

# COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) SERBIA

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## CHP AT A GLANCE May 2017

Number of sub-projects approved

6

Number of housing units concerned

5 215

Grants approved

€ 86.7 million

Grants disbursed

€ 26.3 million

Total national contribution

€ 16.8 million\*

Start of construction works on an apartment building in Sremska Mitrovica, April 2017

## 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 centres 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.

## BENEFICIARY FAMILY

Mira Mihajlovic was born in Karlovac, Croatia, from where she fled in 1995 when she was 17 years old, together with her mother and younger brother. They left all their belongings behind and abandoned the house and the land they had been cultivating for decades.

They came to Serbia and stayed for a while in Jagodina, then moved to Mionica and finally settled in Pancevo, where Mira met her first husband and got a daughter. Later on, Mira re-married and gave birth to a son, now a five-year-old smiling boy, who is the main source of strength and hope for his mother.

Three years ago, Mira heard from her neighbour who had received a village house through a foundation that she is eligible to apply for housing assistance.

Mira's dream came true when her application was accepted and, in August 2016, she became the owner of a village house in Ratari, near Obrenovac, where she had been living in a rented apartment for the last couple of years. The 85m<sup>2</sup> house, with a stable in the garden and an orchard in the backyard, is more than she could dream of – her son Damjan now has his own room, four dogs – and hopefully soon also chicken in the backyard.

"I sleep peacefully now, after so many years of uncertainty. I have something to leave to my children, so that they would never be without anything in their lives, like I was. This thought always brings a smile to my face".



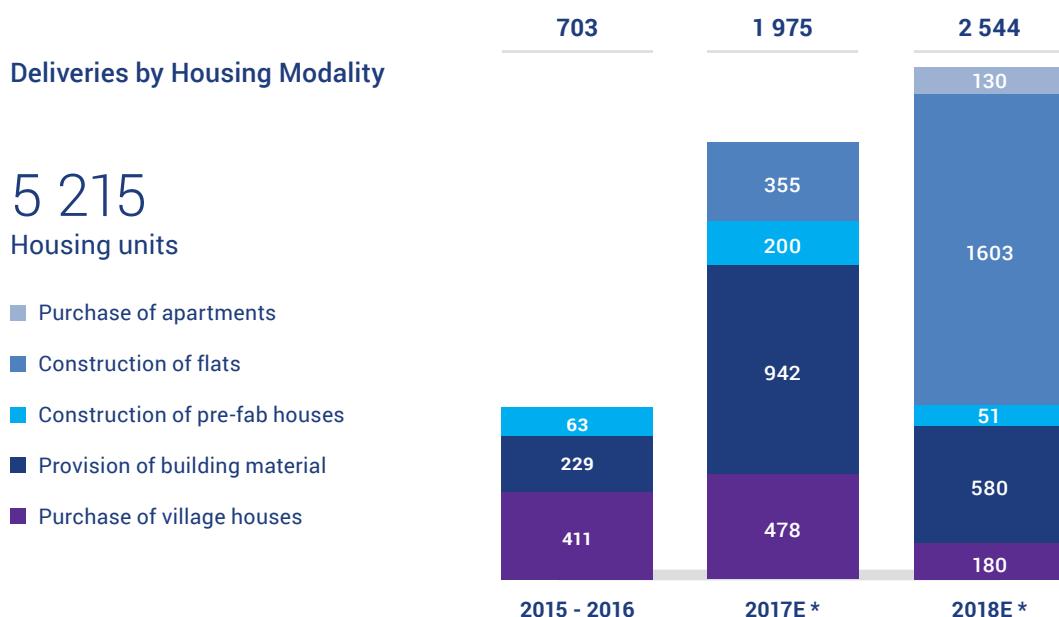
\* Official figure as per signed Grant Agreements. The final figure will be known at the completion of each sub-project.

## FINANCIAL STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

### May 2017

SRB1	SRB2	SRB3
Provision of 64 prefabricated houses and 129 building material packages for 193 households	Support to 870 refugee families through four different housing modalities	Support to 715 refugee families through four different housing modalities
Grant approval and grant agreement signature <b>08/04/2013 - 14/03/2014</b>	Grant approval and grant agreement signature <b>11/10/2013 - 09/09/2014</b>	Grant approval and grant agreement signature <b>06/12/2013 - 09/09/2014</b>
Total estimated cost <b>€ 2 212 500</b>	Total estimated cost <b>€ 13 062 936</b>	Total estimated cost <b>€ 13 642 918</b>
Grant amount approved <b>€ 1 993 000</b>	Grant amount approved <b>€ 11 560 936</b>	Grant amount approved <b>€ 10 963 918</b>
National contribution <b>€ 219 500 *</b>	National contribution <b>€ 1 502 000 *</b>	National contribution <b>€ 2 679 000 *</b>
Grant amount disbursed <b>€ 1 595 144</b>	Grant amount disbursed <b>€ 5 489 900</b>	Grant amount disbursed <b>€ 3 885 820</b>
SRB4	SRB5	SRB7
Support to 1 233 refugee families through four different housing modalities	Support to 1 712 refugee families through three different housing modalities	Provision of minimum 490 housing solutions for beneficiaries selected under sub-projects SRB2, SRB4, SRB5
Grant approval and grant agreement signature <b>23/06/2014 - 06/11/2014;</b> <b>extension 14/04/2016 - 12/10/2016</b>	Grant approval and grant agreement signature <b>20/11/2014 - 14/08/2015</b>	Grant approval and grant agreement signature <b>01/12/2016 - date pending</b>
Total estimated cost <b>€ 18 666 664</b>	Total estimated cost <b>€ 46 773 758</b>	Total estimated cost <b>€ 9 166 861</b>
Grant amount approved <b>€ 16 659 554</b>	Grant amount approved <b>€ 36 348 906</b>	Grant amount approved <b>€ 9 166 861</b>
National contribution <b>€ 2 007 110 *</b>	National contribution <b>€ 10 424 852 *</b>	National contribution -
Grant amount disbursed <b>€ 3 835 100</b>	Grant amount disbursed <b>€ 11 459 636</b>	Grant amount disbursed -

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\* Estimate

## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

### May 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
<b>Completed</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2016</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2016</b>



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	March 2017	July 2016	March 2017	September 2016
Expected completion	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Completed	Completed
Start of project	September 2016	March 2017	September 2017	June 2016
Expected completion	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2017

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	June 2017	May 2016	June 2016	August 2016
Expected completion	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018

SRB5	SRB5.C1	SRB5.C2	SRB5.C3
	Construction of 1 262 apartments	Provision of 250 building material packages (after revision: 200)	Purchase of 200 village houses (after revision: 241)
Beneficiary selection	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
Start of project	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2017	February 2018	August 2017
Expected completion	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Completed
Start of project	September 2017	September 2017	September 2017	September 2017
Expected completion	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2018

\* Installation still ongoing in some cases \*\* updated following extension of components C2, C3 and C4

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

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