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## ASB Organises "Project Cycle Management Based on Logical Framework, Proposal Writing and Fundraising" Workshop in Neum

Under the CARDS 2003 programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and its component of capacity building of the return-related local authorities, civil and business sectors, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in BiH organised a workshop entitled "Project Cycle Management Based on Logical Framework, Proposal Writing and Fundraising" which was held at the Hotel Stella in Neum from 28 November until 3 December 2005. There were 85 participants including representatives of ten target municipalities, representatives from Sarajevo Canton, Bosansko-podrinje Canton and Unsko-sanski Canton, representatives from the Ministries for Return of Refugees and Displaced Persons for the two Bosnian entities, Association of Displaced Persons and Refugees of BiH (ADPR), BK-2001 and Refugee Return Service (RRS), representatives from the Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency and Prijedor Economic Development Association as well as ASB staff.

The workshop was led by the "Izbor Plus" training and consultancy company, a BiH non-governmental organisation which provides training and consulting services in the field of institutional strengthening of civil society and education of governmental institutions and individuals.

In 1992, the European Commission adopted the Project Cycle Management (PCM) as its primary set of project design and management tools which is based on the Logical Framework Approach. PCM is a complex process and teamwork, negotiation and communication is needed in order to have an effective PCM.

The aim of this workshop was to train the participants in independent design, management and evaluation of the projects which will be carried out in the near future by the municipal authorities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The workshop was created to enable the participants to understand the basic elements of Project Cycle Management (phases, actors and documents), a concept of planning using the Logical Framework Approach and to gain skills in creating the Logframe Matrix which are all crucial for their future independent creation and management of projects related to return, reconstruction and development in their local communities.

"In light of recently started negotiations between BiH and the European Union (EU) on the future accession of BiH to the Euro-Atlantic integration, the local authorities, civil and business sectors have to ultimately build and increase its operational and technical capacities related to direct preparation, design, implementation and evaluation of projects which will be financed by the EU in BiH in the forthcoming years and which are directly related to fulfilment of conditions which are set by the Community for BiH", says Elmir Bojadžić, Regional Director of ASB South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE).

Currently ASB in BiH is in the process of finalizing the EU-funded project under the CARDS 2003 Integrated Return Programme valued at € 5.25 million which includes three different projects: IRP-1-SA (Municipalities of Centar, Novo Sarajevo and Novi Grad), IRP-2-SA (Municipalities of Goražde, Stari Grad, Iliđža and Visoko) and IRP-4-NW (Municipalities of Bihać, Prijedor and Sanski Most).



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Under this programme, ASB in BiH will have reconstructed 396 houses with associated technical infrastructure, created 158 new jobs and 157 livelihood opportunities along with capacity building of local authorities and NGOs.

Since 1991, ASB SEE has implemented € 141 million worth of projects in South Eastern Europe with funding from the European Union and individual member states, reconstructed more than 7,692 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance.

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