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ASB FINALISES THE EU-FUNDED SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAJUR AND KUKURUZARI, THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Under the CARDS 2004 programme, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in the Republic of Croatia has recently finalised the implementation of the EU-funded project to provide social services to the elderly through the home care services in the Municipalities of Majur and Kukuruzari in Sisačko–Moslavačka County in Croatia. This project was implemented in co-operation with the local non-governmental organisation "Novi Svijet". The value of this project was € 281,090 of which € 232,349 was provided by the European Commission (EC), € 43,741 by ASB and € 5,000 by the Municipality of Donji Kukuruzari.

The aim of this project was to improve the provision of social welfare services to the elderly in the Municipalities of Majur and Kukuruzari and build the capacities of the NGO "Novi Svijet" to provide a variety of social services. ASB selected 140 elderly beneficiaries (from the Municipality of Donji Kukuruzari and 122 from the Municipality of Majur who were in dire need of social and health care services and included them in this project to receive social services such as medication delivery, medical and administration services, basic house maintenance (grass cutting, small repairs and painting), firewood chopping and stacking, and transportation to medical treatment facilities. The beneficiaries mainly live in remote villages and hamlets in these two municipalities and the afore-mentioned services were provided by a mobile social team set up by NGO "Novi Svijet" and ASB. The mobile social team consisted of 10 people (one nurse and eight care takers and one driver) who carried out a variety of social services. This assistance significantly improved their living conditions and enabled these elderly beneficiaries to continue a comparatively self-sustained life.

Within this project, ASB also increased the participation of civil society organisations in the extension of providing existing social services to beneficiaries in need of in partnership with and co-funded by the Croatian regional or local institutions - social service providers. ASB also shared its in-depth knowledge and vast experience in providing social services from Germany to its partners through a variety of courses, study trips and on-the-job coaching in order to assist the elderly in a more efficient way.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented projects valued at € 83 million in Croatia with funding from the European Union and individual member states. ASB rebuilt more than 4,235 housing units for DPs and refugees and carried out numerous projects in the fields of mine-clearance, technical, social and economic infrastructure, sustainability measures and capacity building.

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