Montenegro
Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) MONTENEGRO

BACKGROUND

Over the past 20 years, Montenegro has provided shelter to displaced persons from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, as well as to internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Kosovo. While some of the displaced persons and IDPs have already integrated locally, most of them are still in need of durable housing solutions due to their extreme socio-economic vulnerability.

The Montenegrin Government has over the years constructed some 1 300 housing units with the support of international donors; however, this has not been enough to cover the needs. In 2011, the Government of Montenegro adopted the National Strategy for Durable Solutions for Displaced and Internally Displaced Persons, with special emphasis on the Konik area. The Strategy has created a framework for the permanent and sustainable resolution of displacement issues in Montenegro.

RHP OBJECTIVES IN MONTENEGRO

In Montenegro, the Regional Housing Programme (RHP) is expected to provide durable housing solutions to the most vulnerable displaced and internally displaced persons through local integration (5 973 persons) or within institutions of the social welfare system (90 persons). In total, as per the original scope, 1 177 households (or 6 063 individuals) should benefit from the RHP.

CHP AT A GLANCE

March 2018

Number of sub-projects approved
6

Number of housing units concerned
481

Grants approved
€ 16.0 million

Grants disbursed
€ 10.9 million

National contribution
€ 2.3 million

BENEFICIARY FAMILY

Semsija Gasi (28) came from Djakovica in 1999 with her parents and has lived through the whole Konik Camp history: first they lived in canvas tents, then in small wooden barracks that they built. In the summer of 2012, a big fire burned down all the existing tents and huts, leaving the Camp tenants without any belongings. Thanks to the fast reaction of the Government of Montenegro, UNHCR, CEB and other partners, temporary tents were provided immediately, and they were soon replaced by containers with water and electricity installations, fridges, stoves and basic furniture.

Semsija has a 13-year old son who goes to school by the Camp bus. The transportation to city schools is organised daily by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Montenegro for all children from the Camp, lowering the school drop-out rate to a minimum. Semsija regularly participates at women’s workshops organised by the Red Cross, which provide an opportunity for Roma women to discuss challenges in their everyday lives and to look for solutions. Educational workshops on health and social issues are also organised, with a high attendance rate by the Camp tenants, contributing to Konik residents’ adaptation to everyday urban life.

In November 2017, Semsija and her son moved to the new RHP financed apartment in one of the 12 newly constructed buildings. The smile on their faces tells how much they appreciate this new chance to re-start their lives.
# Financial Status of Sub-Projects

## March 2018

### Sub-Project MNE1

Construction of two blocks of flats for 62 IDP families in Niksic

- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 08/04/2013 - 06/03/2014
- Total estimated cost: € 2,580,000
- Grant amount approved: € 1,980,000
- National contribution: € 600,000
- Grant amount disbursed: € 1,599,938

### Sub-Project MNE2

Provision of housing to 171 most vulnerable families from camp Konik 1 and its surroundings, through construction of 17 buildings in the city of Podgorica

- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 11/10/2013 - 07/10/2014; extension 07/09/2016
- Total estimated cost: € 6,906,750
- Grant amount approved: € 6,226,622
- National contribution: € 680,128
- Grant amount disbursed: € 5,287,076

### Sub-Project MNE3

Construction of a home for 68 elderly/handicapped persons in Pljevlja

- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 11/10/2013 - 07/10/2014
- Total estimated cost: € 2,231,716
- Grant amount approved: € 1,918,572
- National contribution: € 313,144
- Grant amount disbursed: € 1,709,446

### Sub-Project MNE4

Construction of 94 apartments for 271 persons in the municipality of Berane

- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 20/11/2014 - 28/10/2015
- Total estimated cost: € 3,990,647
- Grant amount approved: € 3,575,780
- National contribution: € 414,867
- Grant amount disbursed: € 2,348,899

### Sub-Project MNE7

Purchase of 36 apartments in the municipality of Herceg Novi

- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 01/12/2016 - 29/09/2017
- Total estimated cost: € 1,544,694
- Grant amount approved: € 1,394,694
- National contribution: € 150,000
- Grant amount disbursed:

### Sub-Project MNE8

Construction of minimum 50 individual houses in various municipalities in Montenegro

- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 01/12/2016 - 29/09/2017
- Total estimated cost: € 1,544,694
- Grant amount approved: € 1,394,694
- National contribution: € 150,000
- Grant amount disbursed:

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

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**Konik Camp, Podgorica, November 2017**
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS
March 2018

MNE1 Construction of two blocks of flats for 62 I/DP families in Niksic
Beneficiary Selection: Completed
Start of construction works: May 2015
Completion: May 2016

MNE2 Provision of housing to 171 most vulnerable families from camp Konik 1 and its surroundings, through construction of 17 buildings in the city of Podgorica
Beneficiary Selection: Completed

120 flats:
Start of construction works: March 2016
Completion: October 2017

Additional 51 flats:
Beneficiary Selection: Pre-selected
Start of construction works: May 2017
Expected completion: 2nd half of 2018

MNE3 Construction of a home for 68 elderly/handicapped persons in Pljevlja
Beneficiary Selection: Completed
Start of construction works: May 2016
Completion: December 2017 (Handover in April 2018)

MNE4 Construction of 94 apartments for 271 persons in the municipality of Berane
Beneficiary Selection: Pre-selected
Start of construction works: February 2017
Expected completion: 2nd half of 2018

MNE7 Purchase of 36 apartments in the municipality of Herceg Novi
Beneficiary selection: Pre-selected
Start of works: -
Expected completion: 2nd half of 2018

MNE8 Construction of minimum 50 individual houses in various municipalities in Montenegro
Beneficiary selection: Pre-selected
Start of construction works: -
Expected completion: 1st half of 2019

Deliveries by Housing Modality

250 Housing units delivered
Total scope: 481

- Construction of houses
- Purchase of apartments
- Home for elderly
- Construction of flats

* Estimate
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.