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OFFICIAL OPENING OF APARTMENT BUILDING FOR SOCIAL HOUSING FOR 17 FAMILIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARAĆIN, SERBIA

An apartment building in Dankovo, the Municipality of Paraćin, constructed by the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) with funds from the German Federal Foreign Office under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, was officially opened on 27 September 2009 by the Municipality of Paraćin in Serbia.

The project has seen the construction of a residential building with 17 apartment units and one common room for 15 internally displaced families from Kosovo and Metohija and two vulnerable local families from the Municipality of Paraćin, Serbia, and it has been carried out in partnership with the Municipality of Paraćin, the Paraćin Centre for Social Welfare, the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees, UNHCR and ASB SEE. This initiative has provided "social housing in a supportive environment" for 17 families which were selected by a joint commission from project partners. The total value of the project amounts to € 314,560, out of which € 252,000 was provided by the German Federal Foreign Office, € 30,000 by the Municipality of Paraćin, and € 32,560 by ASB SEE.

The opening ceremony took place on 27 September 2009 in Dankovo, the Municipality of Paraćin at the newly constructed building and was attended by the representatives from the Municipality of Paraćin led by Mr. Saša Paunović, Mayor of Paraćin, Mr. Elmir Bojadžić, ASB SEE Regional Director, Mrs. Sybille Pfaff, the First Secretary of the Political Section at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Serbia, and Mrs. Svetlana Velimirović, Deputy Commissioner for Refugees at the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees. After the ceremony, representatives from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and ASB SEE received letters of thanks from the Municipality of Paraćin for their efforts in the development of the municipality.

Since 1992, ASB SEE has been providing assistance to the sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons (DPs) 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 € 40 million.

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