

RHP Highlights 2015-2016



Regional
Housing
Programme

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Beneficiary in his reconstructed house in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The house is at the same location where the former house used to be before it was destroyed during the war.



Picture on the cover page:
Construction site, Konik Camp, Montenegro with EU IPA financed buildings in the background

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME?

The Regional Housing Programme is a joint initiative by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia. The aim of the RHP is to comprehensively contribute to resolving the protracted displacement situation of the most vulnerable refugees and displaced persons following the 1991-1995 conflicts on the territory of former Yugoslavia, including internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Montenegro from 1999, by providing durable and sustainable housing solutions. RHP Partner Countries have committed themselves in the Belgrade Declaration to the principle of respect for the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons and to the mutual obligation to closely cooperate and synchronise activities in order to ensure truly durable solutions for them, either through voluntary return and reintegration or local integration.

The RHP consists of four individual Country Housing Projects, one per Partner Country, which are implemented by the Partner Countries themselves. Contrary to most other housing projects in the region, the RHP is not just about providing housing, but it is also about fostering the institutional capacity of the Partner Countries to deliver housing solutions. Thanks to this enhanced capacity, the Partner Countries should be in a better position to address the housing needs not just of RHP beneficiaries but of their populations at large. Thanks to its regional character, the RHP also contributes to improving neighbourly relations, thereby helping to foster security and stability in the region.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 was the first year in which the RHP delivered housing solutions to eligible beneficiaries in larger numbers. All in all, more than 200 families moved in to new homes after 20 years of displacement and dire living conditions. And many more families will follow suit. Construction works are now ongoing in all four Partner Countries and more than 1 800 beneficiary families have been selected by the Partner Countries.

In the first five months of 2016, the pace of RHP implementation accelerated and is now in full swing, capitalising on the valuable preparatory activities that took place at the Programme outset. This is indeed an encouraging period for the RHP, knowing that the current activities will translate into newly-constructed homes for thousands of vulnerable beneficiaries in the months to come. With the current pace of implementation, the number of housing units that will be delivered in 2016 is expected to triple compared to 2015.

Main achievements

	Up to December 2015	January to May 2016
Housing units completed	More than 200	More than 100
Multi-apartment building sites inaugurated	3 (Niksic, Glina, Knin)	3 (Konik, Pljevlja, Benkovac)
Contracts signed between Partner Countries and contractors	39 for a total value of EUR 9.6 million	27 for a total value of EUR 8.3 million
Disbursements from RHP Fund to Partner Countries	EUR 17 million	EUR 18 million
2 more grant requests approved in favour of Croatia and Serbia for a total grant amount of EUR 8.0 million		
Total grant amount approved EUR 141 million		

RHP implementation status - Key figures (as at end May 2016)

Approved sub-projects	19
Total estimated cost of approved sub-projects	EUR 170 million
Total approved grant amount	EUR 141 million
Total national contribution	EUR 29 million
Number of households concerned	7 200
Number of beneficiaries concerned	22 000
Total amount disbursed	EUR 40 million
Housing Units delivered	351

RHP PROGRESS IN 2015 / 2016



Children in school bus, Konik Camp, Montenegro

The large number of sub-projects now completed or under way is only one aspect, if the most visible, of the strong progress achieved by the Partner Countries in 2015/2016. During this period, the Partner Countries also made significant headway in the selection of beneficiaries and the implementation of additional sub-projects. This progress can be illustrated by a number of key metrics.



Bosnia and
Herzegovina



Republic of
Croatia



Montenegro



Republic of
Serbia



Beneficiary family in Foca Ustikolina



The reconstruction of this family's house, financed by the RHP, started in November 2015

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Bosnia and Herzegovina continued to make progress in the delivery of building material packages and reconstruction of houses. Families throughout the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska have received housing assistance, and close to 1 000 beneficiaries are expected to move into their repaired or reconstructed houses by late 2016. The first new construction project is expected to be launched in June 2016.

Furthermore, the design of houses under sub-project BiH4 will start after completion of beneficiary identification. This will be followed by the construction phase, which should benefit the return and integration of a further 480 families by the end of 2017.

Status of sub-projects approved for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sub-project title		Date of approval by Assembly of Donors	Total estimated cost (EUR)	Grant amount approved (EUR)	Estimated national contribution (EUR)	Status of sub-project implementation *
BiH1	Provision of building materials to 20 families and turnkey reconstruction assistance to 150 families **	08/04/2013	2 668 500	2 387 500	281 000	Delivery and installation of building materials to 20 families completed; rehabilitation of 50 houses in progress, reconstruction of other 100 houses started
BiH2	Provision of housing solutions to 780 households for return and reintegration or local integration	11/10/2013	14 634 324	12 634 032	2 000 292	80% of beneficiaries selected; tendering/design in progress
BiH3	Construction of 438 flats in multi-apartment buildings for refugees and IDPs	20/11/2014	14 371 287	12 343 875	2 027 412	Design of buildings started; beneficiary selection on-going
BiH4	Reconstruction of 435 family houses for return of refugees and IDPs and construction of 45 family houses for local integration of IDP	26/03/2015	9 620 371	8 569 651	1 050 720	Identification of beneficiaries on-going
TOTAL			41 294 482	35 935 058	5 359 424	

* As at 31 May 2016 ** Amounts revised after approval by Assembly of Donors

STORIES FROM RHP BENEFICIARIES



During the war of 1992, Mr Bego Parganlija, then a teenager, had to leave with his family their house in the village Kazagici near Gorazde. For some time, the family lived in very harsh conditions in a basement. The dream of returning to his house in Kazagici gave solace to Bego during the wartime.

