



Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Regional Housing Programme



RHP Factsheet

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MISSION AND BACKGROUND

The Regional Housing Programme (RHP) is a joint initiative by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia (the Partner Countries). Its aim is to contribute to the resolution of 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 in Montenegro from 1999.

Besides providing sustainable housing tailored to beneficiaries' needs, the RHP also fosters the institutional capacity of the Partner Countries, which should be able in the future to address the housing needs not just of RHP beneficiaries but of their populations at large. Furthermore, thanks to its regional character, the RHP contributes to improving neighbourly relations thereby promoting security and stability in the region.

BENEFICIARIES

As a consequence of the armed conflicts in the 1990s, over three million people were displaced both within and beyond the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia. Over the past two decades, sustained efforts on the part of the four affected states, as well as support from the international community, have enabled the majority of those affected to return home or find other durable solutions. However, despite these efforts, almost half a million people remain displaced throughout the region.

The process of selecting beneficiaries is a crucial element of the RHP. Its purpose is to ensure that RHP housing units are provided to those refugees and IDPs that are most vulnerable and most in need. By the end of 2016, more than half of the close to 8 000 beneficiary families covered by the current RHP projects had already been selected throughout the four countries. Potential beneficiaries are informed about the RHP thanks to the wide information campaigns conducted by the Partner Countries since March 2013, in close coordination with UNHCR and OSCE.

STAKEHOLDERS

RHP consists of four individual Country Housing Projects which are implemented by the Partner Countries. RHP is primarily a donor funded programme; donor funds are held in the so-called "RHP Fund". In addition, the Partner Countries also participate with national contributions. The European Union is the largest Donor to this initiative having pledged EUR 230 million, out of a total of EUR 269 million pledged to date. Other Donors to the RHP Fund are the U.S., Germany, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, Turkey and Luxembourg.

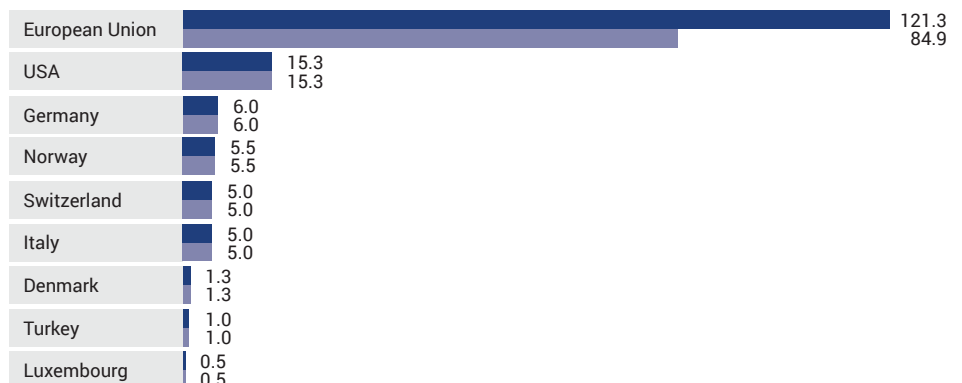
UNHCR and OSCE are tasked with helping the Partner Countries identify eligible beneficiaries, monitoring their selection and overseeing that they receive adequate protection. As such, these institutions play a crucial role in monitoring that the RHP provides sustainable housing solutions to those beneficiaries most in need. The Council of Europe Development Bank's (CEB) roles include managing the RHP Fund and Programme implementation, including the Technical Assistance. CEB is also in charge of RHP coordination activities between all stakeholders.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTED AND PAID INTO THE RHP FUND

(in EUR million, at end - December 2016)

Total committed: EUR 160.8 million

Total paid in: EUR 124.5 million



MILESTONES

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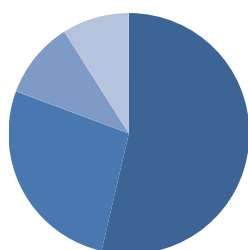
APPROVED PROJECTS	PROGRESS TO DATE
22 Projects approved	OVER 1 000 FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH HOUSING SOLUTIONS
7 900 Number of households concerned	• 250 packages of building materials delivered
23 000 Number of beneficiaries concerned	• 91 flats completed in 2 new buildings
€ 186 million Total estimated cost of approved projects	• 93 flats purchased
€ 155 million Total approved grant amount	• 63 pre-fabricated houses completed
€ 31 million Total national contribution	• 100 houses reconstructed
€ 54 million Total grant amount disbursed	• 425 village houses purchased

12 Construction sites inaugurated in 2016

ON-GOING PROJECTS

	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CROATIA	MONTENEGRO	SERBIA
Number of projects approved	4	6	6	6
Number of housing units concerned	1 942	328	481	5 215
Total national contribution for approved projects	€ 6.9 million	€ 4.8 million	€ 2.3 million	€ 16.8 million

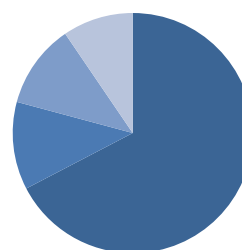
Grants approved



EUR 86.7 million ■ SRB
 EUR 38.4 million ■ BiH
 EUR 16.0 million ■ MNE
 EUR 14.0 million ■ CRO

Total: EUR 155.1 million

Grants disbursed



EUR 26.3 million ■ SRB
 EUR 9.8 million ■ CRO
 EUR 9.4 million ■ MNE
 EUR 8.1 million ■ BiH

Total: EUR 53.6 million

HOUSING MODALITIES DELIVERED TO BENEFICIARIES

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CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND PURCHASE OF APARTMENTS

Construction or reconstruction of multi-apartment buildings and purchase of apartments are best suited for beneficiaries who wish to re/integrate in the urban communities.



