



Flood Recovery:

**FIRST  
FAMILIES  
MOVE IN TO  
THEIR NEW  
HOMES**

# ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR 227 HOUSEHOLDS



Contract signing ceremonies with the beneficiaries of Flood Recovery - Housing Interventions Programme who are to receive additional support in the area of economic empowerment were held during November 2018. In total, 227 households from 35 municipalities and cities in BiH fulfilled requirements to receive this additional support.

Economic empowerment encompasses support in the area of agricultural production, as well as employment and self-employment. All households are also participating in the housing interventions part of the Programme where they will receive secure accommodation through construction of new and reconstruction of existing housing units.

„During all these years, European Union has supported the development of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We continue to provide help where it is needed the most" said Richard Máša, Head of Cooperations in the Delegation of European Union to BiH.

„The Programme will not stop at merely providing roofs over heads of the most vulnerable families. Through its economic component, we will work to provide a sustainable source of income that matches the needs and available resources of the eligible families" said Sukhrob Khoshmukhamedov, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in BiH.

Signing of the contracts with the beneficiaries of support in the area of employment and self-employment will be organized in the upcoming period.





Bego Suljić has been unemployed for 14 years. "Life is a struggle" says Bego standing in front of his house, while his children are inside, getting ready for school. His six-member family survives from agriculture. "I plant fruits and vegetables. I also have a cow" Bego explains and adds "Cow rules. She earned me my first money".

Record breaking floods that hit Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2014 aggravated the life of this family: the landslide has damaged their home and they can not afford to repair it. When Public call for beneficiary selection for Flood Recovery – Housing Interventions was published, Bego fulfilled all preconditions and submitted his application. This Programme will secure housing for almost 3,000 people by building new houses and repairing damaged ones. After the beneficiary selection was finalized, livelihood needs assessment of all households was conducted in order to secure stable and sustainable income for the most vulnerable families in the areas of agriculture production, employment and self-employment, all in accordance with capacities and needs of each family.

Suljić family is one of more than 200 families who will, beside the improvement of their living conditions, receive economic support. Since family is already working in agriculture, special support package was designed for them that will help them facilitate and advance their agricultural production. "This help means a lot. It will strengthen the budget. It will strengthen us" says Bego.



## CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST HOUSES COMPLETED

First families have already moved in to their new homes built as part of the Flood Recovery Programme. One of these families is six-member family of 60-year old Ilija from Bijeljina. Window from his new living room looks at Ilija's previous home: humble barrack that suffered much damage in 2014 floods. "There were 50 centimeters of water, everything got destroyed" remembers Ilija. After four years, Ilija will spend this winter in secure and dry home.



Construction and reconstruction of housing units is in process in order to accommodate almost 3,000 people in 44 municipalities and cities in BiH.

## ABOUT FLOOD RECOVERY - HOUSING INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME

The catastrophic floods, the worst in the last 120 years, hit Bosnia and Herzegovina in May 2014. The floods affected one quarter of its territory and approximately one million people.

In order to alleviate the effects of this natural disaster, Flood Recovery - Housing Interventions Programme was designed. This Programme aims to **provide housing solutions for almost 3.000 people** whose homes were destroyed or damaged in 2014, as well as **improve livelihood opportunities of the most vulnerable families**.

This 15 million EUR worth Programme is financed by the European Union in the amount of 12.5 million EUR, in cooperation with the Government of Federation of BiH, Government of Republika Srpska, UNDP and local authorities. Programme is implemented by UNDP in BiH together with International Organisation for Migrations (IOM), Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), Hilfswerk International Austria (HWA) and partner municipalities and cities.

**Programme is implemented in 44 municipalities and cities:** Banja Luka, Bijeljina, Bratunac, Brod, Cazin, Doboј, Doboј Istok, Domaljevac-Šamac, Donji Žabar, Goražde, Gračanica, Gradiška, Jezero, Kakanj, Kalesija, Kostajnica, Laktaši, Lopare, Maglaj, Modriča, Novi Grad, Odžak, Orašje, Petrovo, Prijedor, Prnjavor, Sapna, Srbac, Srebrenik, Šamac, Šekovići, Šipovo, Teslić, Tešanj, Travnik, Tuzla, Ugljevik, Vareš, Vlasenica, Vogošća, Zavidovići, Zenica, Zvornik and Žepče.



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## FLOOD RECOVERY - HOUSING INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME



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Flood Recovery - Housing Interventions Programme represents the next phase in the EU's efforts to alleviate the catastrophic effects of the 2014 floods. First phase of the Programme, implemented from August 2014 to February 2016, achieved impressive results improving the lives of 610.000 people all over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This Programme supports following Sustainable Development Goals:



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