

# A BETTER LIFE TO IDPs AND RETURNEES



EU SUPPORT FOR THE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND RETURNEES

## EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT

The European Union (EU) is the biggest donor of assistance for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees. Since 2001, the EU has donated more than EUR 90 million<sup>1</sup> to support economic independence, decent housing and legal rights of refugees, IDPs and returnees in Serbia.

The **13 grant projects** are part of a wider programme, *EU support for the sustainable solutions for internally displaced persons and returnees*, which is providing assistance for the improvement of the living conditions of *internally displaced persons and returnees under Readmission Agreement in Serbia and the sustainable return of IDPs to Kosovo\**. The EU funded these projects with 5,650,000 EUR while the Serbian national budget co-funds with 350.000 EUR.

The projects are implemented in partnership with the local self-governments and international and national civil society organizations, in cooperation with the **Office for Kosovo and Metohija and the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration** as main beneficiary institutions.

The activities started in June 2018 and will last 2 years.

Monitoring of the activities of the grant projects is carried out through the Technical Assistance Project, which is assisting the EU Delegation and two national beneficiary institutions during the duration of these grants. The technical assistance is implemented by a consortium led by KMOP.

<sup>1</sup> [http://europa.rs/infographics/?lang=en#prettyPhoto\[gal\\_2\]/4/](http://europa.rs/infographics/?lang=en#prettyPhoto[gal_2]/4/)

## HOW ARE WE PROVIDING SUPPORT?

Eight projects are implemented in cooperation with the **Commissariat for Refugees and Migration** and provide support for the improvement of the living conditions and social inclusion of IDPs and returnees from readmission process through:

- Providing durable housing solutions, economic sustainability and economic empowerment for IDPs and returnees;
- Social and economic inclusion of IDPs and returnees who have chosen to stay in Serbia, promoting sustainable concept of (re)integration of returnees and IDPs.

The internally displaced persons and returnees are also receiving:

- Building material packages for housing rehabilitations or repairs;
- Prefabricated or village houses;
- Educational training programs and
- Economic support packages for starting or extending their business activities.

The projects are also supporting the implementation of **Local Action Plans in Serbia as a mechanism in decision making process for reaching long terms goals** which are important for solving the social inclusion issues of IDPs and returnees, in the areas of housing, employment, health care and education.

## AFTER ONE YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

### HOUSING SOLUTIONS

**23** families are receiving prefabricated houses, 15 IDP families and 8 returnees families;

**31** IDP families are receiving construction material packages to improve their houses;

**11** IDPs and 4 returnee families are receiving support for purchasing village houses;

### ECONOMIC SUPPORT

**39** IDP families have received economic support to start their own business;

### JOB RELATED TRAINING

(vocational training and business related training)

**180** IDPs and returnees have attended business related trainings

**42** IDPs and returnees completed vocational educational training;



## WHO IS IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECTS?

The **eight projects** implemented in cooperation with the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration are:

**SUPPORT TO IDPs AND RETURNEES IN 4 LSG IN CENTRAL SERBIA THROUGH PROVISION OF DURABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES**

(Arbeiter-SamariterBund (ASB) in partnership with the City of Kruševac and Municipalities of Čičevac, Arandelovac and Ub)

**SUPPORT TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF MOST VULNERABLE IDPs AND RETURNEES**

(HELP in partnership with the municipalities of Prijepolje, Tutin and Vladičin Han)

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR IDPs AND RETURNEES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP**

(Initiative for Development and Cooperation (IDC) in partnership with the City of Smederevo and unicipalities of Velika Plana, Smederevska Palanka and Kovin)

**ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL AND FINANCIAL AUTONOMY OF ROMA RETURNEES AND IDPs THROUGH COOPERATION ON THE LOCAL LEVEL**

(Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) in partnership with the Municipality of Niška Banja and Standing Conference Roma Citizens Association (SKRUG))

**SUPPORT TO DIGNIFIED HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS OF IDPs AND RETURNEES IN SERBIA**

(Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in partnership with the City of Kragujevac, the City of Čačak and the Municipality of Gornji Milanovac)

**NOVI PAZAR FOR BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS OF IDPs AND RETURNEES**

(City of Novi Pazar in partnership with the Muslim Humanitarian Organization "Merhamet - Sandžak")

**BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS OF IDPs AND RETURNEES IN ZVEZDARA**

(City Municipality of Zvezdara in partnership Association of refugees and displaced persons "Zavičaj")

**SECOND GENERATION**

(Educational Center Leskovac in partnership with Municipality of Kursumljia and Municipality of Vrnjjacka Banja)



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<sup>\*</sup>This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence