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COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) CROATIA

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Sons of Rusmira Osmic, Zagreb, 2018

CHP AT A GLANCE
October 2018

Number of sub-projects approved
9

Number of housing units concerned
412

Grants approved
€ 16.7 million

Grants disbursed
€ 10.6 million

National contribution
€ 6.1 million

BACKGROUND

An estimated 550 000 people were displaced within Croatia during 1991- 1992. Over the 1992-1995 period, the country received some 400 000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina, of which an estimated 120 000 have since acquired Croatian citizenship. In the period from 1991 to 1995, some 250 000 minority Serbs fled Croatia. The authorities have so far registered 133 140 returnees of Serbian ethnicity to and within Croatia, representing around half of those who fled their places of origin.

RHP OBJECTIVES IN CROATIA

In Croatia, the Regional Housing Programme (RHP) is expected to provide durable housing solutions to several categories of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees either in their places of origin or places of displacement, as well as within institutions of the social welfare system. Altogether, 412 housing solutions will be delivered under the sub-projects approved so far, to the benefit of over 1081 most vulnerable persons. Several other sub-projects are in the pipeline.

BENEFICIARY STORY - RUSMIRA OSMIC, ZAGREB

Rusmira came to Zagreb from Zvornik, a small town in Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with her parents and two siblings. They had to leave their big house with a garden in 1992, when they were forced to flee – together with hundreds of their compatriots. Her family was transferred together with their neighbours to Tuzla, where they spent 10 days in a school, sleeping on the floor and without any information about their eldest brother, who had disappeared earlier.

They arrived to Zagreb, where Rusmira's father was working on construction sites, and settled in workers' barracks, all of them in one room, without a bathroom or kitchen. Her father lost his job in 1993, so Rusmira and her younger brother – who was 13 years old at the time – had to start working, in order to help the family survive. They were selling old clothing and other things on improvised stands in the street, sometimes earning enough to pay the rent and buy some food, but, most times, hardly surviving. Rusmira met her husband and got married, but remained homeless, as they had to constantly move from one rented apartment to another, as they did not have enough money to pay the rent. She got her oldest daughter Emina in 2002, followed by two sons in 2006 and 2007. Soon after the youngest child was born, her husband left, and Rusmira had to take care of the children on her own. She was cleaning houses and lived with her children in small, humid apartments, the only accommodation which she could afford. She tried several times to get housing assistance, but never succeeded.

Finally, in 2013, the UNHCR contacted her, helped her initiate the integration process and informed her about the possibility to get an apartment under the Regional Housing Programme.

Rusmira said that she didn't believe it until she spent the first night in the 50m2 apartment, situated in a new building in Zagreb. She moved in with the children a few days before the end of 2017, and managed to get furniture and all the necessary white goods thanks to her friends and donors.

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STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS
October 2018

HR1

Grant approval and grant agreement signature
08/04/2013 - 03/03/2014

Total estimated cost	€ 1 398 211
Grant amount approved	€ 1 048 658
National contribution*	€ 349 553
Grant amount disbursed	€ 1 048 491

Construction of an apartment building for 29 families in Korenica

Beneficiary Selection	Completed
Start of construction works	June 2014
Completion	**September 2016**

HR2

Grant approval and grant agreement signature
11/10/2013 - 23/06/2014

Total estimated cost	€ 3 475 781
Grant amount approved	€ 2 587 037
National contribution*	€ 888 744
Grant amount disbursed	€ 2 078 871

Construction of two residential buildings in Knin for 40 beneficiary households

Beneficiary Selection	Completed
Start of construction works	November 2015
Completion	**October 2017**

HR3

Grant approval and grant agreement signature
11/10/2013 - 25/02/2015

Total estimated cost	€ 4 259 039
Grant amount approved	€ 3 085 525
National contribution*	€ 1 173 514
Grant amount disbursed	€ 2 776 972

Reconstruction of a home for 75 elderly and disabled persons in Glina

Beneficiary Selection	Completed
Start of construction works	September 2015
Completion	**May 2018**

HR4

Grant approval and grant agreement signature
06/12/2013 - 23/06/2014

Total estimated cost	€ 5 717 140
Grant amount approved	€ 4 287 855
National contribution*	€ 1 429 285
Grant amount disbursed	€ 3 368 297

Purchase of 101 flats within and outside the Areas of Special State Concern

Beneficiary Selection	Completed
97 flats bought, 83 families have moved in	April 2018
Expected completion	2nd half of 2018

