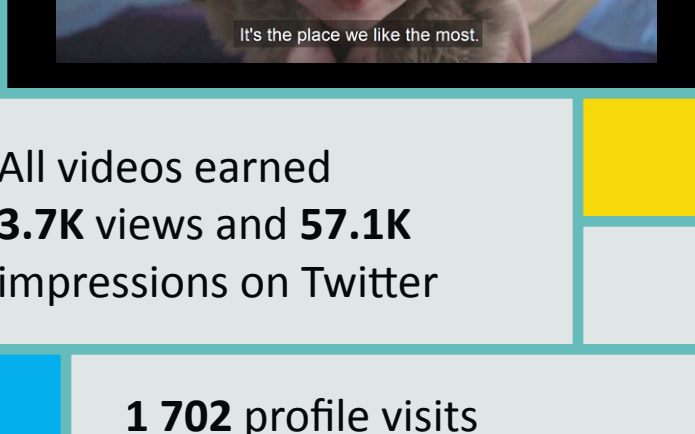


RHP SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN



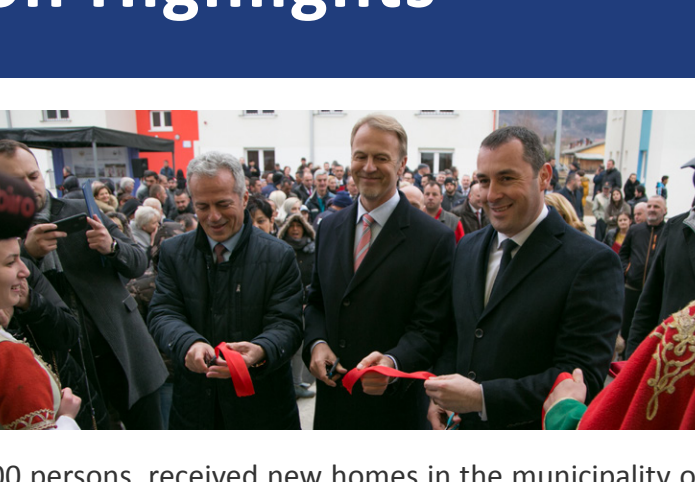
During March and April 2019, 12 short video clips on the RHP were posted on RHP Twitter and LinkedIn pages. The video clips were shared with RHP stakeholders for reposting on their social media (donors, UNHCR, OSCE, CEB, EUD, EU Info Centres, RHP Lead Institutions,...). The results were encouraging:



1 287
RHP mentions on internet
(including local languages)

All videos earned
3.7K views and 57.1K
impressions on Twitter

1 702 profile visits



Implementation Highlights

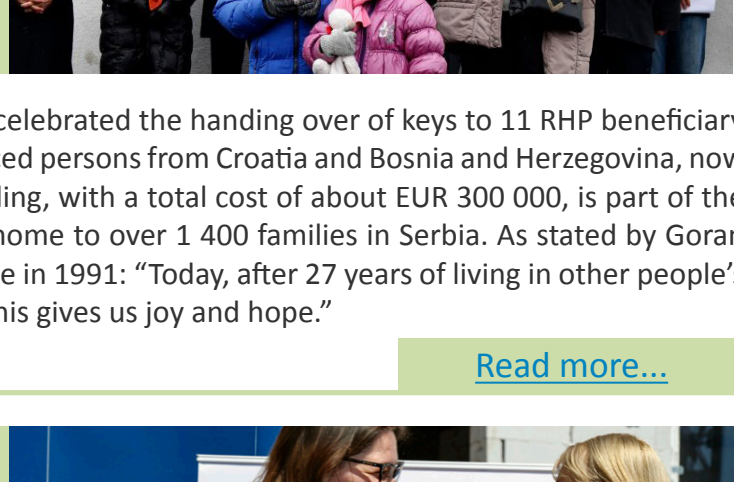
400 VULNERABLE PERSONS FROM COLLECTIVE SETTLEMENTS RUDES 1 AND RUDES 2 GET NEW HOMES IN BERANE, MONTENEGRO



On 26 March 2019, 94 RHP beneficiary families, or over 400 persons, received new homes in the municipality of Berane, in the north-eastern part of Montenegro, after a struggle of more than 20 years since they were displaced. Berane, with a population of over 11 000, is economically less advanced than other parts of the country. Thanks to the RHP, the former residents of Rudes 1 (mostly displaced persons from BiH and Croatia in 1991-1995) and Rudes 2 (mostly IDPs from Kosovo from 1999) can now settle in permanently in the four apartment buildings constructed on a land plot of 6 500 m2 owned by Berane. The grant from the RHP Fund covers 90% of the total cost of the project, which amounts to over EUR 3 million.

