



COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) MONTENEGRO

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT
DIRECTORATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS

CHP AT A GLANCE

October 2018

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.

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.

BENEFICIARY FAMILY

Dragana Bulatovic (50) came in 1999 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 from non-solid material, became the home for some 100 families, refugees from BiH and Croatia, and later, for IDPs from Kosovo. The families had to stay in the camp much longer than what was expected, as the Berane municipality is one of the poorest in Montenegro and could not offer a better solution for its inhabitants during the past more than 20 years. Today, Dragana has 9 children, seven of them still living with her. Five of the children go to the local school.

Her husband died in 2008 and the family now lives from his 118 EUR pension. The eldest son works as a construction worker whenever he can find a job, thus helping this 8-member family survive.

Most families in the Berane collective centre are in the same situation as the Bulatovic family, unable to pay their electricity bills and therefore living without electricity for the past two years. They buy only food that can be eaten within a day as the refrigerators are not working, and the children have to finish their home work during the day light. During cold winter months, in this hostile area, they burn in their furnaces all that they can find, in order to keep the room temperature bearable.

Dragana and her children put all their hopes in the new RHP-financed building into which they expect to move before the end of the year. This could mean a whole new start for the family.



Buildings in Berane, October 2018.



STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

October 2018

MNE1

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

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

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

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

	120 flats:	Additional 51 flats:
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Pre-selected
Start of construction works	March 2016	May 2017
Expected completion	Completion October 2017	2 nd half of 2018

MNE3

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

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

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

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

Beneficiary Selection	Pre-selected
Start of construction works	February 2017
Expected completion	2 nd half of 2018



STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

October 2018

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

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Conversion of a military facility into a home for 104 elderly persons and adults with disabilities in Niksic

Beneficiary selection

Pre-selected

Start of construction works

-

Expected completion

2nd half of 2019



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

Purchase of 36 apartments in the municipality of Herceg Novi

Beneficiary selection

Completed

Start of works

-

Expected completion

1st half of 2019

MN8

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

€ 376 200

Construction of minimum 50 individual houses in various municipalities in Montenegro

Beneficiary selection

Ongoing

Start of construction works

-

Expected completion

2nd half of 2019



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

-

Construction of apartments for 96 most vulnerable families in Vrela Ribnička, Podgorica

Beneficiary selection

Pre-selected

Start of construction works

-

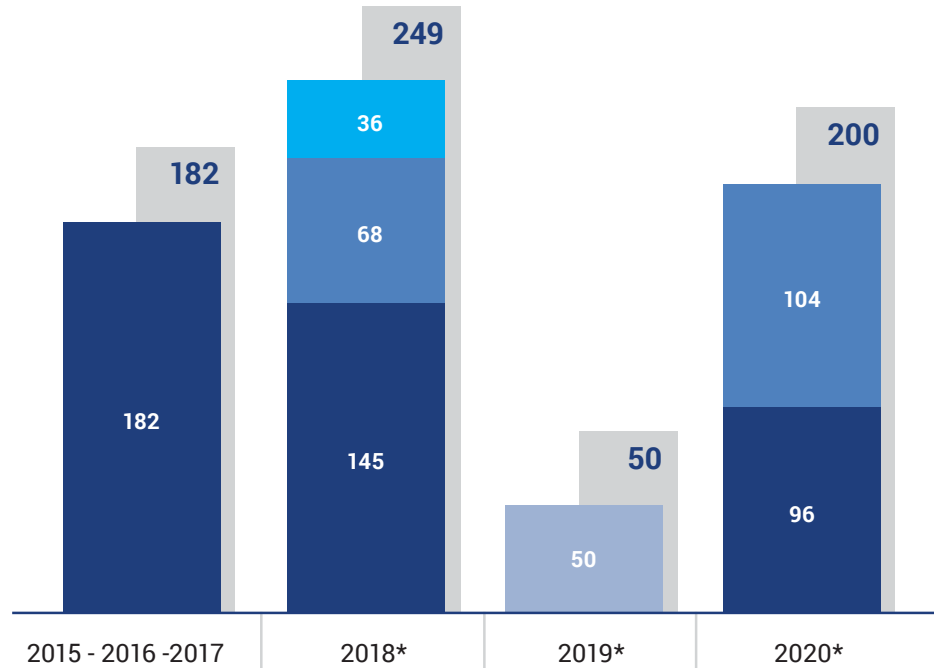
Expected completion

2nd half of 2019



DELIVERIES BY HOUSING MODALITY

681
Housing units



■ Construction of flats
 ■ Home for elderly
 ■ Purchase of apartments
 ■ Construction of houses
 ■ Totals
 * Estimate

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