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Interesting facts

The Swede who allocated 800 million kronor for the children of Gaza also donated 3.6 million dollars to children in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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The Swedish government and the Akelius Foundation have 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.

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

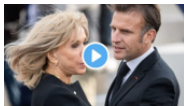
In an interview with the portal **Radiosarajevo.ba**, Akelus revealed that the donated funds will be directed primarily towards the education and basic



needs of children affected by the war in Gaza. This donation is planned to build 400 schools in the Gaza Strip.

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

"When I see a hungry Palestinian child crying quietly, missing his parents, I simply feel that I have to help. With my help, this child will get food, love, friends, education and hope for a few hours", stressed Akelius 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:

"Education gives hope for the future life. **Children get the feeling that they can survive.** Maybe that feeling is apparent, but it is necessary for them now," he emphasized.

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.



A school in Gaza before and after the attack

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

This donation represents the largest single amount that the Akelius Foundation has allocated to date. Last summer, the foundation, in

cooperation with UNICEF, funded summer schools for 45,000 children in Gaza and 35,000 in the West Bank, while it **previously donated \$70 million to help children in Ukraine and \$30 million to 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 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 master mathematical tasks more easily through this program.

According to Roger Akelius, **so far more than 24,000 children in Bosnia and Herzegovina have gone through this program** , while only in 2025, an additional 8,000 students will be included.

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

How do children in Bosnia and Herzegovina participate in this program?

The Akelius digital course enables learning foreign languages via tablets, computers and smartphones, and is specially adapted for children through interactive methods: games, songs, quizzes and audiobooks.

The program is implemented through regular classes, as well as additional sections, thus achieving a blended 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 represents a serious obstacle to integration** , which is 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 the door to education and integration, whether they are refugees or students in formal and informal 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.



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