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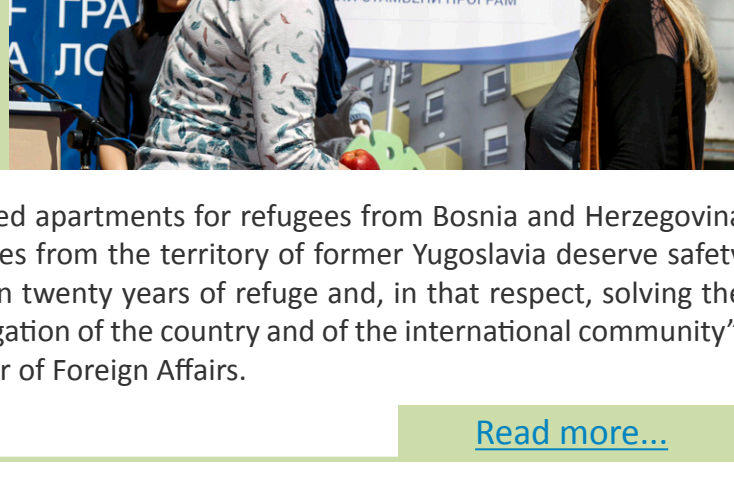
WORKS STARTED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF 30 APARTMENTS IN SREMSKA MITROVICA, SERBIA



On 27 February 2019 the RHP stakeholders celebrated in Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia, the start of works for the construction of 30 apartments under the RHP sub-project SRB5. The project completion is scheduled for spring 2020. First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia Ivica Dacic highlighted the important number of RHP construction sites currently active in Serbia, with several inauguration events in the pipeline. For example, one of the largest individual RHP construction sites in Kamendin, Zemun, is scheduled to be completed in summer 2019, providing a new home for 270 vulnerable refugee families.

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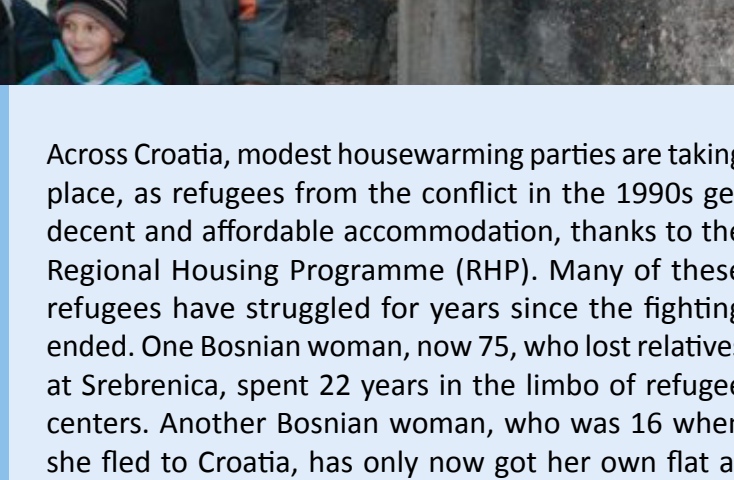
NEW HOMES FOR 11 BENEFICIARY FAMILIES IN ZRENJANIN, SERBIA



On 25 January 2019 a number of key RHP stakeholders celebrated the handing over of keys to 11 RHP beneficiary families in Zrenjanin, Serbia. The beneficiaries are displaced persons from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, now permanently integrated in Serbia. The RHP-funded building, with a total cost of about EUR 300 000, is part of the SRB4 sub-project, which will altogether provide a new home to over 1 400 families in Serbia. As stated by Goran Tomas, a beneficiary from Osijek, Croatia, who had to flee in 1991: "Today, after 27 years of living in other people's apartments, we finally have a place we can call home. This gives us joy and hope."