Family Parganlija returned to their home in Kazagici in 1996. The house was burned down, but they had nowhere else to live. Mr Parganlija installed a door and put a plaque on the roof. Even though the house had leaks and was not connected to water or electricity network, this was his home. "My house is the best, whatever that is" he used to say.

Meanwhile, Mr Parganlija got married and became a father of two. Together with Mr Parganlija's mother and brother, this six-member family lived in one room. To endure the cold Bosnian winters, they put blankets on the windows to protect themselves.

The turning point in their lives was when they were contacted by the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2015 to receive support to reconstruct their house. Furthermore, family Parganlija as a selected beneficiary of the RHP, also got support from the U.S. funded NGO Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which awarded them a cultivator, as assistance for sustainable return. Besides the new house and a cultivator, family Parganlija now has a cow and chickens. They also planted some vegetables and fruits and are considering to expand production to picking and drying herbs, making jam of acacia and honey of dandelion.

Family Parganlija expresses its gratitude to all those who helped them: the RHP Fund Donors, particularly the European Union and the United States, the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Federation Ministry of Displaced Persons and Refugees, and the Gorazde Municipality.

Mr Parganlija said: "There are a lot of refugees in the world, but these donors have decided to help. This is no small matter. They once again showed that they are great friends of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the whole Bosnian nation. The donation that I have received to get a new house has changed my life. Even the sickness of members of my family somehow is tolerable in a new house. What can I say, I got the house, the most beautiful in the world". Family Parganlija's reconstructed home now has access to water supply. Connection to the electricity grid is in progress, pending the efforts of the municipality of Gorazde.



CROATIA

Croatia moves forward efficiently with the implementation of the RHP. In total, six sub-projects have been approved in favour of Croatia, five out of which are currently being implemented and one has been completed. Those sub-projects will provide housing to some 330 beneficiary families.

The construction of a building in Korenica to accommodate 29 vulnerable refugee families was finalised in September 2015 and a large majority of selected families have already moved in. In addition, 58 flats have been purchased throughout the country and further 11 are in the process of being purchased.

In September 2015, Croatia inaugurated the reconstruction works on the Home for Elderly and Disabled Persons in Glina, which will accommodate 75 elderly refugees and returnees currently residing in the collective centre of Pula. Furthermore, the construction of two apartment buildings to accommodate 40 families in Knin started in November 2015 and should be completed in November 2016. Finally, in April 2016, yet another construction site was inaugurated in Benkovac. The building with 21 apartments will be completed by the second half of 2017.



Finished building, Korenica



Beneficiary family in their new flat in Knin

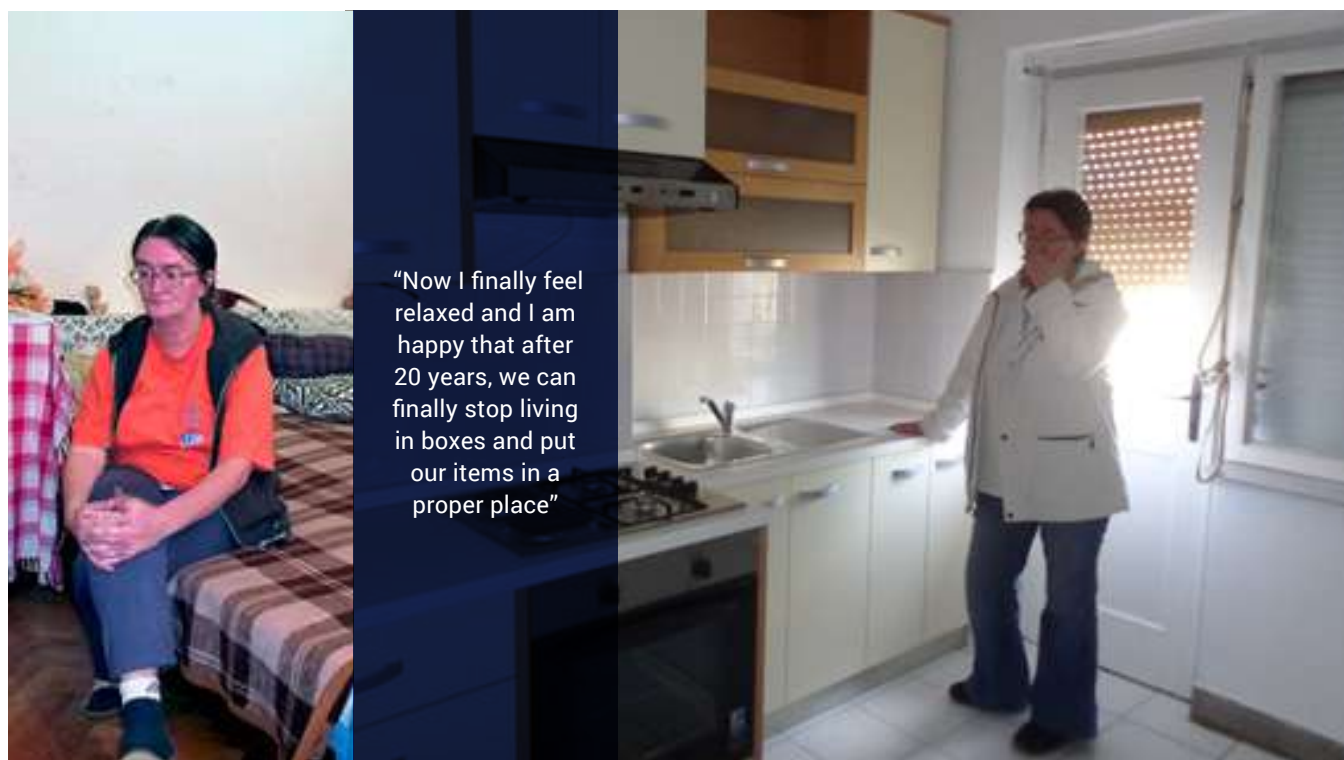
Status of sub-projects approved for Croatia

