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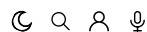
The Swedish government and the Akelius Foundation joined forces in one of the largest humanitarian actions in the country's history, donating a total of 1.2 billion Swedish kronor (about 201 million KM) to help children in Gaza.

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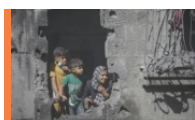
Of the total amount, 400 million kroner (67 million KM) comes from the Swedish government, while the Akelius Foundation, founded by billionaire Roger Akelius, provided as much as 800 million kroner (134 million KM).



In an interview with the **Radiosarajevo.ba** portal , Akelus revealed that the donated funds will be focused primarily on the education and basic needs of children affected by the war in Gaza. With this donation, the construction of 400 schools in the Gaza Strip is planned.

He stressed that the implementation of the project is extremely demanding, from providing food for 100,000 children a day, to hiring around 10,000 teachers and finding space for schools. Despite the challenges, he claims that the funds are sufficient to implement the project over the next five years.

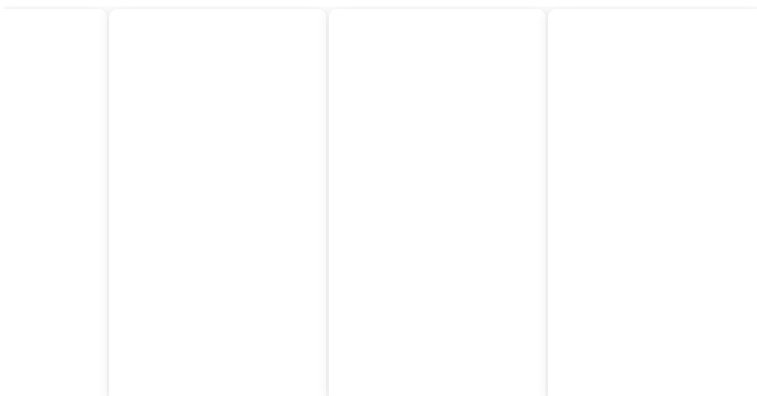
"When I see a hungry Palestinian child crying silently, missing his parents, I simply feel that I have to help. With my help, this child will receive food, love, friends, education and hope for a few hours," Akelius emphasized in an interview with the **Radiosarajevo.ba portal**.



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Akelius points out that education in war-torn zones has a special value:



The Swede who allocated 800 million crowns for the children of Gaza also donated 3.6 million dollars to children in BiH "Education gives hope for a future life. **Children get the feeling that they can survive.** Maybe that feeling is illusory, but it is necessary for them now," he stressed.

The Swede also recalled the foundation's previous projects in Gaza, including the construction of a school in 2017 in cooperation with SOS Children's Villages, which was later destroyed during the attack.



Photo: Submitted photo: School in Gaza before and after the attack

This donation represents the largest single amount that the Akelius Foundation has allocated so far. Last summer, the foundation, in cooperation with UNICEF financed summer schools for 45,000 children in Gaza and 35,000 in the West Bank, while earlier it donated 70 million dollars to help children in Ukraine, and 30 million dollars for children in Sudan .

Millions of dollars for children in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In cooperation with UNICEF, the Akelius Foundation has been implementing a digital foreign language learning program in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2020. The program was initially aimed at refugee children in reception centers, and was later expanded to include the regular education system.

Today, the Akelius platform is used in elementary schools throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, and soon, in addition to foreign languages, children will be able to more easily master mathematical tasks through this program.

According to Roger Akelius, **so far more than 24,000 children in BiH have gone through this program** , while an additional 8,000 students were included in 2025 alone.

The foundation's total investments in educational projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina are estimated at around 3.6 million dollars (6.3 million KM).

How do children in BiH participate in this program?

The Akelius digital course enables learning foreign languages via tablets, computers and smartphones, and is especially adapted for children through

interactive methods: games, songs, quizzes and audiobooks.

The program is implemented through regular classes, as well as additional sections, which creates a combined learning model.

"The idea was born in 2015 during the European migrant crisis, when we wanted to provide quick and efficient support to more than 163,000 migrants in Sweden. **The inability to communicate in the host country is a serious obstacle to integration**, and that's why we developed a digital language course in cooperation with UNICEF, which today offers English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Polish", explained Akelius.

As he further stated, the goal is that every child, adolescent or adult can quickly and fun master the language and acquire skills that open doors to education and integration, whether they are refugees or students in formal and non-formal education around the world.

Akelius invites everyone to simply and free download the application they developed and start learning a new language on their own.

UNICEF previously published the experiences of children and teachers in primary schools in BiH who are involved in this program, and you can watch a short video below:



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