



EU FLOODS
RECOVERY
PROGRAMME



FACTSHEET



Background

In May 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina experienced the worst floods of the last 120 years. Huge amounts of rainfall of 250 to 300 liters per square meter caused sudden and extreme flooding of several rivers – the Bosna, Drina, Una, Sava, Sana, Vrbas - and their tributaries, as well as landslides. Urban, industrial and rural areas were completely submerged, cut off from electricity and roads and transport facilities were damaged. A vast number of houses were destroyed damaged or left underwater, leading to a significant number of displaced households. In sum, the total economic impact of the disaster is estimated to have reached 2.04 Billion EUR or 15% of BiH's GDP in 2014.

Programme Overview

The EU's Flood Recovery Programme, launched in August 2014 is worth **43.52 million Euro**, out of which the EU's contribution is 42.24 million Euro. The programme consists of multiple components aimed at assisting the rehabilitation of flood-affected areas, which entail:

- ◆ immediate restoration of vital public sector infrastructure and reinstatement of key public services;
- ◆ emergency reconstruction of dwellings for the most vulnerable and marginalised people;
- ◆ revitalisation of the local economy and agriculture production; and
- ◆ rehabilitation of communal infrastructure in selected affected communities.

In addition, the EU is financing the retention and generation of up to **2,000 jobs** in small and medium enterprises, and in the agriculture sector.

The **EU Floods Recovery Programme** is funded by the European Union, and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Organization for Migrations (IOM).

The Programme targets the rehabilitation of a total of 4,221 objects, out of which:



4,000 are private dwellings for the most vulnerable and marginalized people affected by the floods



90 are schools and kindergartens



3 are municipal administration buildings



4 are healthcare care centres



4 are social welfare centres



100 are communal roads and bridges



10 are water and sanitation facilities



EU FLOODS RECOVERY PROGRAMME MAP



What have we accomplished so far? (Programme update as of 08 December 2014)

Public Facilities

- Rehabilitation works on **54 public buildings** have been completed, majority of which are schools, prioritised due to the start of the school year.
- More than **25,000 students** have benefited from the programme.
- Rehabilitation works are **currently ongoing in 32 public facilities**, and another **32 public buildings** are in different stages of procurement or project design.
- The Programme envisions the completion of **90 facilities** by 31 December.
- The Programme is expected to exceed its target of rehabilitating **101 critical public service providers** affected by the floods by an additional **17 public institutions**.
- Flood affected schools and kindergartens are also being refurbished with furniture and teaching aids.

Housing

- First **411 dwellings** have been rehabilitated for the most vulnerable people under the first phase of the housing component (emergency housing support), and works are on-going in **419 housing units**.
- Some **2,000 people** have been able to return to their homes as a result of the assistance, to include residents of temporary shelter facilities.
- **3,000 beneficiaries** are selected through public calls in 24 municipalities with participation from local governments and social welfare centres.
- Parallel to the public call, **1,000 homes** are slotted for **immediate rehabilitation** based on priority lists provided by target municipalities and temporary shelter facilities.
- A total of **1,000 housing units** are foreseen to be rehabilitated by the end of 2014.

Livelihoods

- **56 partner companies** have been selected to receive assistance through the programme as a result of a public and competitive process.
- Total amount of funds to be disbursed as part of the support to SMEs amounts to **1.43 million EUR**.
- Through SME assistance, **1,860 jobs** are expected to be retained or created thus exceeding original expectations (1,300).
- **700 agricultural holdings** are being assisted in recovering their productive capacities and no fewer than 500 will be integrated into local and regional value chains to maximize revenue and sustainability.

Communal infrastructure

- Rehabilitation works on **18 infrastructure projects** have been completed (bridges, watersupply facilities and roads), **38 are currently in progress** and another **18 are in the pipeline**.
- A minimum of **30 roads and bridges** will be finalized by 31 December.

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