) Health Sectors Programmatic Development Policy Loan for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

The programme will provide budget support to underpin policy efforts by BiH authorities to improve the financial sustainability of the healthcare systems and quality of health services its citizens receive.

This programme aims to improve the financial sustainability of health institutions, by helping clear arrears in the health sector and introduce measures that would prevent the generation of new arrears. It also aims to introduce incentives for improved service delivery and stronger primary healthcare, as well as reforms to improve environmental management and strengthen tobacco control.

The design of this programme was informed and supported by a complementary World Bank programme, the Health Systems Improvement Project, and technical assistance, including a functional review of the sector's performance and ongoing activities to strengthen the transparency and accountability of health systems in BiH.

The World Bank portfolio of active projects in BiH comprises 12 operations totaling around $720 million. Areas of support include healthcare, road modernisation, employment and social protection, energy efficiency, local infrastructure, environment.