



Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Regional Housing Programme



RHP Factsheet

June 2016



MISSION AND BACKGROUND

The Regional Housing Programme (RHP) is a joint initiative by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia (the Partner Countries). Its aim is to contribute to the resolution of the protracted displacement situation of the most vulnerable refugees and displaced persons following the 1991 - 1995 conflicts on the territory of former Yugoslavia, including internally displaced persons in Montenegro from 1999.

Besides providing sustainable housing tailored to beneficiaries' needs, the RHP also fosters the institutional capacity of the Partner Countries, which should be able in the future to address the housing needs not just of RHP beneficiaries but of their populations at large. Furthermore, thanks to its regional character, RHP contributes to improving neighbourly relations thereby promoting security and stability in the region.

STAKEHOLDERS

RHP is built upon an equal partnership with the four Partner Countries. It consists of four individual Country Housing Projects (CHP), one per Partner Country. The Partner Countries are in charge of implementing the Programme using their national structures and systems.

RHP is primarily a donor funded programme; donor funds are held in the so-called "RHP Fund", set up in 2012 for this purpose. In addition, the Partner Countries also participate with national contributions. The European Union is the largest Donor to this initiative having pledged EUR 230 million, out of a total of EUR 268 million pledged to date. Other Donors to the RHP Fund are the U.S., Norway, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, Turkey and Luxembourg.

UNHCR and OSCE are tasked with helping the Partner Countries identify eligible beneficiaries, monitoring their selection and overseeing that they receive adequate protection. As such, these institutions play a crucial role in monitoring that the RHP provides sustainable housing solutions to those beneficiaries most in need.

The Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) plays three roles within the RHP: it manages the RHP Fund; assists the Partner Countries in implementing their CHPs by, inter alia, managing the Technical Assistance, and facilitates coordination between all RHP stakeholders.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS to the RHP Fund

(committed and paid in EUR million)

- Total committed: EUR 159.4 million
- Total paid in: EUR 120.3 million

European Union	121.3 84.2
USA	15.3 15.3
Norway	5.0 5.5
Germany	5.0 5.0
Switzerland	5.0 4.5
Italy	5.0 3.0
Denmark	1.3 1.3
Turkey	1.0 1.0
Luxembourg	0.5 0.5

MILESTONES

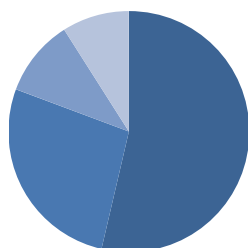
As at 31 May 2016

APPROVED PROJECTS	PROGRESS TO DATE
19 Projects approved	351 Housing units completed:
7 200 Number of households concerned	• 149 packages of building materials delivered
22 000 Number of beneficiaries concerned	• 91 flats completed in 2 new buildings
€ 170 million Total estimated cost of approved projects	• 58 flats purchased
€ 141 million Total approved grant amount	• 30 pre-fabricated houses completed
€ 29 million Total national contribution	• 23 houses reconstructed
€ 40 million Total grant amount disbursed	7 Construction sites inaugurated

ON-GOING PROJECTS

	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CROATIA	MONTENEGRO	SERBIA
Number of projects approved	4	6	4	5
Number of housing units concerned	1 868	328	344	4 725
Total national contribution for approved projects	€ 5.4 million	€ 4.8 million	€ 2.0 million	€ 16.8 million

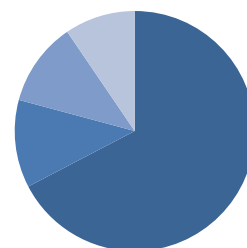
Total amount of grants approved



EUR 77.5 million ■ SRB
 EUR 35.9 million ■ BiH
 EUR 14.0 million ■ CRO
 EUR 13.7 million ■ MNE

Total: EUR 141.1 million

Total amount of grants disbursed



EUR 26.3 million ■ SRB
 EUR 4.7 million ■ CRO
 EUR 4.5 million ■ MNE
 EUR 4.4 million ■ BiH

Total: EUR 39.9 million

HOUSING MODALITIES DELIVERED TO BENEFICIARIES

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CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND PURCHASE OF APARTMENTS

Construction of multi-apartment buildings and purchase of apartments is best suited for beneficiaries who wish to re/integrate in the urban communities.



