Bosnia and Herzegovina

Number of sub-projects approved
6

Number of housing units concerned
3,192

Grants approved
€63 million

Grants disbursed
€22 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.

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 worldwide 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 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 families). In all, as per the original scope, 5,400 households (or 14,000 individuals) should be assisted.

EU Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark visiting beneficiary families in Prijedor
On 24 July 2018, Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, Head of the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Union’s Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, visited the RHP beneficiary families in a newly constructed building in Prijedor.

“First of all, I would like to say that it is great to be here and see the concrete results produced by the Regional Housing Programme in the form of a building with 50 apartments and about 200 people who live here”, said Ambassador Wigemark.

“This is what it is all about: seeing concrete results of the support we provide as the European Union, together with many others. This is also a good example of how various levels of authorities can work together, amongst which primarily the municipality, with the impressive personnel of the Prijedor city administration which is contributing to the implementation of this project. Let us also not forget the contractor that constructed this building in 15 months”, added Ambassador Wigemark.

He said that the EU plans to continue working on similar projects, such as another building with 32 apartments which will be constructed in Prijedor, and a building in Zenica that has just been finished.

“The Regional Housing Programme contributes to building peace and coexistence in the region, especially on the ground level, both across various parts of BiH such as the entities of the Republika Srpska and the Federation of BiH, as well as in Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro. People here are bound by so many common things, rather than separated by differences. When I ask people, I am told that they have no other interest than to live together in peace”, said Ambassador Wigemark.

“We are increasingly working on the development of local communities and I believe we should bring together our programmes and the Regional Housing Programme beneficiaries, returnees and refugees, in order to craft a solution for their sustainable return”, concluded Ambassador Wigemark.
## STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

### BiH1

**Provision of building materials to 20 families and turnkey reconstruction assistance to 150 families**

- **Beneficiary selection**
  - Completed
- **Start of project**
  - March 2015
- **Completion**
  - Completed (2nd half of 2017)

- **Grant approval and grant agreement signature**
  - 08/04/2013 - 16/07/2014

- **Total estimated cost**
  - € 2,668,500

- **Grant amount approved**
  - € 2,387,500

- **National contribution**
  - € 281,000

- **Grant amount disbursed**
  - € 2,387,500

### 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 (BiH); technical sustainability measures for BiH1, BiH2 and BiH4**

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

- **Grant approval and grant agreement signature**
  - 11/10/2013 - 01/12/2016 (as amended)

- **Total estimated cost**
  - € 15,848,245

- **Grant amount approved**
  - € 13,634,032

- **National contribution**
  - € 2,214,213

- **Grant amount disbursed**
  - € 10,323,613

### BiH3

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

- **Beneficiary selection**
  - Ongoing
- **Start of project**
  - December 2016
- **Expected completion**
  - 2nd half of 2019

- **Grant approval and grant agreement signature**
  - 20/11/2014 - 01/12/2016 (as extended)

- **Total estimated cost**
  - € 17,397,433

- **Grant amount approved**
  - € 13,843,875

- **National contribution**
  - € 3,553,558

- **Grant amount disbursed**
  - € 7,030,867

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# STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

## September 2018

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