	Sub-project title	Date of approval by Assembly of Donors	Total estimated cost (EUR)	Grant amount approved (EUR)	Estimated national contribution (EUR)	Status of sub-project implementation *
HR1	Construction of apartment building for 29 families in Korenica	08/04/2013	1 398 211	1 048 658	349 553	Construction completed and keys handed over in September 2015. 25 families have moved in
HR2	Construction of two residential buildings in Knin for 40 families **	11/10/2013	3 475 781	2 587 037	888 744	Beneficiaries selected; construction on-going
HR3	Reconstruction of a home for 75 elderly and disabled persons in Glina **	11/10/2013	4 259 039	3 085 525	1 173 514	Beneficiaries pre-selected; construction on-going
HR4	Purchase of flats for 101 households	06/12/2013	5 717 140	4 287 855	1 429 285	58 flats purchased to date, out of which 50 handed over; the remaining 43 apartments to be purchased in 2016
HR5	Construction of a residential building for 21 families in Benkovac **	20/11/2014	1 323 103	999 721	323 382	Construction started
HR6	Renovation, reconstruction or construction of 62 family houses	14/04/2016	2 666 670	2 000 000	666 670	Grant Agreement under negotiation
TOTAL			16 173 274	12 008 796	4 164 478	

* As at 31 March 2016 ** Amounts revised after approval by Assembly of Donors



STORIES FROM RHP BENEFICIARIES



Ms Šehrizada Samouk is a native of Ličko Petrovo selo, on Croatia's border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The turmoil of war forced her and her daughter to flee Croatia in 1995, eventually finding refuge in Serbia.

After spending nine years in a collective centre in Serbia, Ms Samouk and her daughter returned to Croatia with UNHCR's assistance in 2004. Unable to move back in their pre-war, socially-owned, home to which they had lost occupancy right, they were accommodated in the Strmica collective centre near Knin where they have been living ever since, together with other minority returnees, refugees and other displaced persons.

In 2010, the Samouks were offered accommodation in Ervenik, a war-affected and isolated municipality with limited connections to the nearest urban centre. As it offered very limited professional prospects for a young woman such as Ms Samouk's daughter who is the main bread earner, they had to decline the offer. After a long bureaucratic struggle, in 2011, Ms Samouk and her daughter finally acquired Croatian citizenship; however, their economic situation is still difficult today.

Being of the minority Bosniak ethnicity, Šehrizada and her daughter had to survive in a dangerous and unwelcoming area during the conflict years. The traumatic experiences of fleeing and seeking refuge for 20 years left heavy marks on them. Nevertheless, they maintained their hope to finally live in a decent environment.

Their dream of settling in their own house came true in March 2015. Thanks to the RHP sub-project concerning the purchase of flats for 101 beneficiary households throughout Croatia, the Samouks received a 49 m² apartment in Knin. With some of their limited financial resources and the support of UNHCR, they managed to ensure basic furniture and household items and moved in.

"Now I finally feel relaxed and I am happy that after 20 years, we can finally stop living in boxes and put our items in a proper place" Ms Samouk says. Her daughter, now 30 years old, is occasionally employed outside of Knin and Ms Samouk lives with limited means thanks to the support from social welfare and a friend who lives in a nearby village. "Now with our home, we do not feel refugees anymore and can continue living a normal life. My only wish now is that my daughter would find employment here in Knin so she could start planning to establish her own family".

Photo and story: UNHCR



Finished building, Niksic



Construction works on-going, Konik Camp

MONTENEGRO

Montenegro is moving forward with RHP construction projects in three main towns: Podgorica, Niksic and Pljevlja.

In Niksic, the construction of two apartment buildings to accommodate 62 vulnerable families started in May 2015 and was finished in May 2016. The flats will be handed over to beneficiaries in June 2016.

In March 2016, the construction works of 120 apartments in Konik Camp, Podgorica, were launched. The building is expected to be completed in the second half of 2017.

In addition, the construction works on a home for elderly people in Pljevlja started in May 2016.

