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EU Floods Recovery Programme in BiH



Background

In May 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) experienced its worst floods in recorded history. Heavy rainfall of 250-300 liters per square meter triggered sudden and extreme flooding by several rivers – Bosna, Drina, Una, Sava, Sana, Vrbas - and their tributaries, while also activating thousands of landslides. Urban, industrial and rural areas were submerged for days and weeks resulting in displacement of thousands of households. The total economic impact of the disaster is estimated at 2.04 Billion EUR or 15% of BiH's GDP in 2014.

Programme Overview

The EU Floods Recovery Programme was launched in August 2014 with an aim to restore normal living conditions in flood affected local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Programme is worth **43.52 million Euro**, out of which the EU provided 42.24 million Euro. It consists of multiple components aimed at assisting the rehabilitation of flood-affected areas, which entail:



- ◆ emergency reconstruction of dwellings for the most vulnerable and marginalised people affected by the floods;
- ◆ immediate restoration of vital public sector infrastructure and reinstatement of key public services;
- ◆ rehabilitation of communal infrastructure in selected affected communities;
- ◆ revitalisation of the local economy and agriculture production; and
- ◆ assessment of risk of new floods and landslides potentially affecting private dwellings to inform appropriate response by institutions at all levels of government.

The Programme will run until the end of February 2016 and will produced positive results for **over 500,000 people**.

The Programme targets to rehabilitate a total of **4,669** objects:

-  **4,400** private dwellings;
-  **112** schools and kindergartens (including furniture and equipment);
-  **6** healthcare care centres;
-  **5** social welfare centres;
-  **3** municipal administration buildings;
-  **109** communal roads and bridges and **4** disaster risk reduction measures; and
-  **31** water and sanitation facilities.

The Programme is further helping the rehabilitation of :

-  **95** small and medium enterprises; and
-  over **1,100** agricultural holdings, which will help retain and generate more than **3,530 jobs**.



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EU Floods Recovery Programme in Šamac

Šamac was among the most affected local communities by the May 2014 floods—much of the municipality was submerged with water receding only after three weeks in some areas.

As a result, some 4,500 homes were damaged, with critical local service providers suspending operations as a result of damages sustained; some 19,000 municipal inhabitants were left without access to essential services. In addition, most of the arable land was flooded and numerous farms destroyed.

Following the end of emergency operations, the EU Floods Recovery Programme was swiftly deployed with the mandate to restore normal living conditions for all residents through almost **3,5 million** EUR worth of rehabilitation projects.

Programme achievements in Šamac

From August 2014 to October 2015 the Programme with all its five components delivered the following results:

Housing



238 houses were rehabilitated through emergency housing assistance providing homes for more than 620 most disadvantaged people.

Public facilities



3 Schools: Primary School "Šamac", Satellite School "Tišina", and Secondary School "Nikola Tesla" were fully rehabilitated (including furniture and equipment) and started operating between September and December 2014 enabling **870 students** to resume their education, where as the Primary School "Crkvine" received new sports and laboratory equipment, as well as new furniture.



The Health Care Centre "Šamac" was rehabilitated by November 2014 and began providing services to all municipal residents (19,000 people).



The Municipal Building was rehabilitated by October 2015.

Communal infrastructure



1 bridge Tolisa in Gornja Slatina was rehabilitated in February 2015.

Livelihoods support



New equipment, machinery and vehicles were provided to the "MMB INEXCOOP doo" (animal feed producer) and its 23 employees managed to re-establish pre-floods production levels by September 2015.



3 commercial agricultural, 6 grain, 1 table egg producers, as well as **48 farming holdings** were assisted in restoring production between May and October 2015.

The recovery works continue on additional 139 houses, 1 bridge and 1 local road, where as further support is being provided to agricultural producers and farming holdings.

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