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ASB carries out educational workshops in the Municipalities of Bihać, Sanski Most and Prijedor

Under the CARDS 2003 Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in BiH is currently implementing the integrated return project IRP-4-NW in the Municipalities of Bihać, Prijedor and Sanski Most valued at € 1.5 million. This project includes the reconstruction of 124 housing units along with technical infrastructure and the creation of 45 jobs. Special focus is given to strengthening the capacity building of municipal authorities as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and business sectors.

Therefore, in March 2006, ASB carried out three four-day computer literacy workshops in all three project municipalities for staff in need of such training. In addition, ASB donated computer equipment to these municipalities to further improve the efficiency of the municipal administrations. A total of 34 municipal staff was trained in computers basics (13 in Sanski Most, nine in Bihać and 12 in Prijedor). However, there are still many municipal officials in need of basic PC training. After completing the workshops, certificates of completion were distributed to the participants.

At the same time, ASB organised three two-day workshops in these project municipalities for potential beneficiaries of the 2nd level of sustainability measures. These are the ASB housing beneficiaries who are provided with the opportunity to start-up their own businesses. The workshops were organised in co-operation with the local authorities in Bihać, Sanski Most and Prijedor as well as with the technical support of the Local Economic Service Providers (LESP), "BK 2001" and "PREDA".

The aim of the workshops was to get the potential beneficiaries acquainted with the legal requirements concerning the registration procedures as well as with bookkeeping and overall management of such businesses. A total of 61 persons attended the workshops (16 in Bihać, 16 in Prijedor and 29 in Sanski Most), and there is a likelihood that over 10 potential beneficiaries will register their own businesses in the near future.

Under the CARDS 2003 Programme, ASB in BiH is currently in the process of finalising two more projects: IRP-1-SA (Municipalities of Centar, Novo Sarajevo and Novi Grad) and IRP-2-SA (Municipalities of Goražde, Stari Grad, Ilidža and Visoko) along with the above-mentioned project, and will have reconstructed 396 houses with associated technical infrastructure, created 158 new jobs and 157 livelihood opportunities along with the capacity building of local authorities and NGOs. The total value of these three projects amounts to € 5.25 million.

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