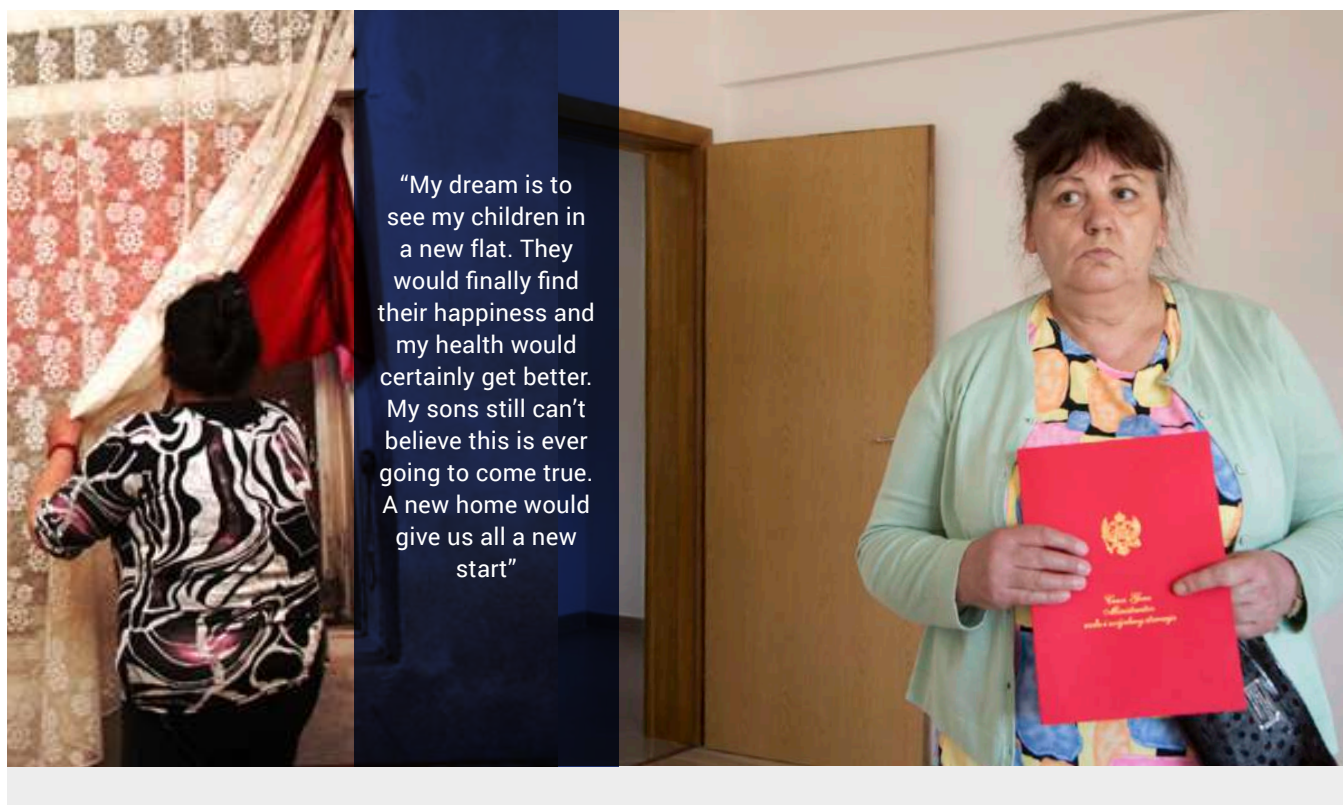
The construction of 94 apartments in the municipality of Berane is expected to begin in the fall of 2016.

Status of sub-projects approved for Montenegro

Sub-project title		Date of approval by Assembly of Donors	Total estimated cost (EUR)	Grant amount approved (EUR)	Estimated national contribution (EUR)	Status of sub-project implementation *
MNE1	Construction of two blocks of flats for 62 I/DP families in Niksic	08/04/2013	2 580 000	1 980 000	600 000	Construction completed; beneficiaries selected
MNE2	Construction of housing to 120 most vulnerable families from Camp Konik 1	11/10/2013	6 906 750	6 226 622	680 128	Construction on-going
MNE3	Construction of a home for 68 elderly/handicapped persons in Pljevlja	11/10/2013	2 231 716	1 918 572	313 144	Construction started in May 2016
MNE4	Construction of 94 apartments for 271 persons in Berane	20/11/2014	3 990 647	3 575 780	414 867	Works tender to be launched in summer 2016
TOTAL			15 709 113	13 700 974	2 008 139	

* As at 31 May 2016

STORIES FROM RHP BENEFICIARIES



Draga Vujović was born in 1965 in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She lived there until 1992, when, due to the war, she was forced to leave her home together with her family and seek safety in Nikšić, Montenegro. This extremely harsh period had implications on her health from which Ms Vujović never completely recovered.

Ms Vujović is a mother of two sons in their mid-20s and early 30s who are both employed sporadically. However, they are well integrated in the community and they are both passionate cyclists and members of a local cycling club.

Almost 25 years after finding refuge in Montenegro, Ms Vujović and her family still do not have a decent place to call home. The family is currently renting a shabby and mouldy apartment, which does not meet the basic standards of sanitation. They are struggling every day to make ends meet and often default on utility bills. Yet, family Vujović remains positive and a new home would "mean a world" to them, as they speak with one voice.

Both Ms Vujović and her sons held the status of displaced persons in Montenegro until they acquired the status of foreigner, which made them eligible to apply for the RHP. They submitted an application for the first project approved by the RHP Fund Assembly of Donors in favour of Montenegro, namely the construction of 62 apartments in Nikšić.

"My dream is to see my children in a new flat. They would finally find their happiness and my health would certainly get better. My sons still can't believe this is ever going to come true. A new home would give us all a new start", said Ms Vujović. This dream has now come true and she and her family will soon be moving into their new home in Nikšić.

