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German Government and ASB continue to support the inhabitants of Zvornik

A German non-governmental organisation Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund e.V. Deutschland, with its regional headquarters for South Eastern Europe in Sarajevo, a few days ago successfully implemented two projects in the Municipality of Zvornik. Namely, with funds of the German Government under the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, ASB carried out the reconstruction of 50 housing units for returnees to Zvornik as well as repairs of electricity and water distribution system for repaired housing units. Along with reconstruction and repairs of technical infrastructure, this project has also ensured the economic assistance for returnees – Bosniaks whose houses were reconstructed as well as for additional 10 Serbian families who are in difficult socio-economic situation. The value of this integrated return project amounts to € 543,000.

Under the second project of the German Government and ASB valued at € 43,000, 50 beneficiaries of the above-mentioned project and 15 beneficiaries of Serbian nationality of difficult economic status received humanitarian packages containing three cubic metres of firewood, stoves, kitchen sets, beds, mattresses, blankets and bedding. In total, 75 families of Bosniaks and Serbian nationalities were assisted through these two projects. Including these two projects, in the last two years ASB reconstructed 80 housing units with accompanying infrastructure and also provided necessary humanitarian assistance for reconstruction beneficiaries and economic assistance for one part of beneficiaries with funds of the German Government.

It is worth mentioning that the implementation of this project was carried out in close co-operation with the mayor of the municipality and municipal bodies in Zvornik, which are responsible for return and socio-economic issues, non-governmental organisation "Povratak", which is a member of the Union of Associations/Associations of Refugees and Displaced Persons in BiH and citizens of Zvornik. This transparent way of work, which includes the local authority, non-governmental sector, individuals and implementing agencies, shows that there is a possibility to build a genuine democratic society on the healthy basis and gives hope for further improvement in all fields in the near future.

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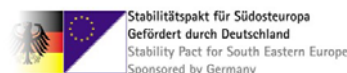
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