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GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FUNDS EMERGENCY REPAIR OF ADDITIONAL 13 HOUSES FOR ROMA/ASKALI FAMILIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRIZREN, KOSOVO

The Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) has recently received new funds from the German Foreign Ministry, under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, to carry out the emergency repair of 13 houses cat. 1-3 for Roma/Askali returnee families in the Municipality of Prizren, Kosovo. The value of this project amounts to € 160,536. This project commenced on 1 September 2007 and will be finished in February 2008. This project is done in close co-operation with the municipality of Prizren.

By reconstructing their houses, ASB SEE will improve the current living conditions of 13 Roma/Askali families and also increase their chance to get better integrated into their ex-residential areas in the municipality of Prizren where they lived before the outbreak of the military conflicts. This project will also contribute to the reconciliation process with the majority population in Kosovo and encourage other Roma/Askali families to return in the future.

This project is a continuation of a project in the Municipality of Prizren with funds from the German Government which was successfully completed at the beginning of this year. Under this project, ASB SEE carried out the emergency repair of 30 houses cat. 1-3 for Roma/Askali families along with sustainability measures. The total value of these projects amounted to € 347,890.

Since 1992, ASB SEE has been providing assistance to the sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons in the SEE region through emergency repairs of destroyed houses, mine-clearance, reconstruction of social infrastructure, and the provision of humanitarian aid with funds from the German Government. Until now, ASB SEE has implemented projects funded by the German Government valued at € 40 million and reconstructed more than 2,332 houses in SEE.

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The Stability Pact is based on key experiences and lessons from worldwide international crisis management. Conflict prevention and peace building can be successful only if they start in parallel in three key sectors: the creation of a secure environment, the promotion of sustainable democratic systems, and the promotion of economic and social well-being. Only if there is progress in all three sectors can a self-sustaining process of peace be achieved. In the founding document, more than 40 partner countries and organisations undertook to strengthen the countries of South Eastern Europe "in their efforts to foster peace, democracy, respect for human rights and economic prosperity in order to achieve stability in the whole region". Euro-Atlantic integration was promised to all the countries in the region.