Bosnia and Herzegovina

**COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**BACKGROUND**

During the period from 1992 to 1995, 2.2 million persons or more than half of the pre-war population domiciled in the country fled their homes in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Among them 1.2 million left the country to seek refugee protection abroad in more than 100 countries world-wide whilst approximately one million persons were displaced within the country. Aside from the devastating human impact of the war, nearly 500,000 homes, or almost half of all housing units in the country, were either partially or completely destroyed. Some 29,000 applications for housing assistance in the RHP framework have been received from those wishing to return and those wishing to integrate in the local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**REGIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Regional Housing Programme (RHP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as per the original scope, is expected to provide durable and sustainable housing solutions to several categories of vulnerable refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees either in their places of origin (3,820 families), places of displacement (1,500 families) or within institutions of the social welfare system (80 persons). Its current scope covers 3,192 most vulnerable families (or about 10,000 individuals) throughout the country.

**Story of the 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”.

In the early 2000s, Pero and Mira started building their own house on a land plot they were given by the local community. However, they did not have enough money to both build a new house and to take care of their children, until the Regional Housing Programme stepped in.

The Jovic family learned about the RHP from an association of refugees in Trebinje, but they did not expect to be selected as RHP beneficiaries. It was only when they were visited by engineers tasked with preparing a bill of quantities that they understood that they will really get a new house. Pero highlights the role of the local community which provided the land plot that is now owned by the family. He is also deeply grateful to the contractors who constructed a housing unit of good quality for his family. “We are completely happy with this housing solution,” says Pero.

The Jovic family moved into their new house in 2017. They say that they are very pleased with the way in which the new community has accepted them. “We are entirely satisfied with the support from the local community. If integration happened like this everywhere, we would not need any additional assistance,” emphasizes Pero.

**CHP AT A GLANCE**

March 2019

- Number of sub-projects approved: 6
- Number of housing units concerned: 3,192
- Grants approved: €63 million
- Grants disbursed: €27 million
- Total national contribution: €11 million

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

March 2019
**STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS**

**March 2019**

### BiH1

**Provision of building material to 20 refugee families from Croatia and turnkey reconstruction assistance to 150 families**

- **Beneficiary selection**: Completed
- **Start of project**: March 2015
- **Completion**: Completed (1st half of 2017)

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### BiH2

**Provision of housing solutions to 780 households for return and reintegration or local integration; design of 235 houses and design/review of 380 apartments (BiH6); technical sustainability measures for BiH1, BiH2 and BiH4**

- **Beneficiary selection**: Completed
- **Start of project**: January 2016
- **Completion**: Completed (July 2017)

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### BiH3

**Construction of 552 flats in multi-apartment buildings for refugees and IDPs (extended)**

- **Beneficiary selection**: Ongoing
- **Start of project**: December 2016
- **Expected completion**: 1st half of 2020

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# STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

## March 2019

### BiH4

**Beneficiary selection** | **Start of project** | **Expected completion**
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Ongoing | 1st half of 2017 | 2nd half of 2019
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Ongoing | 1st half of 2017 | 2nd half of 2019

**BiH4.C1**
Re/construction of 250 family houses for refugee returnees (FBiH and RS) (new estimate: 238)

**BiH4.C2**
Re/construction of 170 family houses for IDP returnees (FBiH and RS) (new estimate: 184)

**BiH4.C3**
Re/construction of 15 family houses for refugees and IDP returnees (BiHko district) (new estimate: 18)

**BiH4.C4**
Construction of 45 family houses for local integration of IDPs (RS) (new estimate: 66)

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### BiH5

**Beneficiary selection** | **Start of project** | **Expected completion**
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Ongoing | 2019 | 2nd half of 2020
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**BiH5.C1**
Re/construction of 50 family houses for local integration (RS)

**BiH5.C2**
Re/construction of 500 family houses for return of refugees and IDPs (180 in FBiH and 320 in RS)

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### BiH6

**Beneficiary selection** | **Start of project** | **Expected completion**
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Ongoing | Awaiting grant agreement signature | 2nd half of 2020

**BiH6.C1**
Reconstruction, completion, extension or construction of 235 family houses (RS)

**BiH6.C2**
Construction of 380 apartments (RS and FBiH)

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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, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Turkey, Luxembourg, Spain, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and the Slovak Republic.

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