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Head of the EU Liaison Unit visits the village of Sredska in the Municipality of Prizren, Kosovo

On Tuesday, 29 September 2006 the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in Kosovo hosted the visit of Mr. Georgio Mamberto, Head of the EU Liaison Unit, to the village of Sredska in Prizren Municipality for the purpose of handing over the keys to 10 Serbian beneficiaries of the latest EAR project "Sustainable Return and reintegration". During a short ceremony of handing over the keys of the 10 new houses, Mr. Mamberto was accompanied by Minister Ardian Djini responsible for environment and spatial planning and Deputy Minister Nazmi Fezja of the Ministry of Returns and Community and Rural Affairs.

"For Kosovo to be truly multi-ethnic we need you to return and play an active part in our vision for Kosovo. I sincerely welcome you all today and commend you all on your courageous decision by returning", said Minister Djini at the ceremony. During the tour of one of the completed houses, Mr. Mamberto asked the beneficiary Jelisavka Markovic "Are you happy with your new house?" and she replied, "Happy? Oh, yes I am very happy with it. I know I will be very happy here."

ASB in Kosovo is in the process of completing the above-mentioned EAR project for the return of 70 Kosovo Serbian and Bosniak IDP's families from Serbia to their homes in the Zhupa/Bistrica Valley in the Municipality of Prizren along with the reconstruction of their houses, connection to water and electricity, distribution of food and non-food items, capacity and tolerance building. In addition, ASB is assisting in the closure of the remaining collective centres in Brezovice in Kosovo. The total value of this project amounts to € 1.22 million.

Since 2000, ASB has reconstructed more than 1,919 houses in Kosovo and implemented projects in the field of emergency relief, rehabilitation of social and public infrastructure as well as sustainability measures and capacity building valued at € 15.5 million funded by EAR, German Government, UNDP, Norwegian Government and direct funds from ASB headquarters.

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