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30 FAMILIES RECEIVED NEW HOMES IN LOZNICA, SERBIA



On 21 April 2019 keys were delivered to 30 RHP-financed apartments for refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia residing in the territory of Loznica. "Refugees from the territory of former Yugoslavia deserve safety and merit to have their dignity restored after more than twenty years of refuge and, in that respect, solving the refugee issue constitutes the most significant moral obligation of the country and of the international community", said Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Meeting RHP Beneficiaries

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA



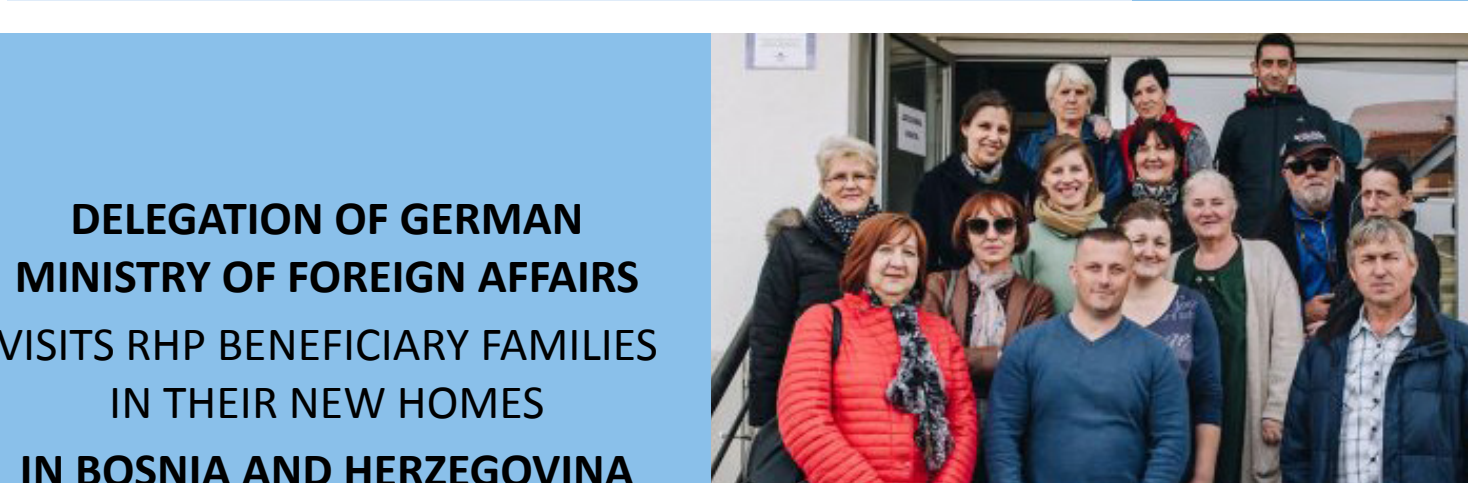
UNHCR ON REGIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME IN CROATIA: REFUGEES OF 1990 CONFLICTS COME HOME TO SOME COMFORT

By: Helen Womack, Jan Kapic and Kristina Benic Belavic, Zagreb, Croatia | 28 Mar 2019

Across Croatia, modest housewarming parties are taking place, as refugees from the conflict in the 1990s get decent and affordable accommodation, thanks to the Regional Housing Programme (RHP). Many of these refugees have struggled for years since the fighting ended. One Bosnian woman, now 75, who lost relatives at Srebrenica, spent 22 years in the limbo of refugee centers. Another Bosnian woman, who was 16 when she fled to Croatia, has only now got her own flat at the age of 42.

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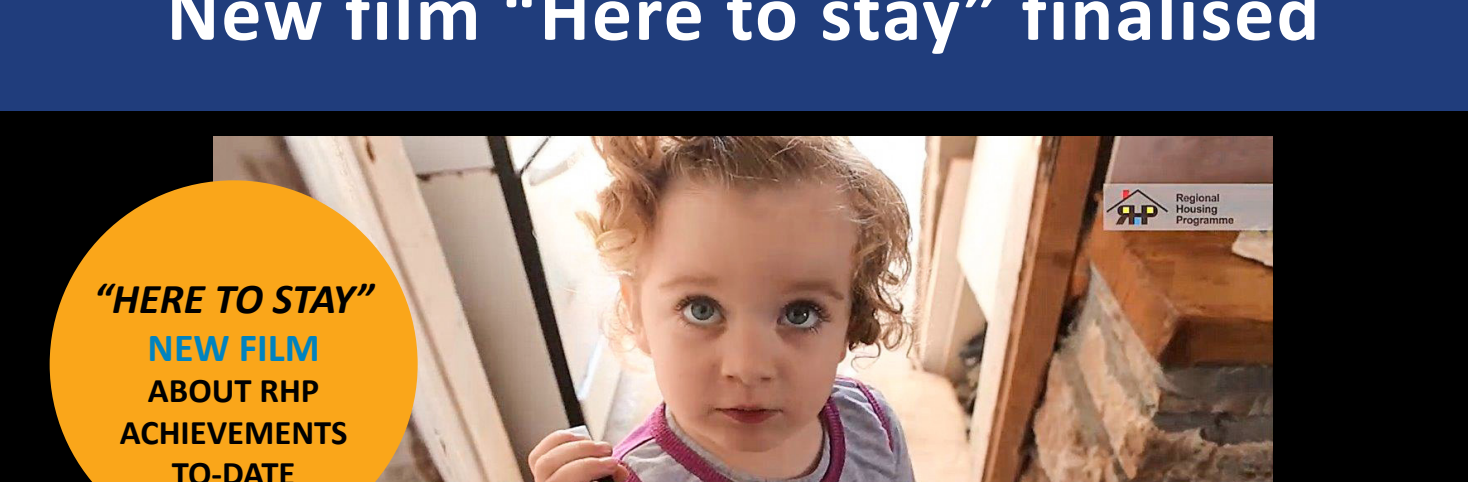


