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### **Social work in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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#### **Abstract**

The article aims to provide a brief overview of the legacy of social welfare and social work within former Yugoslavia and how it was enacted and practised in Bosnia and Herzegovina (one of six states within it) as well as the key changes that followed during and after the 1992-1996 war in this country. The overview also highlights specific roles of both international organisations and local decision makers during and after the war and how it impacted both grassroots social work practice and the changing needs of people who use services – particularly the ever increasing experience of poverty and its various impacts. Within a complex and politicised governance structure, key issues for consideration of the future role for the profession are highlighted.

#### **Key words**

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Social work, Welfare system, War, INGOs