Photo and story: UNHCR



SERBIA



Old home and a new pre-fabricated house, Pecinci



Beneficiary in Ruma

Serbia has made progress in the delivery of two housing modalities in particular: distribution of packages of building materials and construction of prefabricated houses. Furthermore, the year 2016 is expected to see the launching of important construction projects in different municipalities across the country.

Since 2015, 129 packages of building materials have been distributed to selected refugee families in Serbia. Their installation is mostly completed. Moreover, the construction of 66 pre-fabricated houses started in autumn 2015. By May 2016, 30 pre-fabricated houses had been finalised.

At the time of writing this report, Serbia is about to select the contractor for thus far the biggest RHP construction project in the region – the construction of 235 apartments in Ovca, Belgrade. This sub-project is a part of a larger investment of the City of Belgrade in social housing which foresees the construction of a complex of 995 apartments in Ovca as well as other facilities such as childcare facilities, primary school, wastewater treatment system, etc. To date, RHP investments in the City of Belgrade amount to close to EUR 18.5 million which should benefit close to 2 700 families.

Status of sub-projects approved for Serbia

	Sub-project title	Date of approval by Assembly of Donors	Total estimated cost (EUR)	Grant amount approved (EUR)	Estimated national contribution (EUR)	Status of sub-project implementation *
SRB1	Provision of 66 pre-fabricated houses and 129 packages of building material for 195 families ** C1 - Provision of pre-fabricated houses for 66 households C2 - Provision of building material to 129 households	08/04/2013	2 212 500	1 993 000	219 500	Delivery of 129 building material packages completed; installation completed for 77 packages. Installation of pre-fabricated houses on-going
SRB2	Support to 870 refugee families through four housing modalities C1 - Construction of 200 apartments in multi-apartment buildings C2 - Construction of 120 pre-fabricated houses C3 - Provision of 300 building material packages C4 - Purchase of 250 village houses	11/10/2013	13 062 936	11 560 936	1 502 000	Beneficiary selection for C1 and C2 completed, for C3 and C4 nearly completed. C1 design completed; C2 design-build tender successfully awarded; municipalities to implement C3 and C4 have been awarded, procurement to start in June-July 2016
SRB3	Support to 715 refugee families through four housing modalities C1 - Construction of 235 apartments C2 - Construction of 80 pre-fabricated houses C3 - Provision of 350 building material packages C4 - Purchase of 50 village houses	06/12/2013	13 642 918	10 963 918	2 679 000	Beneficiary selection nearly completed. C1 design completed, works tender almost completed. Tendering for other 3 components expected to start in summer 2016
SRB4	Support to 1 233 refugee families through four housing modalities C1 - Construction of 261 apartments C2 - Construction of 81 pre-fabricated houses C3 - Provision of 562 building material packages C4 - Purchase of 329 village houses	23/06/2014 extension 14/04/2016	18 681 414	16 659 554	2 021 860	Beneficiary selection partially completed. C1 design on-going. For other Components, see below ***)
SRB5	Support to 1 712 refugee families through three housing modalities C1 - Construction of 1 262 apartments C2 - Provision of 250 building material packages C3 - Purchase of 200 village houses	20/11/2014	46 773 758	36 348 906	10 424 852	Tender for design (C1) ongoing; call for municipalities to apply for C2 and C3 launched
TOTAL			94 373 526	77 526 314	16 847 212	

* As at 31 May 2016 ** Originally foreseen: 70 pre-fabricated houses, 125 packages of building material *** Status of original sub-project scope approved in June 2014: C2 (30 pre-fab houses): design/build contract to start in May 2016; C3 (300 building material packages): for 100 building material packages, delivery expected to start in June 2016; for 200 building material packages and C4 (70 village houses): municipalities selected. Extended scope approved as of April 2016: beneficiaries/municipalities have been selected.

STORIES FROM RHP BENEFICIARIES



Family Bogovac received a package of building materials in October 2015 under the first RHP sub-project implemented in Serbia. This 4-member family is one of the 129 families who received packages of building materials in 2015, which enabled them to complete the construction of their houses. Today, family Bogovac finally has a roof over their heads.

When the family fled from the village of Koljane in Croatia in 1995, they arrived in Indjija and initially moved in to live with their relatives as there were no other options. Over time, they became tenants and managed to earn enough money to acquire a plot of land and begin the construction of a house. Unfortunately, due to lack of funds they were unable to finish their home. When the family heard about the RHP, they immediately submitted their application for housing assistance.

Mr Bogovac advises other refugees to not lose their faith and apply for assistance. "We spent many years as tenants living under someone else's roof. Those days are now behind us. There is great joy when a family finally moves into their own home. Don't lose faith".

"The works were conducted rapidly given that within my family, there are many construction workers and we were able to complete a lot of work ourselves. We received the building materials needed to complete the foundation, roof, electric installations etc. We are happy that we have finally moved into our own house. In the future, our parents will come and live with us." Mr Bogovac is currently employed as a plasterer, which is the main source of income for the family.

RHP ADDED VALUE

STRENGTHENING MANAGEMENT CAPACITY AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

Improved Project Management Capacity

In 2015-2016, the Partner Countries also continued to improve their operating standards, with the help of technical assistance, financed by the European Union represented by the European Commission ("the Commission") and managed by the CEB. Their efforts had two main goals: deliver housing solutions to beneficiaries in need as rapidly as possible, and ensure that sub-projects are implemented according to best practices.