JOVIC FAMILY, TREBINJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Pero and Mira Jovic are refugees from Croatia who have integrated in the local community of Trebinje, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. After coming to Trebinje they had a daughter and a son. Throughout their years as refugees, they had been looking for adequate accommodation. According to Pero: "The worst was the feeling of uncertainty, when you don't know where to go and which path to take".

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MONTENEGRO



LAURA BUCA SOTA, BERANE, MONTENEGRO

Laura is a young single mother of two schoolchildren, who came from Klina, Kosovo, in 1999 with her parents and siblings. Since then she has been living in a collective centre in Berane, built by UNHCR in 1995 as a temporary solution for refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Later, it also became a home for internally displaced persons from Kosovo. Laura got married very young, respecting her parents' will, but soon decided to leave her husband and take care of her sons on her own. The three of them have since lived in a one-bedroom house on the outskirts of the Berane camp, without kitchen and bathroom, using the collective one in the middle of the settlement.

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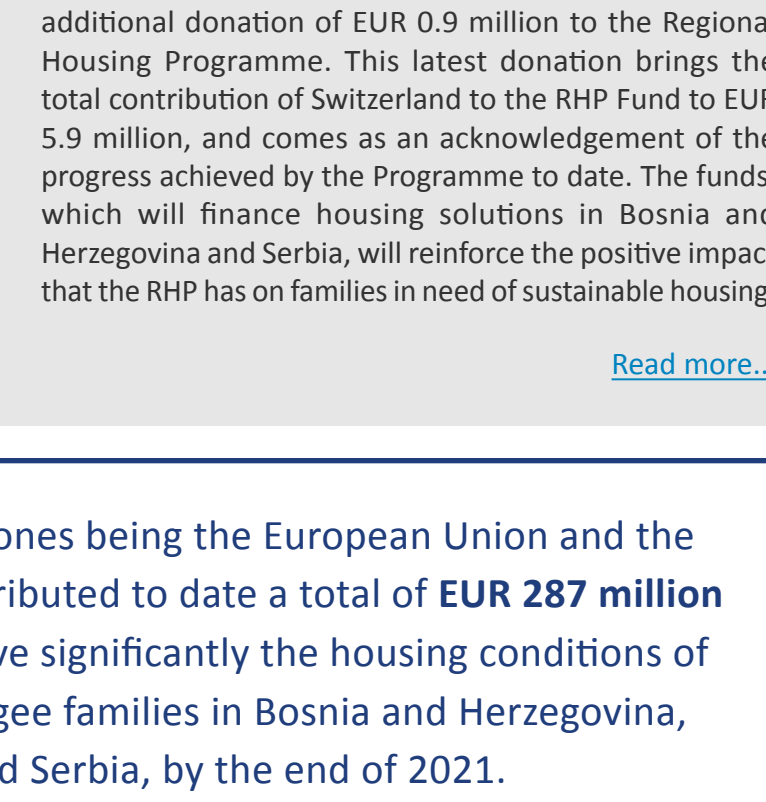


VESELKA COROKALO, ZRENJANIN, SERBIA

Before the war, Veselka Corokalo lived in the municipality of Ključ, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with her husband, their two sons and her parents. Her husband worked in a nearby factory while she took care of the household and the children. In addition to their family house where her parents also lived, the Corokalo family had land where they grew fruit and vegetables and raised fowl and cattle. The elder son Mladen finished elementary school in Ključ while the younger one Nenad only started school there. In 1990, Veselka's husband's employment was terminated and, shortly thereafter, he was mobilized. Five years later, Veselka, Mladen and Nenad left their home and temporarily settled in Knin as they were unable to enter Serbia.