Construction of 40 apartments
Knin, Croatia



Reconstruction of a home for
75 elderly and disabled persons
Glina, Croatia



Construction of 235 apartments
in Ovca, Belgrade



Purchase of 101 apartments
throughout Croatia



Construction of 62 apartments
Niksic, Montenegro



Construction of 120 apartments
Konik Camp, Montenegro

RE/CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES

Construction or reconstruction of houses is the most suitable modality for beneficiaries who decide to either return to their place of origin or integrate in their local community and who own a house in need of reconstruction.



Foca Ustikolina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Reconstruction assistance to over 1400 families throughout BiH

PROVISION OF BUILDING MATERIAL PACKAGES

Distribution of building material packages is the most appropriate modality to assist such beneficiaries who have already started the re/construction of their family houses but who need support in finalising the works.



Budjanovci, Serbia
Provision of building material packages to close to 1 600 families
throughout Serbia



Olovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Provision of building material packages to 20 families throughout
BiH

PROVISION OF PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES

Pre-fabricated houses are an efficient solution designed for beneficiaries who already own their construction plot.



Temerin, Serbia
Construction of over 300 pre-fabricated houses throughout Serbia

PURCHASE OF VILLAGE HOUSES

Village houses are purchased for beneficiaries usually living in rural areas who plan to make a living from agriculture.



Obrenovac, Serbia
Purchase of over 800 village houses throughout Serbia



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RHP ADDED VALUE

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.

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL STRUCTURES

The Partner Countries are in charge of implementing the Programme. This is one of the factors that sets RHP apart from most other housing projects in the region: this strong ownership builds up the Partner Countries' institutional capacity to implement projects in the future, in line with EU standards. Support to national structures is offered through Technical Assistance embedded within the implementing institutions to support project implementation and management. The Technical Assistance is funded by the European Union and channelled through the CEB.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The RHP helps strengthen the cooperation between the central government and local self-governments, as the Programme is implemented in hundreds of municipalities in the region. Local administrations have a high level of ownership of the projects and are actively involved in their implementation, including procurement and beneficiary selection. This cooperation also strengthens the capacities of local administrations.

SUSTAINABILITY

With the vision to always strive for a stronger social impact and while the Programme is advancing rapidly with the delivery of houses, RHP stakeholders have agreed to step up efforts to improve the sustainability outlook of the Programme. In this light, they have decided to focus on the three fundamental aspects of sustainability: technical, social and economic. The objective is to ensure that housing is connected to basic infrastructure, facilitates social integration and has the potential to contribute to economic activity.

OUTLOOK

The RHP Fund Assembly of Donors has to date approved 22 projects, targeting altogether some 7 900 beneficiary families. By the end of 2016, some 1 000 housing units had already been completed. 2017 will be a key year for the RHP as over 3 000 housing units are scheduled to be completed and delivered to eligible beneficiaries.

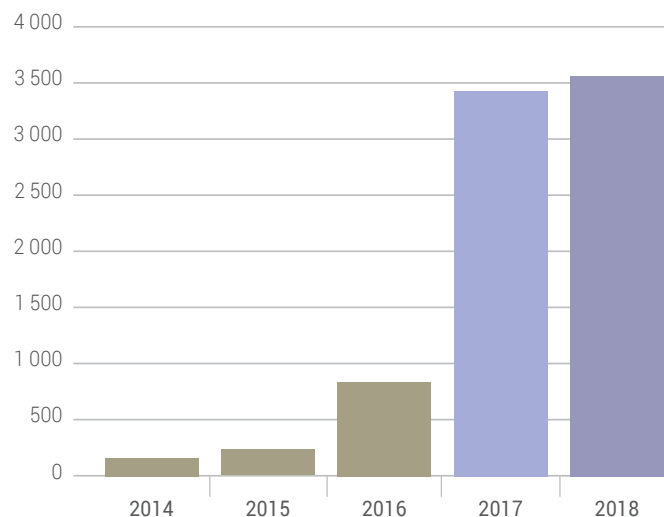
The following construction sites are scheduled to be completed in 2017:

- Construction of 12 apartment buildings for 120 beneficiaries in Konik, Montenegro;
- Construction of a Home for 68 elderly/ handicapped persons in Pljevlja, Montenegro;
- Construction of 2 apartment buildings for 40 families in Knin, Croatia;
- Construction of a Home for 75 elderly/ disabled persons in Glina, Croatia;
- Construction of a residential building for 21 families in Benkovac, Croatia;
- Construction of an apartment complex in Ovca, Belgrade that will provide housing to 235 families;

In addition to the above, Serbia is planning the delivery of over 800 building material packages and 200 pre-fabricated houses, the purchase of over 400 village houses and the construction of further 120 flats. Bosnia and Herzegovina foresees the reconstruction/construction of over 800 individual houses and construction of some 150 flats.

Delivery of housing units per year

(2014 - 2016 actual; 2017 - 2018 forecast)



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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. RHP is implemented by Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia and mostly financed by the international donor community. The main donor is the European Union. The other donors are the USA, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Turkey, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic and Hungary.