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German Government funds emergency repair of an additional 30 houses in the Municipality of Zvornik

The Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) has recently received funds from the German Foreign Ministry, under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, to carry out the emergency repair of 30 houses cat. 1-3 for Muslim returnee families in the Municipality of Zvornik, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina. As well, funding for sustainability measures has been included. The value of this project amounts to € 260,055 of which € 207,500 is being provided by the German Foreign Ministry, € 26,991 by ASB Germany and € 25,564 by the Canton of Sarajevo.

As well as reconstructing returnees' houses, ASB SEE will provide the returnees with sustainability measures to help them generate their own income and in this way, guarantee the long-term prospects of their return. Based on individual abilities and needs, ASB will distribute agricultural machines, tools and livestock as well as additional humanitarian goods.

This project is a continuation of two former projects in the Municipality of Zvornik with funds from the German Government which were successfully completed at the beginning of this year. Under these projects, ASB SEE carried out the emergency repair of 42 houses cat. 1-3 for Muslim and Serbian returnees along with repair to the technical infrastructure, economic assistance and the distribution of humanitarian goods. The total value of these projects amounted to € 447,100.

Since 1992, ASB SEE has been providing assistance to the 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 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 of € 38 million and reconstructed more than 1,461 houses in South Eastern Europe.

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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.