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DELEGATION OF GERMAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS RHP BENEFICIARY FAMILIES IN THEIR NEW HOMES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



A delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany paid a visit to several Regional Housing Programme beneficiary families in Olovo and Tuzla, on 12-13 March 2019. The visited families had received new RHP apartments at end 2018. Hosted by the beneficiary families and local authority representatives, the delegation could witness at the spot the important contribution that the local authorities are making to RHP projects. Furthermore, they expressed their satisfaction with the quality of the buildings, constructed according to EU standards. On this occasion, Germany, as the third largest RHP donor with EUR 9 million contribution, was represented by Jennifer Rohwer, Desk Officer, Western Balkans Department, Federal Foreign Office and Ellen Harte, Counselor for Public Affairs at the Embassy of Germany to BiH.

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New film "Here to stay" finalised



A 25-minute film on the RHP - "Here to Stay" - was finalised in February 2019. The film summarises the achievements of the Regional Housing Programme to-date, by demonstrating the concrete impact that the Programme has had on the lives of thousands of beneficiaries. It also highlights the key achievements of the RHP, which are not limited to providing a durable home for the most vulnerable refugees and displaced persons: the RHP has also concretely contributed to an enhanced regional cooperation and put into focus the crucial aspect of sustainability of the housing solutions provided.

[See the Film](#)

News on the RHP Fund

RHP FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2018 PUBLISHED



RHP Fund Operational Report 2018



RHP Fund Financial Report 2018

The new Annual Report of the RHP Fund 2018 was published on 14 March 2019:

In 2018, approximately 4 000 vulnerable beneficiaries moved into new RHP-financed homes, having lived in very harsh conditions for two decades. The new housing deliveries brought the total number of individuals already served by the RHP to 12 000. In recognition of the Programme's progress and its tangible impact on regional reconciliation, Donors made sizeable new contributions to the RHP in 2018. The European Union, represented by the European Commission, committed an additional EUR 40 million. The Programme will provide many more housing solutions in the coming years. By the time the RHP is completed in 2021, it is expected that 34 000 persons will have a new home.

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SWITZERLAND MAKES NEW CONTRIBUTION



On 8 March 2019, the Swiss Government made an additional donation of EUR 0.9 million to the Regional Housing Programme. This latest donation brings the total contribution of Switzerland to the RHP Fund to EUR 5.9 million, and comes as an acknowledgement of the progress achieved by the Programme to date. The funds, which will finance housing solutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, will reinforce the positive impact that the RHP has on families in need of sustainable housing.

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
Altogether 15 donors, the biggest ones being the European Union and the United States of America, have contributed to date a total of **EUR 287 million** to the RHP. These grants will improve significantly the housing conditions of more than **11 000** vulnerable refugee families in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia, by the end of 2021.

Upcoming Events

9 May 2019	22nd Technical Committee, Vienna, Austria	
10 May 2019	RHP Legacy workshop, Vienna, Austria	
12 May 2019	Completion of works on apartment buildings / beneficiaries moving in, Kladovo, Negotin, Serbia (SRB4)	
22 May 2019	Completion of works on an apartment building (15 apartments) / beneficiaries moving in, Gorazde, BiH (BiH3)	
Second half of May 2019	Delivery of keys to reconstructed houses, Croatia (HR6)	
31 May 2019	Joint action in Konik settlement to improve the quality of life and raise awareness, Podgorica, Montenegro	
End May 2019	Completion of works on an apartment building for 10 families/beneficiaries moving in, Vrsac, Serbia (SRB4)	
Early June 2019	Start of reconstruction works on Home for Elderly, Niksic, Montenegro (MNE6)	
18 - 19 June 2019	18th Assembly of Donors and 14th RHP Steering Committee meetings, Podgorica, Montenegro	
20 June 2019	Housewarming party, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	
20 June 2019	Completion of works on an apartment building for 270 families/ beneficiaries moving in, Kamendin, Serbia (SRB5)	
Mid June 2019	Start of construction works on a residential building for 21 families, Vukovar, Croatia (HR7)	
End June 2019	Completion of works on an apartment building for 15 families/ beneficiaries moving in, Paracin, Bajina Basta, Serbia (SRB2)	

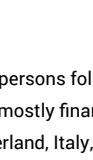
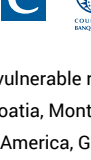
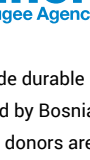
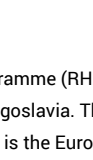
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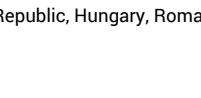
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