



COUNTRY HOUSING PROJECT (CHP) SERBIA

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CHP AT A GLANCE

January 2018

Number of sub-projects approved

7

Number of housing units concerned

6 295

Grants approved

€ 104.7 million

Grants disbursed

€ 46.1 million

Total national contribution

€ 18.7 million*



Completed building in Ovca complex, Belgrade, December 2017

BACKGROUND

In 1996, Serbia hosted around 540 000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Return, local integration and resettlement efforts jointly conducted by national and local authorities and international counterparts had a considerable impact on these initial figures; as of May 2011, 74 486 individuals still held refugee status in Serbia. Meanwhile, almost 200 000 refugees had opted for local integration through acquiring Serbian citizenship, and 37 000 refugees had received assistance through housing solutions provided. Nevertheless, the needs that the refugees still face for durable housing solutions remain considerable and Serbia is addressing them through the Regional Housing Programme (RHP).

RHP OBJECTIVES IN SERBIA

The majority of refugees still present in Serbia consider local integration as the most suitable and accessible durable solution. The CHP in Serbia should, as per its original scope, provide durable housing solutions to 16 780 vulnerable refugee households or 45 000 individuals, from the following two categories:

CATEGORY I (2%) includes all 1991-1995 refugees, regardless of their status, who are residents of collective centres or other forms of collective accommodation, either formal or informal ones.

CATEGORY II (98%) includes all 1991-1995 vulnerable refugees, accommodated privately and all former occupancy right holders without a durable solution in their country of origin or reception country.

BENEFICIARY FAMILY

Mira and Jovo Kalinic lived in the village Raduc, near Gospic in Lika, Croatia, in a family house and had a piece of agricultural land behind it. In early August 1995, their village was shelled and they had to flee during the night, without anything, trying only to save the lives of their six children.

Before the war, Jovo was working on the railway and Mira in a restaurant. When they fled, they arrived first to Prnjavor, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and they continued by foot towards Serbia. It took them 26 days to arrive. For the first two weeks, they were given temporarily accommodation in a Centre for Children without parents in Senjak, Belgrade, and then they were sent to Kosovo, together with other refugee families from Croatia. They were provided accommodation in an old school building, without heating and beds, so they had to sleep on mattresses put on a bare floor. Mira decided that she wasn't going to let her children fall ill now, after all the months they had survived in a

refuge, so they returned to Serbia and settled in a half-destroyed house near Bogatic. They spent 7 years in that house, struggling to survive and provide minimum living conditions for the children.

When they finally managed to come to Belgrade, they started renting apartments and Jovo had to accept any work he could find, while Mira was working as a cleaning lady. They applied for housing assistance several times, with no success. When their son Milos heard about the possibility to get an apartment in the new RHP building in Ovca, he decided to try again – and succeeded.

Milos and his wife Dragana have three daughters and live in one room of her parents' small, humid house in the Belgrade suburb of Borca.

"This will mean a completely new and much better life for us, as our two daughters have arthritis, caused by the humidity in our current home. I hope they will recover in the new, dry and sunny apartment, into which we'll move in a couple of weeks."



Kalinic Family, Borca, Belgrade

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

FINANCIAL STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

January 2018

SRB1	SRB2	SRB3	SRB4
Provision of 64 prefabricated houses and 129 building material packages for 193 households	Support to 870 refugee families through four different housing modalities	Support to 715 refugee families through four different housing modalities	Support to 1 233 refugee families through four different housing modalities
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 08/04/2013 - 14/03/2014	Grant approval and grant agreement signature 11/10/2013 - 09/09/2014	Grant approval and grant agreement signature 06/12/2013 - 09/09/2014	Grant approval and grant agreement signature 23/06/2014 - 06/11/2014; extension 14/04/2016 - 12/10/2016
Total estimated cost € 2 212 500	Total estimated cost € 13 062 936	Total estimated cost € 13 642 918	Total estimated cost € 18 666 664
Grant amount approved € 1 993 000	Grant amount approved € 11 560 936	Grant amount approved € 10 963 918	Grant amount approved € 16 659 554
National contribution € 219 500 *	National contribution € 1 502 000 *	National contribution € 2 679 000 *	National contribution € 2 007 110 *
Grant amount disbursed € 1 719 834	Grant amount disbursed € 10 283 395	Grant amount disbursed € 8 648 270	Grant amount disbursed € 13 993 100
SRB5	SRB7 **	SRB8	
Support to 1 712 refugee families through three different housing modalities	Provision of minimum 490 housing solutions for beneficiaries selected under sub-projects SRB2, SRB4, SRB5	Provision of 938 housing solutions (new construction, pre-fabs, building material, village houses)	
Grant approval and grant agreement signature 20/11/2014 - 14/08/2015	Grant approval and grant agreement signature 01/12/2016 - 02/10/2017	Grant approval and grant agreement signature 26/06/2017- Signature pending	
Total estimated cost € 46 773 758	Total estimated cost € 9 166 861	Total estimated cost € 19 873 866	
Grant amount approved € 36 348 906	Grant amount approved € 9 166 861	Grant amount approved € 17 990 866	
National contribution € 10 424 852 *	National contribution -	National contribution € 1 883 000 *	
Grant amount disbursed € 11 459 636	Grant amount disbursed -	Grant amount disbursed -	

