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Estimated results:

1. Individual Housing Solutions provided to refugees supporting their local integration choice and to IDPs enhancing their living conditions.

A total number of 122 vulnerable refugees and IDPs families/approx. 1036 individuals will be provided with individual housing solutions.

2. Enhanced Living Conditions ensured to extremely vulnerable IDPs, refugees and to a limited extent of domicile individuals, by provision of apartment units in socially protected conditions.

3. Sustainable Livelihoods Opportunities of Refugees, IDPs and extremely vulnerable domicile population through income generation activities; 80 vulnerable families/approx. will be supported through income generation activities and business counselling.

Project beneficiaries are vulnerable refugees and IDPs in the municipalities: **Grocka, Raca, Arandjelovac, Mladenovac, Velika Plana, Smederevska Palanka i Kladovo.**

All municipalities support National Strategy for Resolving the Problems of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons and actively participate in the development of municipal strategies and implementation of action plans in collaboration with the Commissariat for Refugees of the Republic of Serbia.

Main project activities: Distribution of 100 sets of construction material; ~Supply and construction of 22 prefabricated houses; ~Construction of 28 apartment units in socially protected environment; ~ 80 agriculture inputs and other types of grants and vocational trainings and business counselling.



Mladenovac –income-generation activities, February 2010.



Mladenovac - business counselling, November 2009.



Grocka – construction material installation, February 2010.

Construction material installation

Step-by-step implementation process :

- ~ Presentation of project components
- ~ Announcement of the call for applications
- ~ Reviewing and screening of applications
- ~ Field assessment
- ~ Preliminary list of cases
- ~ The Joint Selection Commission
- ~ Final selection of beneficiaries
- ~ Complaints period
- ~ Bill of quantities
- ~ Construction material procurement
- ~ Construction material delivery
- ~ Monitoring of construction material installation

Construction material distribution

Progress by municipality



Mladenovac, DRC field visit, construction material installation, November 2009.

Grocka and Mladenovac

The installation of material delivered by the Danish Refugee Council for 14 families in Grocka and 16 families in Mladenovac is almost completed.

Raca i Arandjelovac: 10 beneficiary families for construction material assistance were selected in Raca and 18 families in Arandjelovac.

The construction material delivery to final beneficiaries was contractually agreed upon with the supplier for the months of April and May 2010.

Velika Plana: The evaluation of the applications and field visits to 41 applicants is ongoing. The DRC engineer and social worker are assessing applicants' vulnerability, as well as the state of their property. Final Joint Selection Commission is planned for the second half of April. Tender procedure is planned for May upon which the delivery of construction material will be conducted.

Kladovo: This project component was presented to the residents of one of the largest collective centers in Serbia and there were no interested candidates for this project component.

Smederevska Palanka; DRC will coordinate activities with the NGO 'European Perspective' which is presently implementing this project component on the territory of Smederevska Palanka municipality.

Supply and installation of prefabricated houses

Since the beginning of the Project, the presentations were held in all the Project involved municipalities: **Grocka, Mladenovac, Raca, Arandjelovac, Velika Plana, Smederevska Palanka and Kladovo**. Presentations were organized in cooperation with the Municipality (Trustee for Refugees), and the information was posted on bulletin boards in Municipalities, collective centers, Trustee offices and local radio stations as to notify the largest number of beneficiaries.

Mladenovac: Beneficiaries of this component are the residents of Collective Center 'Napred' (20 families / 57 refugees and IDPs). The Municipality provided 4 construction plots with infrastructural solutions which greatly supports the implementation of the project.

Necessary preparations for further implementation of this component were performed within the timeframe. Construction works will follow immediately after obtaining the necessary construction permits from the Secretariat for Urban Planning and Construction of the City of Belgrade.

Grocka: Families from Collective Center 'GIK Banat barake' will be the beneficiaries of this Project component. Together with one more beneficiary family granted with construction material, all CC residents will solve their housing problems and thereby enhance their living conditions.

The process of necessary building permits acquisition is ongoing.

At up-to-now held Joint Selection Commissions for beneficiary selection in municipalities: **Mladenovac, Grocka, Arandjelovac, Rača, Velika Plana, Smederevska Palanka and Kladovo**, 19 beneficiaries were selected. Final verification of the targeted 22 beneficiaries follows at the Joint Selection Commission held in April.

Current challenges: Due to the transfer of responsibilities in the issuance of necessary technical documentation in the project involved municipalities falling under the jurisdiction of the City of Belgrade, beneficiaries have difficulties in obtaining documentation needed for the provision of grants and this, to certain extent, affects the commencement of construction activities. DRC is closely monitoring the situation in close cooperation with the Commissariat for Refugees RS.

Construction of social housing in protected environment

Velika Plana: Weather conditions put on hold the construction works which commenced in October. At present, works are being resumed to its full intensity. The Joint Selection Commission comprising the members of Municipality, the Center for Social Work, Commissariat for Refugees, UNHCR and DRC was formed. The Rule Book and Announcement were finalized and published in March.



Velika Plana - construction site, social housing in protected environment, March 2010.

Raca: The construction site was opened on 1 March 2010. After the unfavorable weather conditions, the construction works were intensified in the second half of March.

Income generation activities

This component is directly implemented by the local **NGO 'Bozur'**.

Mladenovac i Raca: The delivery of grants was executed during February 2010. In the planning of income generation activities, beneficiaries showed interest in various grants: motor cultivators, greenhouses, tool kits, confectionery equipment, etc. The first vocational trainings involved 24 beneficiaries from Mladenovac and Raca.

Arandjelovac: Field visits to 35 pre-selected applicants were completed. During the month of March, Joint Selection Commission took place and approved 19 applications. Business counseling was organized during the third week of March.

Velika Plana: The presentation having been held, a number of 57 families applied for participation in income generation activities project. The field visits are ongoing.

Smederevska Palanka: In the following period, potential beneficiaries from this municipality will be introduced with the possibility of being awarded income-generation grants.

