Upon the break-up of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the 1990s, the Republic of Serbia gave refuge to nearly 618,000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. It was one of the largest exoduses since World War Two. There are approximately 25,000 refugees living in Serbia today, with the decrease in number resulting from their integration within the Republic of Serbia. While the majority of refugees opted to stay and permanently settle in Serbia after acquiring citizenship, a small number returned, and the remainder decided to move to other countries.

During all these years, the Republic of Serbia has been providing housing for the most-vulnerable refugee families in a concerted manner, financed from budget and donor funds. However, the funds available were disproportionate to the substantial needs. Serbia therefore played an important role in promoting a regional initiative that resulted in the establishment of the Regional Housing Programme (RHP). At end-October 2022, the RHP had already provided housing to 6,730 most-vulnerable refugee families in Serbia.

### RHP IN SERBIA AT A GLANCE

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

### TARGETED DELIVERIES BY HOUSING MODALITY

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* Estimate

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### FINANCIAL AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

#### November 2022

#### SRB1
- **Provision of 128 building material packages and 64 prefabricated houses for 192 households**
  - **Total cost:** €1.9 million
  - **Grant amount:** €1.7 million
  - **National contribution:** €0.2 million

#### SRB2
- **Support to 898 refugee families through four housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €12.9 million
  - **Grant amount:** €11.2 million
  - **National contribution:** €1.7 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €11 million

#### SRB3
- **Support to 792 refugee families through four housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €14.6 million
  - **Grant amount:** €10.4 million
  - **National contribution:** €4.2 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €10.4 million

#### SRB4
- **Support to 1,344 refugee families through four housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €17.7 million
  - **Grant amount:** €15.7 million
  - **National contribution:** €2 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €15.7 million

#### SRB5
- **Support to 1,862 refugee families through three housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €50.9 million
  - **Grant amount:** €37.6 million
  - **National contribution:** €13.2 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €37.5 million

#### SRB6
- **Support to 898 refugee families through four housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €12.9 million
  - **Grant amount:** €11.2 million
  - **National contribution:** €1.7 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €11 million

#### SRB7
- **Provide of minimum 516 housing solutions for beneficiaries selected under sub-projects SRB2, SRB4 and SRB5, and the design of 708 apartments**
  - **Total cost:** €7.3 million
  - **Grant amount:** €7.3 million
  - **National contribution:** €0 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €6.9 million

#### SRB8
- **Provision of 857 housing solutions through four housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €31.8 million
  - **Grant amount:** €26.1 million
  - **National contribution:** €5.7 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €25.1 million

#### SRB9
- **Provision of 1,116 housing solutions through five housing modalities**
  - **Total cost:** €28.6 million
  - **Grant amount:** €24.4 million
  - **National contribution:** €4.3 million
  - **Grant amount disbursed:** €21.6 million

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