To reach these goals, certain management tools were introduced and/or their use enhanced:

- Gantt charts showing the estimated realistic timeline for implementation;
- A Procurement Tracking System listing the status of all the tenders launched and planned;
- Risk Registers identifying and categorising risks that can affect the pace of implementation.

Diligent utilisation of these tools allows close monitoring of progress and milestones, thanks to which potential delays can be detected earlier and relevant mitigation measures taken.

In addition, a **Monitoring/Management Information System (MMIS)** has been introduced in each Partner Country which gathers monitoring data in relation to the physical and financial progress of sub-projects in a way that is well structured, easily accessible and up to date.

Strengthening Regional Standards

To ensure that sub-projects are implemented in accordance with international standards, additional emphasis was put on compliance with the processes and procedures that are defined in the RHP Project Implementation Manual. Moreover, a number of templates, standards and checklists have been introduced in the Partner Countries.

ENHANCED COOPERATION AND COMPLEMENTARITY

The aim of the RHP is to provide housing solutions that are durable. To enhance the sustainability of the RHP, the Partner Countries continued in 2015-2016 to cooperate with and foster ownership of the Programme among local authorities. Furthermore, the RHP stakeholders also strive to provide complementary measures to facilitate the integration and the employment opportunities of targeted beneficiary groups.

Cooperation with Local Authorities

The RHP relies on strong cooperation between the central Government and local self-governments, as the Programme is implemented in hundreds of municipalities all across the region. Local administrations are thus actively involved in the implementation process, including procurement and beneficiary selection. This cooperation strengthens the capacities of local administrations.

Complementary Integration and Employment Measures

A durable housing solution entails not only the provision of housing, but also a variety of complementary measures in favour of the targeted beneficiary groups. Partner Countries are called upon to provide detailed plans regarding the economic and socio-cultural sustainability of sub-projects, including social integration and employment opportunities. Donors also contribute to this effort by designing complementary programmes targeting the local population, including RHP beneficiaries.

Regional Character

One of the cornerstones of the RHP is its regional character. The four Partner Countries work very closely together to reach their common goal. They support each other and exchange information daily to maintain a steady pace of RHP implementation, to find synergies in their work and to learn from each other's successful experiences within the RHP.

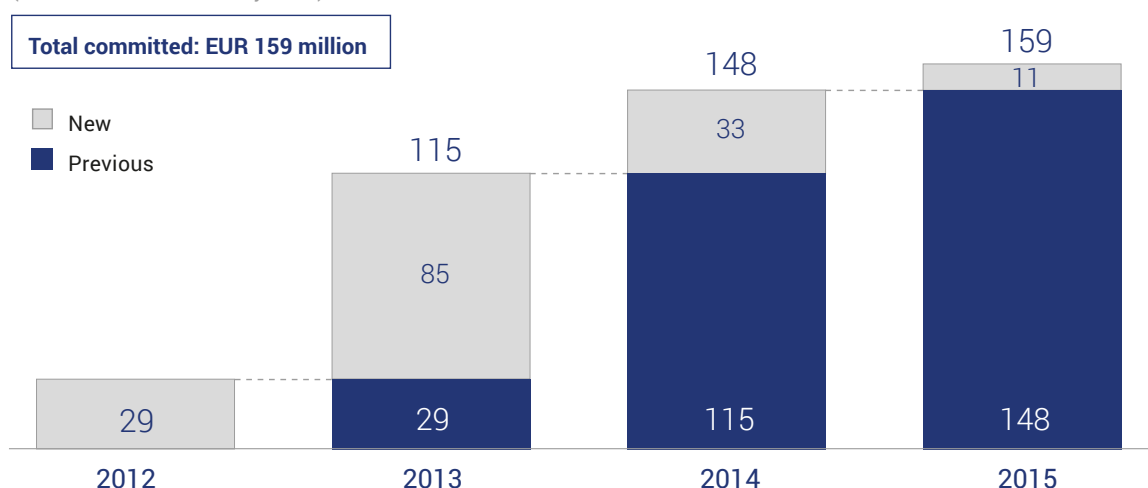
FINANCIAL STATUS

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COMMITTED

In 2015, the international community demonstrated its continued support to the RHP by contributing new funds to the Programme. In December 2015, the Commission committed an additional EUR 11 million, which consolidated its status as main Donor to the Fund. Of the total EUR 159 million committed, EUR 121 million have been committed by the Commission, i.e. 76%. Thanks to this new contribution, the funds committed to the RHP Fund reached a total of EUR 159 million by end-2015. This represents an increase of 8% compared to end-2014, when they stood at EUR 148 million. In addition, the Commission has committed a bilateral contribution of EUR 27 million to cover technical assistance for the Partner Countries and part of their operating costs, as well as the CEB's management costs.

