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**ASB reconstructed 29 houses in the village of Stajkovce,
Municipality of Prizren**

The Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Office (ASB) in Kosovo has completed the reconstruction of 29 houses for Serbian returnees in the village of Stajkovce in the Zhupa Valley, Municipality of Prizren. This village was abandoned in 1999. Subsequently ASB became aware of the desire of the previous inhabitants to return and funding was secured partly through the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) and partly through the Government Assisted Return (GAR) Programme managed by UNDP.

As well as reconstructing their houses ASB installed a new water and sewage system to compliment these activities. Now that all 29 Serbian families have returned, ASB has provided them with livelihood and sustainability measures to anchor them. These livelihood measures included the supply of tools to tradesman and live animals to farmers. A number of beneficiaries opted for stills to make Rakiya (home made brandy) for which there is a ready market in Kosovo.

ASB has been active in the region since 2000 and has reconstructed more than 1,824 houses which were severely damaged or totally destroyed during the war. Through these interventions more than 12,000 people have benefited and are now getting on with their lives and in general perceive a more positive prospect for the future.

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