

COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) SERBIA

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CHP AT A GLANCE February 2017

Number of sub-projects approved
6

Number of housing units concerned
5 215

Total amount of grants approved
€ 86.7 million

Total amount of grants disbursed
€ 26.3 million

Total national contribution
€ 16.8 million*

BACKGROUND

In 1996, Serbia hosted around 540 000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Return, local integration and resettlement efforts jointly conducted by national and local authorities and international counterparts had a considerable impact on these initial figures; as of May 2011, 74 486 individuals still held refugee status in Serbia. Meanwhile, almost 200 000 refugees had opted for local integration through acquiring Serbian citizenship, and 37 000 refugees had received assistance through housing solutions provided. Nevertheless, the needs that the refugees still face for durable housing solutions remain considerable and Serbia is addressing them through the Regional Housing Programme (RHP).

RHP OBJECTIVES IN SERBIA

The majority of refugees still present in Serbia consider local integration as the most suitable and accessible durable solution. The CHP in Serbia should, as per its original scope, provide durable housing solutions to 16 780 vulnerable refugee households or 45 000 individuals, from the following two categories:

CATEGORY I (2%) includes all 1991-1995 refugees, regardless of their status, who are residents of collective centers or other forms of collective accommodation, either formal or informal ones.

CATEGORY II (98%) includes all 1991-1995 vulnerable refugees, accommodated privately and all former occupancy right holders without a durable solution in their country of origin or reception country.

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Serbia made significant progress in RHP implementation in the course of 2016, and construction activity has spread throughout the country. Implementation of five sub-projects is on-going in 117 municipalities and towns, with more than 200 commissions engaged in beneficiary selection amongst some 9 500 submitted applications. On the territories of 49 Local Self Governments (LSG), apartment construction is foreseen and the LSGs in question have provided land plots and infrastructure. In next two years, the construction works of 696 flats should be completed and over 1 000 building material packages delivered under SRB2, SRB3 and SRB4. Furthermore, the construction of 1 262 flats under SRB5 will start.

In parallel with the above-mentioned activities, the extension of the fourth sub-project for the Republic of Serbia (SRB4) was approved targeting selected, but not yet housed beneficiaries. In addition, the Assembly of Donors held in December 2016 approved an additional sub-project for Serbia worth EUR 9.2 million, earmarked for the additional 490 housing solutions.

"The RHP is a shining example of restoring a climate of trust in the region. It also contributes to the building of partner relations, with the aim of finding solutions to the existing problems in all four Partner Countries. An immense task is in front of all RHP Partner Countries – finding solutions to the refugee problems after 25 years of life on the margins of the society."

Vladimir Cucic, Commissioner for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia



* Official figure as per signed Grant Agreements. The final figure will be known at the completion of each sub-project.



FINANCIAL STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

February 2017

SRB1
Provision of 64 prefabricated houses and 129 building material packages for 195 households
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 08/04/2013 - 14/03/2014
Total estimated cost € 2 212 500
Grant amount approved € 1 993 000
National contribution € 219 500 *
Grant amount disbursed € 1 595 144

SRB2
Support to 870 refugee families through four different housing modalities
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 11/10/2013 - 09/09/2014
Total estimated cost € 13 062 936
Grant amount approved € 11 560 936
National contribution € 1 502 000 *
Grant amount disbursed € 5 489 900

SRB3
Support to 715 refugee families through four different housing modalities
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 06/12/2013 - 09/09/2014
Total estimated cost € 13 642 918
Grant amount approved € 10 963 918
National contribution € 2 679 000 *
Grant amount disbursed € 3 885 820

SRB4
Support to 1 233 refugee families through four different housing modalities
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 23/06/2014 - 06/11/2014; extension 14/04/2016 - 12/10/2016
Total estimated cost € 18 666 664
Grant amount approved € 16 659 554
National contribution € 2 007 110 *
Grant amount disbursed € 3 835 100

SRB5
Support to 1 712 refugee families through three different housing modalities
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 20/11/2014 - 14/08/2015
Total estimated cost € 46 773 758
Grant amount approved € 36 348 906
National contribution € 10 424 852 *
Grant amount disbursed € 11 459 636

SRB7
Provision of minimum 490 housing solutions for beneficiaries selected under sub-projects SRB2, SRB4, SRB5
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 01/12/2016 - date pending
Total estimated cost € 9 166 861
Grant amount approved € 9 166 861
National contribution -
Grant amount disbursed -

Total Estimated Cost
€ 103.5 million
Total Grant Amount financed from the RHP Fund
€ 87 million
Total National Contribution
€ 16.8 million*
Total Amount of Grants Disbursed
€ 26.3 million



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IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

February 2017

SRB1	SRB1.C1	SRB1.C2		
	Provision of 64 pre-fab houses	Delivery of 129 packages of building material		
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed		
Start of project	October 2015	June 2015		
Expected completion	1 st half of 2017	1 st half of 2017		
SRB2	SRB2.C1	SRB2.C2	SRB2.C3	SRB2.C4
	Construction of 200 apartments in 9 municipalities	Provision of 120 pre-fab houses in 36 municipalities	Provision of 300 building material packages (new estimate: 338)	Purchase of 250 village houses in 20 municipalities
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
Start of project	February 2017	July 2016	December 2016	September 2016
Expected completion	1 st half of 2018	2 nd half of 2017	2 nd half of 2017	1 st half of 2017 *
SRB3	SRB3.C1	SRB3.C2	SRB3.C3	SRB3.C4
	Construction of 235 apartments	Construction of 80 pre-fabricated houses (new estimate: 49)	Provision of 350 building material packages	Purchase of 50 village houses (new estimate: 69)
Beneficiary selection	Ongoing	Completed	Ongoing	Completed
Start of project	August 2016	March 2017	July 2017	June 2016
Expected completion	2 nd half of 2017	2 nd half of 2017	1 st half of 2018	2 nd half of 2016 *
SRB4 **	SRB4.C1	SRB4.C2	SRB4.C3	SRB4.C4
	Construction of 261 apartments in 13 municipalities	Construction of 81 pre-fab houses	Provision of 562 building material packages	Purchase of 329 village houses
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
Start of project	April 2017	May 2016	June 2016	September 2016
Expected completion	1 st half of 2018	1 st half of 2018	1 st half of 2018	2 nd half of 2017 *
SRB5	SRB5.C1	SRB5.C1.1	SRB5.C2	SRB5.C3
	Construction of 1 262 apartments	Construction of 270 apartments in Belgrade	Provision of 250 building material packages (after revision: 200)	Purchase of 200 village houses (after revision: 241)
Beneficiary selection	Ongoing	Ongoing	Started	Started
Start of project	1 st half of 2017	July 2017	September 2017	May 2017
Expected completion	1 st half of 2019	2 nd half of 2018	1 st half of 2018	2 nd half of 2017 *
SRB7	SRB7.C1	SRB7.C2	SRB7.C3	SRB7.C4
	Purchase of 130 apartments	Purchase of 180 village houses	Provision of 180 building material packages	Provision of design services for construction of 358 apartments
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed	Completed	Sufficient number of beneficiaries identified
Start of project	May 2017	May 2017	May 2017	May 2017
Expected completion	1 st half of 2018	2 nd half of 2017	2 nd half of 2018	2 nd half of 2017

* does not include small in kind grants for beneficiaries

** updated following extension of components C2, C3 and C4



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