Cumulative commitments to the RHP Fund

(in EUR million at end-May 2016)

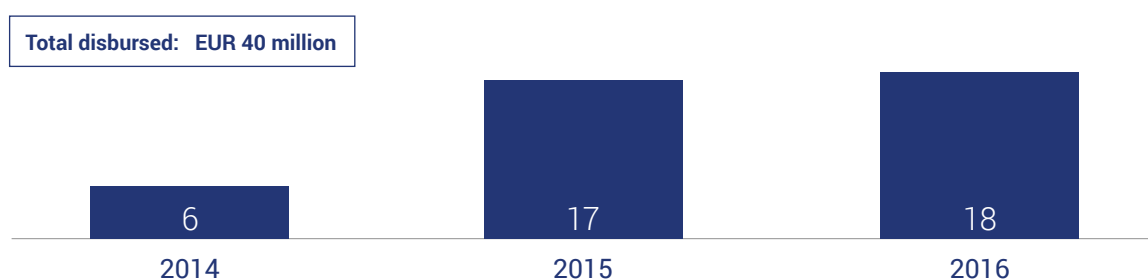


SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN DISBURSEMENTS

In the first five months of 2016, disbursements from the RHP Fund to the Partner Countries reached EUR 18 million, thus exceeding the total amount of disbursements in 2015 which amounted to EUR 17 million. Overall, the RHP is exponentially increasing the volume of disbursements as can be observed from the fact that, in 2014, disbursement to the Partner Countries totalled EUR 6 million.

Disbursements to Partner Countries

(per year, in EUR million at end-May 2016)



This significant rise in disbursements shows that the Partner Countries are now fully engaged in the implementation phase of the Programme. More funds are being disbursed to the Partner Countries to allow them to finance the increase in expenditures they face as they implement a growing number of sub-projects.

SUPPORT BY INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

In the context of the RHP, a number of international stakeholders, i.e. the Commission, the U.S., the UNHCR, the OSCE and the CEB provide strong support to the Partner Countries. By playing a key role in the governance and coordination structure, they contribute to close Donor oversight and strong operational coordination.



RHP Fund Donors closely monitor the progress of the RHP, in particular within the framework of the Technical Committee, the body in charge of appraising grant requests submitted by the Partner Countries and closely following up all aspects of RHP implementation. In addition to the RHP's main Donors, namely the Commission - as the main Donor to the RHP Fund having committed 76% of the total - and the U.S., Norway, Germany, Italy and Switzerland are active members of the Technical Committee and hence contribute with their comprehensive local know-how to the progress of the Programme.



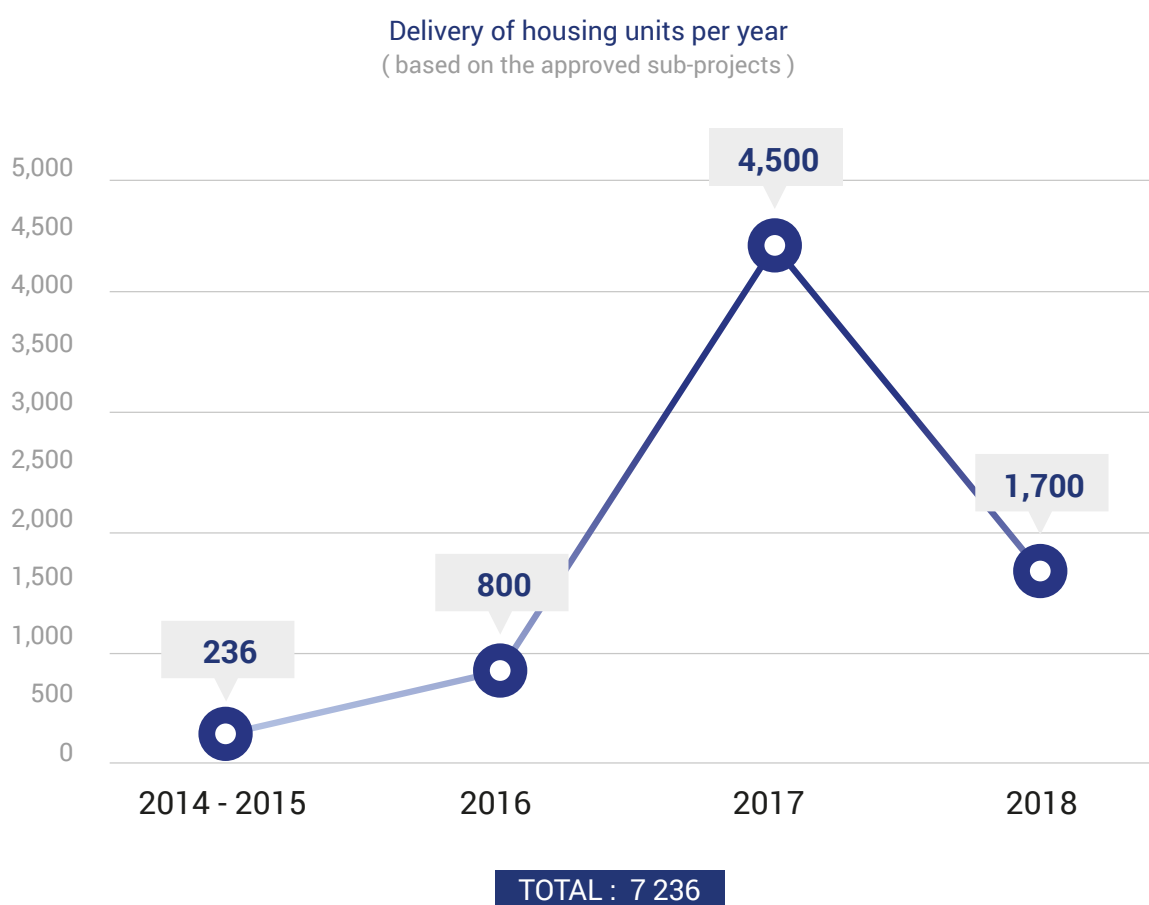
The CEB's role within the framework of the RHP is threefold: it manages the RHP Fund, manages the RHP implementation including the Technical Assistance support offered to the Partner Countries, and coordinates information flow and activities between the RHP stakeholders.



