



Livelihood support

helps recovery of flood

affected families



Almira Hadžić, Zavidovići

Almost one hundred greenhouses with accompanying equipment and seedlings were distributed to families affected by 2014 floods and landslides as part of the Flood Recovery - Housing Interventions Programme's economic empowerment, financed by the European Union.

"This greenhouse means a lot to us" says Almira Hadžić from Zavidovići showing neat lines of peppers and tomatoes that she planted in it. "Our lives will improve. Person feels different when she earns money with her own hands".

After detailed process, Hadžić family consisting of Almira, her husband and their three sons ages 18, 10 and 7 fulfilled the conditions to participate in the Programme. As part of the Programme, their house, that was flooded in 2014, was repaired, and the family also received agricultural support package: greenhouse with all necessary equipment and seedlings.

Although they have been working in agriculture for many years, this is the first greenhouse for Hadžić family.

"I am a beginner in the greenhouse production" admits Almira and immediately adds how she wants to "learn everything". With this in mind, Program provided experts for all beneficiaries of the agricultural support package who will lead families through the process of greenhouse production. "Without the expert, I would not know how to do it myself. I write down in my notebook everything he tells me so that I would have the information for coming years as well" says Almira. Hadžić family is one of many that are being helped by the Programme: almost 3.000 people will be provided with safe housing options through construction of new and rehabilitation of damaged houses, while 200 families will receive livelihood support. Livelihood support is focused on socially and economically vulnerable households and will enable them to have sustainable and stable income sources in agriculture and self-employment.

For seven-member family of 47-year old Goran Janković from Gradiška, greenhouse is of great help. „This greenhouse is like a gift for us, a spring board for future" explains Goran. „Person can no longer work in agriculture without a greenhouse".

As soon as the vegetables rippen, both families plan to sell most of it and thus improve their financial situation.

"I am overjoyed, you helped me so much!"
says Vahidin from Zavidovići.

Vahidin is beneficiary of Flood Recovery Programme who also fulfilled conditions to receive economic support. Besides having new house built for him and his family, Vahidin received motocultivator that will make their life easier and enable them to earn additional money.

Vahidin Karajbić, Zavidovići





**EU AND UNDP DELEGATION VISITS ŠAMAC:
THE RESULTS THAT CAN BE
SEEN ARE IMPRESSIVE**



Ambassador Wigemark meets Milica Vočkić

Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, Head of the Delegation of the European Union (EU) and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Deputy Resident Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sukhrob Khoshmukhamedov, visited the municipalities of Šamac and Domaljevac-Šamac to witness the results of the EU and UNDP assistance for the recovery of these municipalities after the 2014 floods.

The full-day visit began in the town centre where Šamac Town Hall, the Health Centre, and Šamac Elementary School are located. They were all renovated as part of the EU Floods Recovery Programme. Following that, the delegation visited the family of Milica Vočkić in Novo Selo. Their family home was destroyed in the 2014 floods, and a new home was built for them through the programme financed by the European Union in cooperation with partner municipalities and Entity governments.

“This house means everything to me because my life and my children’s lives are better now,” said Milica Vočkić who lives with her two sons, one of whom has multiple sclerosis. “I could have never built myself a house, I just haven’t got the means,” she added.

As part of the Flood Recovery Programme, four housing units have been built in Šamac for families whose homes were destroyed or heavily damaged in 2014, and, to ensure adequate housing conditions, the rehabilitation of 17 homes is underway.

“The European Union was prompt to offer assistance for construction and rehabilitation after the 2014 floods, as well as for Flood Risk Management.” said Ambassador Wigemark. “One of the lessons we have learned is that we can and should cooperate, as the results that can be seen are impressive.”



New home of Vočkić family

Đorđe Milićević, the mayor of Šamac, emphasised the success of the cooperation between Šamac municipality, Delegation of the European Union, and UNDP. “We are very thankful to the European Union and UNDP for all the projects, and I expect our cooperation will become even more successful in the future” said Milićević.

After the visit to Šamac municipality, delegation visited municipality Domaljevac - Šamac where they were also informed on the activities conducted after 2014 floods.

FIVE YEARS AFTER FLOODS

THROUGH JOINT PROJECTS OF EUROPEAN UNION, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND PARTNERS

More than
600.000 people
in BiH supported
in flood
and landslide
recovery

BUILDING NEW AND
REHABILITATING DAMAGED HOUSES

Almost
20.000
people
received safe
housing
solutions

156 schools
and 12
kindergartens
damaged in
floods were
rehabilitated

ALLEVIATING DAMAGES

More than
1.500
agricultural
producers
received
support

SECURING ECONOMIC SURVIVAL

Support
given to
116 small
and medium
size businesses

CONNECTING FLOOD AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

63 bridges
rehabilitated



In the past year, 100 new housing units were built and 376 homes were rehabilitated for families affected by 2014 floods and landslides.



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 (HWI) and partner municipalities and cities.

Programme is implemented in 44 municipalities and cities: Banja Luka, Bijeljina, Bratunac, Brod, Cazin, Doboj, Doboj 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.



FLOOD RECOVERY - HOUSING INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME



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.

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