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ASB SEE CONSTRUCTS AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARAČIN, SERBIA WITH FUNDS FROM THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY

The office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) has recently received funds from the German Foreign Ministry (GFM) under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe to close down the collective centre "Ambulanta Popovac" in the Municipality of Paračin and provide durable solution for 17 families through the construction of an apartment building with 17 housing units in the Municipality of Paračin, Serbia. The total value of this project amounts to € 314,560 of which € 252,000 is being provided by GFM, € 30,000 by Municipality of Paračin and € 32,560 by ASB SEE. The reconstruction works will be completed by February 2009.

The Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Municipality of Paračin will be closely working with the ASB office in Serbia on the implementation of this project which will be done in accordance with the Serbian social welfare "Foster" programme, which provides accommodation for extremely vulnerable families. By constructing this building, ASB SEE will provide durable housing solution for 15 refugees still living in the collective centre "Ambulanta Popovac" in the Municipality of Paračin and for two vulnerable social welfare cases from the same municipality. ASB SEE will significantly improve their living conditions and better integration into the Serbian society.

A similar project of building an apartment building with 20 apartments in the Municipality of Pančevo was undertaken by ASB SEE with funds from GFM in 2006 which helped in vacating a collective centre "CENTRE TON" and provided durable housing solution for 18 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 from the German Government. Until now, ASB SEE has implemented projects funded by the German Government for a total value of € 40 million and reconstructed more than 2,332 houses in this region.

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