UNHCR and OSCE have been tasked with helping the Partner Countries identify beneficiaries and monitoring their selection and protection aspects. As such, these institutions play a crucial role in ensuring that the RHP effectively provides sustainable housing solutions to those refugees and displaced persons most in need.

OUTLOOK FOR 2016-2017

The RHP Fund Assembly of Donors has to date approved 19 sub-projects, targeting altogether some 7 200 beneficiary families. At end-May 2016, some 350 housing units had already been completed. The current plan is to deliver altogether some 800 housing units in 2016, followed by 4 500 in 2017 and the rest - 1 700 - in 2018¹.



In 2016, the Partner Countries shall continue to implement the “Donors’ Recommendations” that were elaborated after the successful completion of the RHP Mid-Term Review and Mid-Term Evaluation, carried out in 2015. One of the Recommendations stipulates that more focus shall be put on strengthening sustainability measures for RHP beneficiary families. Capacity building support to Partner Country implementing structures will continue, as well as the financial support provided for beneficiary selection and cross-border data verification of applicants. Finally, the RHP stakeholders shall jointly undertake to identify good practices emanating from the experience gathered so far from RHP implementation.

¹ Please note that these figures are subject to constant revision

Approved RHP Sub-Projects

Country	Sub-project No.	Project Title	Total cost (in EUR)	Grant amount (in EUR)	National contribution (in EUR)
YEAR 2013			72 789 815	60 673 655	12 116 160
Assembly of Donors meeting of 08/04/2013			8 859 211	7 409 158	1 450 053
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BiH1	Provision of building material packages to 20 families and turnkey reconstruction assistance to 150 families	2 668 500	2 387 500	281 000
Croatia	HR1	Construction of apartment building for 29 families in the municipality of Korenica	1 398 211	1 048 658	349 553
Montenegro	MN1	Construction of two blocks of flats providing housing to 62 families in the municipality of Niksic	2 580 000	1 980 000	600 000
Serbia	SRB1	Provision of 66 pre-fabricated houses and 129 packages of building materials for the benefit of 195 families	2 212 500	1 993 000	219 500
Assembly of Donors meeting of 11/10/2013			44 570 546	38 012 724	6 557 822
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BiH2	Provision of housing solutions to 780 households for return and reintegration or local integration in BiH	14 634 324	12 634 032	2 000 292
Croatia	HR2	Construction of two residential buildings in Knin for 40 families	3 475 781	2 587 037	888 744
Croatia	HR3	Reconstruction and extension of home for 75 elderly and disabled people in Glina	4 259 039	3 085 525	1 173 514
Montenegro	MN2	Provision of housing to 120 most vulnerable families from Camp Konik 1	6 906 750	6 226 622	680 128
Montenegro	MN3	Construction of a home for 68 elderly in Pljevlja	2 231 716	1 918 572	313 144
Serbia	SRB2	Support to 870 refugee families - Sub-Project II	13 062 936	11 560 936	1 502 000
Assembly of Donors meeting of 06/12/2013			19 360 058	15 251 773	4 108 285
Croatia	HR4	Purchase of flats for 101 eligible beneficiaries	5 717 140	4 287 855	1 429 285
Serbia	SBR3	Support to 715 refugee families - Sub-Project III	13 642 918	10 963 918	2 679 000
YEAR 2014			78 446 546	63 883 173	14 563 373
Assembly of Donors meeting of 23/06/2014			11 987 751	10 614 891	1 372 860
Serbia	SRB4	Support to 661 refugee families - Sub-Project IV	11 987 751	10 614 891	1 372 860
Assembly of Donors meeting of 20/11/2014			66 458 795	53 268 282	13 190 513
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BiH3	Construction of 438 flats in multi-apartment buildings for refugees and IDPs in BiH	14 371 287	12 343 875	2 027 412
Croatia	HR5	Construction of a residential building for 21 families in Benkovac	1 323 103	999 721	323 382
Montenegro	MN4	Construction of 94 apartments in the municipality of Berane	3 990 647	3 575 780	414 867
Serbia	SRB5	Support to 1 712 refugee families - Sub-Project V	46 773 758	36 348 906	10 424 852
YEAR 2015			9 620 371	8 569 651	1 050 720
Assembly of Donors meeting of 26/03/2015			9 620 371	8 569 651	1 050 720
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BiH4	Reconstruction/construction of 480 houses for the return and local integration of refugees and IDPs	9 620 371	8 569 651	1 050 720
YEAR 2016					
Assembly of Donors 14 April 2016					
Serbia	SRB4	Extension - Support to 1 233 refugee families through four different housing modalities N.B. This is an extension of SRB4 and replaces the amount and scope of SRB4 approved on 23 June 2014	18 681 414	16 659 554	2 021 860
Croatia	HR6	Renovation, reconstruction or construction of 62 family houses	2 666 670	2 000 000	666 670
TOTAL			170 217 065	141 171 142	29 045 923



Beneficiary in front of her pre-fabricated house
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