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ASB SEE completes five projects in the region of South Eastern Europe with funds from the German Government

With funds from the German Foreign Ministry under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) has successfully completed five projects in the region of South Eastern Europe. In the Municipality of Zvornik, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ASB SEE carried out the emergency repair of 42 houses cat. 4 for Muslim and Serbian returnee families. Along with repair of houses, ASB provided basic economic-creative measures such as distribution of agricultural tools, multicultivators, craft and construction tools, computers and cattle to the returnees enabling them to earn their living and support themselves and their families. ASB SEE also distributed humanitarian aid to these families which consisted of beds, mattresses with beddings, kitchen utensils, stoves and fire wood. The total value of these projects amounts to € 447,100. These projects were carried out in close co-operation with the Association of Refugees and Displaced Persons in BiH, Association of the citizens of Zvornik and local authorities.

In Serbia and Montenegro, ASB SEE completed the construction of an apartment block with 24 apartments in the Municipality of Leskovac. These apartments were built for 22 refugee families and two socially-vulnerable families. By constructing this building, ASB provided durable solutions for those families who decided to remain in Serbia and, at the same time, improved their living conditions. In addition, ASB SEE distributed humanitarian aid such as stoves, beds with beddings, pillows, blankets, sinks and kitchen utensils along with fire woods. The total value of these projects amounts to € 376,310. The Municipality of Leskovac provided additional € 123,500 to this project.

In the Republic of Croatia, ASB SEE also carried out the emergency repair of 33 houses in the Municipalities of Zadar and Šibenik, Lika and Northern Dalmatia. By repairing these houses, ASB SEE enabled 33 Serbian families to return to their pre-war homes and assisted them also in improving their income situation through economic measures (distribution of multicultivators,



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agricultural tools, power saws and cattle) and humanitarian goods (cooking stoves, beds with beddings, chairs and tables, kitchen utensils etc.). The total value of this project is € 251,960.

Since 1992, ASB SEE has been providing assistance to sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons in the South Eastern Europe region through emergency repairs of destroyed houses, mine-clearance, reconstruction of social infrastructure and provision of humanitarian aid with funds from the German Government. Until now, ASB has implemented projects funded by the German Government for a total value of € 38 million and reconstructed more than 1,461 houses in South Eastern Europe.

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