Montenegro Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) MONTENEGRO

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CHP AT A GLANCE
March 2019

Number of sub-projects approved
8

Number of housing units concerned
681

Grants approved
€ 23 million

Grants disbursed
€ 12 million

National contribution
€ 4 million

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.

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.

BENEFICIARY FAMILY

In 1999, Dragana Bulatovic came from Djakovica (Kosovo) to Berane with her husband, mother-in-law and five children. They settled in the Berane refugee camp, built by UNHCR in 1995 as a temporary solution for refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Small, two-room houses, built with low quality construction materials, became home to some 100 refugee families from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, and later, for internally displaced persons from Kosovo. The families had to stay in the camp much longer than foreseen as the municipality of Berane is one of the poorest in Montenegro and has been unable to offer a better solution for its residents for the past twenty years.

Today, Dragana has 9 children, seven of them still living with her. Five children go to the local school. Her husband died in 2008 and the family now lives on his EUR 118-a-month pension. The eldest son works as a construction worker whenever he can find work, thus helping this 8-member family get by.

Most families in the Berane collective centre have been living in the same dire conditions as the Bulatovic family. In particular, they were unable to pay their electricity bills and were therefore forced to live without electricity for years. They would buy only food that could be eaten within a day as the refrigerators were not working. The children had to finish their homework during daylight hours. During the cold winter months, in this mountain area, they would burn in their furnaces anything they could find in order to keep the room temperature bearable.

In early 2019, Dragana and her children will finally be able to live in decent conditions when they move into one of the 94 apartments in the newly constructed RHP building in Berane.

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BUILDINGS IN BERANE, MARCH 2019
## MNE1

**Construction of two blocks of flats for 62 I/DP families in Niksic**

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### Grant Details:

- **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**: € 1 791 185

### Project Details:

- **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**

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### Grant Details:

- **Grant approval and grant agreement signature**: 11/10/2013 - 07/10/2014 (as amended)
- **Total estimated cost**: € 6 906 750
- **Grant amount approved**: € 6 226 622
- **National contribution**: € 680 128
- **Grant amount disbursed**: € 5 287 076

### Project Details:

- **Beneficiary Selection Completed**
- **Start of construction works February 2017**
- **Expected completion March 2019**

## MNE3

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

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### Grant Details:

- **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

### Project Details:

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

## MNE4

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

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### Grant Details:

- **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**: € 3 248 899

### Project Details:

- **Beneficiary Selection Completed**
- **Start of construction works February 2017**
- **Expected completion March 2019**

* Official figure as per signed grant agreements. The final figure will be known at the completion of each sub-project.
### STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS
March 2019

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**MNE6**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 06/06/2018 - 10/08/2018
- Total estimated cost: € 4 778 503
- Grant amount approved: € 3 376 878
- National contribution*: € 1 401 625
- Grant amount disbursed: -

**MNE7**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 01/12/2016 - 29/09/2017
- Total estimated cost: € 1 065 305
- Grant amount approved: € 918 007
- National contribution*: € 147 298
- Grant amount disbursed: € 247 489

**MNE8**
- 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: € 247 489

**MNE9**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 06/06/2018 - 10/08/2018
- Total estimated cost: € 4 002 061
- Grant amount approved: € 3 229 964
- National contribution*: € 772 097
- Grant amount disbursed: -
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.