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ASB SEE inaugurates an apartment block in the Municipality of Leskovac with funds from the German Government

On 23 March 2006, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) has inaugurated an apartment block with 24 apartments in the Municipality of Leskovac, Serbia and Montenegro. This apartment block was constructed with funds from the German Foreign Ministry under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and ASB's own funds for a total value of € 347,616. The inauguration took place in the municipal office in Leskovac in the presence of Mrs. Nada Grbić, Head of Integration Department of the Commissariat for Refugees to the Republic of Serbia (CRDS), Mr. Marijan Krtolica, CRDS District Co-ordinator, Mr. Nebojša Čović, Co-ordinator for Southern Serbia, Mr. Miodrag Janković, Project Engineer from INTERSOS, Mr. Gojko Veličković, Mayor of the Municipality of Leskovac, 22 refugee families, representatives of ASB SEE and other numerous guests.

By constructing this building, ASB SEE provided 22 refugee families and two socially-vulnerable families with durable housing solutions and significantly improved their living conditions. A similar project of building an apartment building with 24 apartments in the Municipality of Leskovac was undertaken by ASB SEE in 2003 which helped in vacating a collective centre in this town and also provided accommodation for 22 refugee families and two socially-vulnerable families.

During the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Gojko Veličković, Mayor of the Municipality of Leskovac thanked ASB SEE for construction of 48 apartments in the Municipality of Leskovac which will help in faster integration of refugee families into this municipality and also expressed his wish for further continuation of similar housing projects which are very needed in this municipality.

Since 1992, ASB SEE has been providing assistance to sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons (DPs) in the South Eastern Europe Region through emergency repairs of destroyed houses,



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mine-clearance, reconstruction of social infrastructure and provision of humanitarian aid with funds of the German Government. Until now, ASB has implemented projects funded by the German Government for a total value of € 37 million and reconstructed more than 1,461 houses in this region.

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