HR5

Grant approval and grant agreement signature
20/11/2014 - 29/09/2015

Total estimated cost	€ 1 323 103
Grant amount approved	€ 999 721
National contribution*	€ 323 382
Grant amount disbursed	€ 807 236

Construction of a residential building for 21 families in Benkovac

Beneficiary Selection	Completed
Start of construction works	April 2016
Completion	**February 2018**

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

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STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

October 2018

HR6

Grant approval and grant agreement signature

14/04/2016 - 25/07/2016

Total estimated cost	€ 2 666 670
Grant amount approved	€ 2 000 000
National contribution*	€ 666 670
Grant amount disbursed	€ 538 254

Renovation, reconstruction or construction of 62 family houses

Beneficiary Selection	Pre-selected
Start of works	January 2018
Expected completion	2nd half of 2018

HR7

Grant approval and grant agreement signature

06/06/2018 – Signature pending

Total estimated cost	€ 1 262 436
Grant amount approved	€ 859 499
National contribution*	€ 402 937
Grant amount disbursed	-

Construction of a residential building for 21 families in Vukovar

Beneficiary Selection	-
Start of works	-
Expected completion	2nd half of 2020

HR8

Grant approval and grant agreement signature

06/06/2018 - Signature pending

Total estimated cost	€ 1 062 646
Grant amount approved	€ 714 521
National contribution*	€ 348 125
Grant amount disbursed	-

Renovation, reconstruction or construction of up to 25 family houses

Beneficiary Selection	-
Start of works	-
Expected completion	2nd half of 2020

HR9

Grant approval and grant agreement signature

06/06/2018 - signature pending

Total estimated cost	€ 1 620 320
Grant amount approved	€ 1 130 320
National contribution*	€ 490 000
Grant amount disbursed	-

Purchase of up to 38 flats

Beneficiary Selection	-
Start of works	-
Expected completion	1st half of 2020

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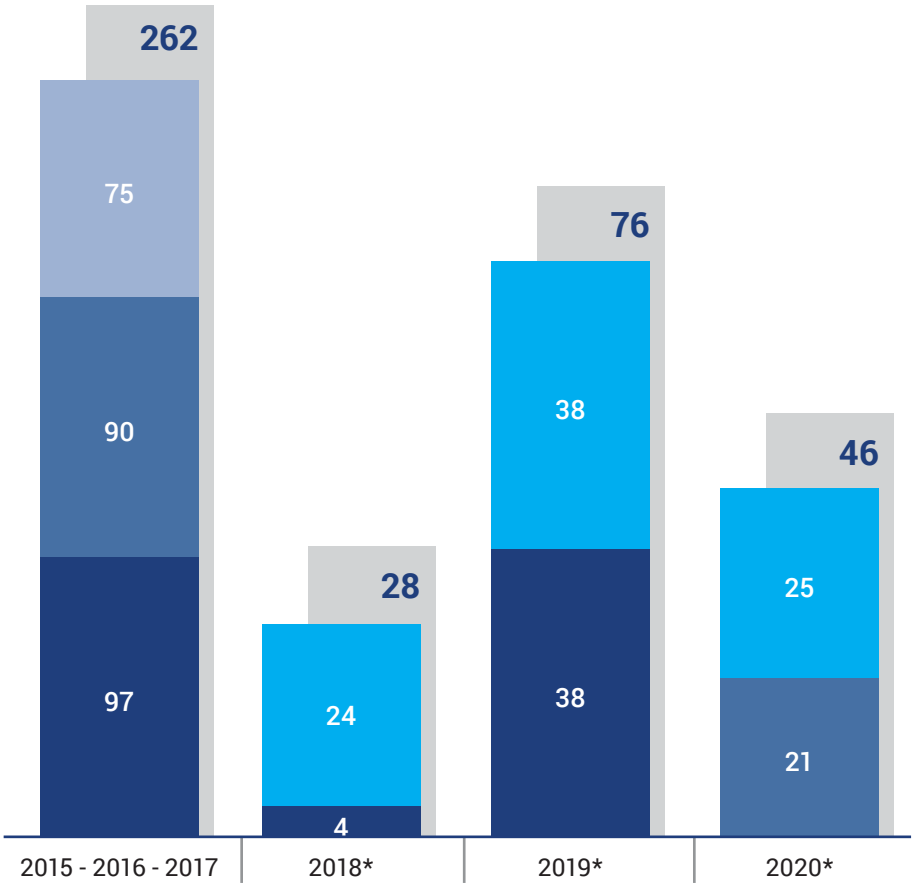
DELIVERIES BY HOUSING MODALITY

412

Housing units



* Estimate

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