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**The European Commission and its implementing partner
“Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund” (ASB)
completed the reconstruction of the Children’s Section in the Public
Library in Daruvar**

The repair of the Children’s Section of the Public Library in Daruvar, financed by the European Union and implemented by the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), is another integral step in the ongoing European Union Reconstruction Programme for Return (Europska Unija Program Obnove za Povratak - EUPOP). In view of ensuring the sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons, young ones and children especially, it is of crucial importance to provide them with opportunities for satisfying of their social and cultural needs.

Since 1999, a total of € 3,8 million has been invested by the European Community and ASB in Bjelovarsko-bilogorska County. One hundred and forty war-destroyed housing units have been reconstructed, reconnected to water, sewage and electricity and demined prior to reconstruction where necessary along with 27 public, social and economic infrastructure projects in the Municipalities of Djulovac, Sirac and the town of Daruvar.

The Town of Daruvar was the twenty first Municipality in the Republic of Croatia to be included in the EUPOP programme. ASB invested a total of € 670,000 in this Municipality on the reconstruction of 20 family houses (category 4-6), two farming units, electrical networks in the villages of Batinjska Rijeka-Milnovi, Markovac and Vrlika street in Daruvar.

ASB reconstructed the Children’s section of the Public Library in Daruvar which will provide service for 300 children from the municipalities of Sirac, Djulovac and Daruvar. However, the number of the library’s beneficiaries will be soon doubled. The total investment amounts to € 50,000.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented EU-funded projects in Croatia for a total amount of € 67.5 million, reconstructed more than 4,000 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance.

ASB invites media representatives to the inauguration of the Children’s Section of the Public Library on 8 May 2004. The inauguration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Radiceva 5 street in Daruvar.

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