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ASB CONSTRUCTS NEW SETTLEMENT FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS FROM KOSOVO AND METOHIJA IN THE TOWN OF POŽAREVAC, SERBIA

On 25 November 2010, a newly constructed settlement of 20 prefabricated housing units for internally displaced persons from Kosovo and Metohija was officially opened in the Town of Požarevac, the Republic of Serbia. The opening ceremony was attended by Mr. Miodrag Milosavljević, Mayor of Požarevac, Mr. Božidar Đelić, Serbian Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration and Minister for Science and Technological Development, H.E. Ambassador Vincent Degert, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Vladimir Cucić, Commissioner of the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Ms. Edith Wallmeier, Head of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), Foreign Aid Department.

During the event, representatives from the European Union, the Serbian Government and the Town of Požarevac handed over the contracts and keys of the new homes to the beneficiaries wishing them a happy and prosperous future. Mr. Miodrag Milosavljević, mayor of Požarevac presented letters of thanks to all donors and benefactors who were included in the carrying out the project.

The newly homes provide durable housing solutions for 20 internally displaced families who have been living in collective centre constructed of cardboard and refuse in the Town of Požarevac. The project is a part of the EU-funded project "Provision of Support to IDPs and Refugees in Serbia" implemented by the German non-governmental organisation Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in co-operation with the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and the Town of Požarevac. The amount of € 260,000 was provided by the European Union towards the project. This amount includes preparing the technical designs and construction of 20 housing units. In addition to these funds, the Town of Požarevac provided an additional € 130,000 for infrastructure facilities and building the foundations for the housing units.

The new settlement provides durable housing solutions for 103 individuals of which 65 are children. Now, 20 families have the opportunity, after having lived in harsh conditions in the Požarevac Collective Centre, to start a new life with hope for the future.

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