

# P R E S S R E L E A S E



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## **German Government finances emergency repair of 55 houses for returning minorities in Zvornik and Bugojno**

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) continues to implement projects funded by the German Ministry for Foreign Affairs under the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. Knowing the importance of reconstruction of houses for the sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons to Bosnia and Herzegovina, ASB will carry out the emergency repair of 55 houses in the municipalities of Zvornik and Bugojno. This reconstruction project will be carried out in close co-operation with Mercy Corps International and the Association of Returning Minority Citizens of Zvornik. The total value of this project is € 450,000.

ASB will complete the beneficiary identification in both municipalities until mid of July 2003 and the reconstruction works will start by the end of August 2003. All houses will be completed by the end of the year.

Recently, ASB completed the reconstruction of 255 houses in the region of North-West Bosnia and 67 houses in Central Bosnia funded by the German Government along with medical assistance and distribution of food and non-food items.

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