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Deputy of SRSG visits the village of Novake

Mr. Charles H. Brayshaw, Principal Deputy of the Special Representative of the Secretary General (DSRSG) visited the village of Novake in the north of the municipality of Prizren. The purpose of his visit was to be informed about the largest organized minority return to Kosovo since 1999 facilitated by the ASB office in Prizren.

A traditional lunch took place in the recently renovated village school, where Mr. Brayshaw was informed about the problems which were solved in the past in order to make the return possible. Mr. Branko Gligorevic, spokesperson of the village of Novake, emphasized the positive elements of the project, but stated that there is still a lot to be done especially in the political arena for the returning community of the entire Kosovo.

Afterwards, Mr. Brayshaw went on a walking tour through the village guided by Mr William Foxton, Head of ASB Mission in Kosovo, and learned of the projects components of Novake and as well of future intentions for organized minority return. The Novake project was realized with funds from the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR), UNHCR, Norwegian Government, German Government, Office of Returns and Communities (ORC), Serbian Co-ordination Centre (CCK) and the Municipality of Prizren. ASB was the lead agency supported by the implementing partners International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), Mercy Corps, KFOR-CIMIC, Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) and International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

ASB has been active in Kosovo since 1999 and has reconstructed more than 1,400 houses as well as schools, roads and other infrastructural utilities. One of the most challenging projects was the reconstruction of the village Novake, which is considered as successfully implemented project of sustainable minority return to Kosovo.

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