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ASB SEE constructs an apartment building in the Municipality of Pančevo with funds from the German Foreign Ministry

With funds from the German Foreign Ministry (GFM) under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, the office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) will construct an apartment building with 20 apartments in the Municipality of Pančevo, Serbia. These apartments are intended for 18 refugee families and two vulnerable social welfare cases. The Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Displaced Persons and ASB SEE are closely working on the implementation of this project. The total value of this project amounts to € 287,385 of which € 260,000 is being provided by GFM and € 27,385 by ASB. The contract between the German Foreign Ministry and ASB SEE was signed on 16 May 2006 and the reconstruction works will be completed by February 2007.

By constructing this building, ASB SEE will provide durable housing solution for those refugees still living in a collective centre "Centre TON" in the Municipality of Pančevo and for two vulnerable social welfare cases. At the same time, ASB SEE will significantly improve their living conditions and better integration into Serbian society. This will also create new possibilities for refugees to find work and to participate actively in the social life of their community. This building is located in close proximity to administrative and social institutions, local services as well as educational facilities.

A similar project of building an apartment building with 24 apartments in the Municipality of Leskovac was undertaken by ASB in 2005 which helped in vacating a collective centre in this town and provided durable housing solution for 22 refugee families and two socially-vulnerable families.

Since 1992, ASB SEE has been providing assistance to sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons (DPs) in the South Eastern Region through emergency repairs of destroyed houses, mine-clearance, reconstruction of social infrastructure and provision of humanitarian aid with funds of the German Government. Until now, ASB SEE has implemented projects funded by



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the German Government for a total value of € 39.1 million and reconstructed more than 2,300 houses in this region.

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