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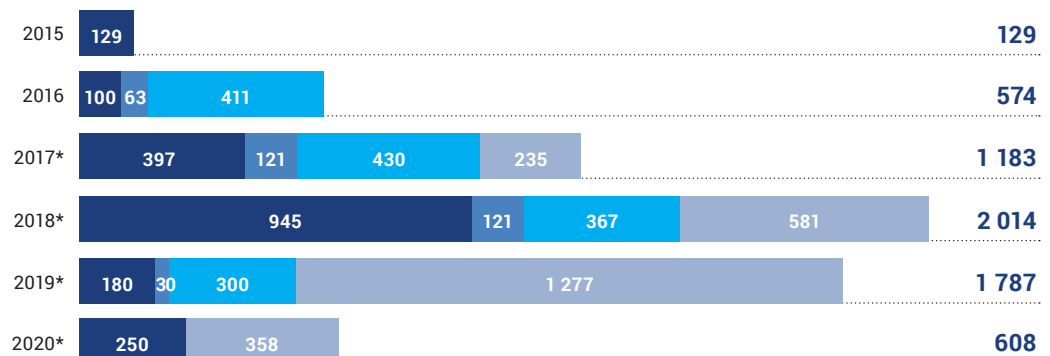
** Note that the grant application for SRB6, although submitted, was never approved by the RHP Fund Assembly of Donors but the housing units were included in later sub-projects

Deliveries by Housing Modality

6 295

Housing units

- Provision of building material
- Construction of pre-fab houses
- Purchase of village houses
- Construction/purchase of apartments



* Estimate

January 2018

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

January 2018

SRB1	SRB1.C1	SRB1.C2 *		
	Provision of 64 pre-fab houses	Delivery of 129 packages of building material		
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed		
Start of project	October 2015	June 2015		
Completed	1st half of 2017	2nd half of 2016		



SRB2	SRB2.C1	SRB2.C2	SRB2.C3	SRB2.C4
	Construction of 200 apartments in 9 municipalities	Provision of 120 pre-fab houses in 36 municipalities	Provision of 300 building material packages (new estimate: 338)	Purchase of 250 village houses in 20 municipalities
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
Start of project	March 2017	July 2016	March 2017	September 2016
Expected completion	1 st half of 2019	1 st half of 2018	December 2018	1 st half of 2018

SRB3	SRB3.C1	SRB3.C2	SRB3.C3	SRB3.C4
	Construction of 235 apartments	Construction of 80 pre-fabricated houses (new estimate: 49)	Provision of 350 building material packages	Purchase of 50 village houses (new estimate: 69)
Beneficiary selection	Ongoing	Completed	Completed	Completed
Start of project	September 2016	March 2017	March 2018	June 2016
Expected completion	December 2017	1 st half of 2018	December 2018	1 st half of 2018

SRB4 *	SRB4.C1	SRB4.C2	SRB4.C3	SRB4.C4
	Construction of 261 apartments in 13 municipalities	Construction of 80 pre-fab houses	Provision of 562 building material packages	Purchase of 329 village houses
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
Start of project	June 2017	May 2016	June 2016	August 2016
Expected completion	2 nd half of 2018	2 nd half of 2018	1 st half of 2019	2 nd half of 2018

SRB5	SRB5.C1	SRB5.C2	SRB5.C3		
	Construction of 1 266 apartments	Provision of 250 building material packages (after revision: 200)	Purchase of 200 village houses (after revision: 241)		
Beneficiary selection	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing		
Start of project	2 nd half of 2017	1 st half of 2018	August 2017		
Expected completion	2 nd half of 2019	1 st half of 2019	2 nd half of 2018		

SRB7	SRB7.C1	SRB7.C2	SRB7.C3	SRB7.C4
	Purchase of 130 apartments	Purchase of 180 village houses	Provision of 180 building material packages	Provision of design services for construction of 358 apartments
Beneficiary selection	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
Start of project	October 2017	October 2017	October 2017	October 2017
Expected completion	2 nd half of 2018	2 nd half of 2018	1 st half of 2019	2 nd half of 2018

SRB8	SRB8.C1	SRB8.C2	SRB8.C3	SRB8.C4
	Construction of 358 apartments in 9 municipalities	Design-Built of 30 prefabricated houses (country-wide)	Provision of 250 building material packages in 108 municipalities	Purchase of 300 village houses in 116 municipalities
Beneficiary selection	-	-	-	-
Start of project	2 nd half of 2018	2 nd half of 2018	2 nd half of 2018	2 nd half of 2018
Expected completion	1 st half of 2020	2 nd half of 2019	1 st half of 2020	1 st half of 2019

* updated following extension of components C2, C3 and C4

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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, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and the Slovak Republic.
