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ASB IMPLEMENTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITH SERDA IN SARAJEVO REGION

The Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ASB) has recently finalised an agreement for repairs of small-scale technical infrastructure projects with the Sarajevo Regional Economic Development Agency (SERDA), which was an ASB's local partner under the CARDS 2003 programme in the Sarajevo region completed in 2007. These projects included repairs of electric and water networks, fire stations, roads, sewage systems etc. in Sarajevo Economic Region. ASB provided technical assistance to SERDA in implementation of these infrastructure projects. The total value of this agreement amounted to € 383.000.

The main aim of this project was to create solid infrastructural environment in less developed municipalities in the Sarajevo region, which would lead to a faster and more equal economic development of these poorest municipalities in BiH, which is in line with the EC-funded Regional Development Initiative. By implementing these projects, SERDA and ASB also actively promoted a closer co-ordination between municipal authorities, civil sectors and international organisations.

The SERDA exists since 2001. It was established with assistance of the European Union Regional Economic Development project (EU RED) in BiH with aim to create a framework for overall sustainable economic development of BiH through an integrated regional approach. EU RED provides technical assistance and support to SERDA along with other regional development agencies in developing their local communities. SERDA's goal is to generate and accelerate economic and overall development of the Sarajevo Economic Region.

Since 1991, ASB in BiH has implemented projects valued at over € 39.8 million and reconstructed 1,621 houses. Currently, ASB in BiH is implementing the EU-funded project "Socio-economic empowerment of particularly vulnerable groups such as female war victims and mine victims" in the Municipalities of Prijedor, Banja Luka, Trebinje in the Republic of Srpska, the Municipalities of Gorazde, Tuzla, Lukavac and Velika Kladusa in the BiH Federation and in the Sarajevo Canton. The total value of this project is € 1,000.000.

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