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## **ASB CONTINUES TO IMPLEMENT MINE-CLEARANCE IN 2009 IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH FUNDS FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT**

The Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in the Republic of Croatia has recently received funds from the German Foreign Ministry to implement mine-clearance of 660,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the municipality of Petrinja, Sisačko-Moslavačka County; the municipalities of Antunovac and Sodolovci, Osiječko-Baranjska County; the municipalities of Stari Jankovci, Markusica and Jermina, Vukovarsko-Srijemska County, in the municipality of Gospić, Ličko-Senjska County, and in the municipality of Skradin, Šibensko-Kninska County. This project will be carried out in close co-operation with the Croatian Centre for Demining (HCR). The total value of this project amounts to € 800,000 and will be implemented until the end of 2009.

In these areas, ASB will carry out mine-clearance of agricultural areas, individual yards and houses, cemeteries and community areas which will contribute to normalisation of life and bring security in these war-affected municipalities as well as further social and economic development.

Since 2001, ASB has been carrying out extensive humanitarian mine-clearance activities to secure sustainable return and reconstruction and to ensure stable communities throughout war-affected areas in Croatia. From 2001 until 2008, the German Government, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, allocated € 5.9 million for humanitarian mine-clearance of more than 5 million square meters of war-affected areas of Croatia. In this period, ASB disposed 75,000 explosive devices. However, according to CROMAC there are still 920 km<sup>2</sup> of mine-suspected areas presenting a constant threat to everyday living for residents in those areas and hampering regional development. Along with mine-clearance, the German Government has been supporting projects such as the reconstruction of houses in categories 1-4 and the provision of humanitarian aid proving to be a valuable partner in this region over the past number of years.

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