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ASB reconstructs 26 houses in the Zhupa Valley, Municipality of Prizren

The Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in Kosovo, an implementing partner of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has finalised the reconstruction of 26 houses for minority families in the Zhupa Valley, Municipality of Prizren, funded by the Provisional Institutions of Self-government (PISG), Reference No.GAR-033. The total value of this project amounts to € 513,020.

The aim of the project was to assist the most vulnerable families in sustainable return to their homes of origin and to reconstruct initially 20 houses. However, ASB has managed to reconstruct a further six houses for minority returnees through savings.

Along with the reconstruction of houses, ASB also supported these returnees' families and the receiving communities with revitalisation of water, sewage disposal and electricity infrastructure, sustainability measures, tolerance building and provision of food and non-food items. In order to successfully implement the project, ASB co-operated with all relevant UNMIK institutions, the PISG and with KPS (Kosovo Police Service) which ensures the security of the returnees. ASB undertook three development projects which were the construction of the multi-ethnic Hunters Lodge (total budget: € 20,000 together with GAR-0040), refurbishment of the Pensioners Club and also added an extra floor of 70 sq metres to this building to accommodate a professional women's sewing group (€ 19,000).

Since 2000, ASB has been active in the region. So far, more than 1,824 houses have been reconstructed for families whose houses were damaged or destroyed during the war. Through these efforts, more than 12,000 refugees were able to begin a normal and peaceful life again.

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