Construction of 40 apartments
Knin, Croatia



Reconstruction of a home for
75 elderly and disabled persons
Glina, Croatia



Construction of a home for 68
elderly/handicapped persons,
Pljevlja, Montenegro



Purchase of 101 apartments
throughout Croatia



Construction of 62 apartments
Niksic, Montenegro



Construction of 120 apartments
Konik Camp, Montenegro

PROVISION OF BUILDING MATERIAL PACKAGES

Distribution of building material packages is the most appropriate modality to support such beneficiaries who have already started the re/construction of their family houses.



Nikinci, Serbia
Provision of building material packages to close to 1 600 families
throughout Serbia



Olovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (before - after)
Provision of building material packages to 20 families throughout BiH

PROVISION OF PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES

Pre-fabricated houses are an efficient solution designed for beneficiaries who already own their construction plot.



Temerin, Serbia
Construction of 350 pre-fabricated houses throughout Serbia



RE/CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES

Re/construction of houses is the most suitable modality for beneficiaries who decide to either return to their place of origin or integrate in the local community.



Foca Ustikolina (before - after)
Reconstruction assistance to over 1400 families,
Bosnia and Herzegovina



PURCHASE OF VILLAGE HOUSES

Village houses are purchased for beneficiaries usually living in rural areas who plan to make a living from agriculture.



Barajevo, Subodol, Serbia
Purchase of over 800 village houses throughout Serbia





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RHP ADDED VALUE

REGIONAL CHARACTER

One of the cornerstones of the RHP is its regional character. The four Partner Countries work very closely together to reach their common goal. They support each other and exchange information daily to maintain a steady pace of RHP implementation, to find synergies in their work and to learn from each other's successful experiences within the RHP.

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL STRUCTURES

The Partner Countries are in charge of implementing the Programme. This is one of the factors that sets RHP apart from most other housing projects in the region: this strong ownership builds up the Partner Countries' institutional capacity to implement projects in the future, in line with EU standards. Support to national structures is offered through Technical Assistance embedded within the implementing institutions to support project implementation and management. The Technical Assistance is funded by the European Union and channeled through the CEB.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The RHP helps strengthen the cooperation between the central government and local self-governments, as the Programme is implemented in hundreds of municipalities in the region. Local administrations have a high level of ownership of the projects and are actively involved in their implementation, including in procurement and beneficiary selection. This cooperation strengthens the capacities of local administrations.

OUTLOOK

The RHP Fund Assembly of Donors has to date approved 19 projects, targeting altogether some 7 200 beneficiary families. At end-May 2016, some 350 housing units had already been completed. The current plan is to deliver altogether some 800 housing units in 2016, followed by 4 500 in 2017 and the rest - 1 700 - in 2018 ¹.

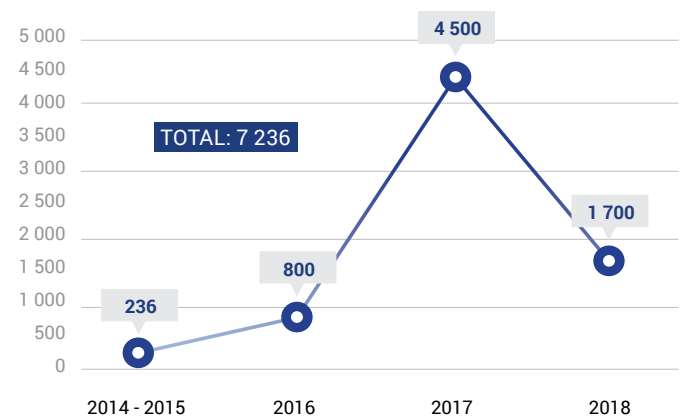
In 2016, the Partner Countries shall continue to implement the "Donors' Recommendations" that were elaborated after the successful completion of the RHP Mid-Term Review and Mid-Term Evaluation, carried out in 2015. One of the Recommendations stipulates that more focus shall be put on strengthening sustainability measures for RHP beneficiary families.

Capacity building support to Partner Country implementing structures will continue, as well as the financial support provided for beneficiary selection and cross-border data verification of applicants. Finally, the RHP stakeholders shall jointly undertake to identify good practices emanating from the experience gathered so far from RHP implementation.

¹ Please note that these figures are subject to constant revision

Delivery of housing units per year

(actual and forecast)



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The Regional Housing Programme (RHP) was set up to offer durable housing to vulnerable individuals who became refugees or displaced persons following the 1991-1995 conflicts on the territory of former Yugoslavia. RHP is implemented by Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia and mostly financed by the international donor community. The main donor is the European Union. The other donors are the USA, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Turkey, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic and Hungary.

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