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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 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

**Background**

In May 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina experienced the worst floods of the last 120 years. Huge amounts of rainfall of 250 to 300 meters 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.

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).
Public Facilities

- Rehabilitation works on 46 public buildings have been completed, majority of which are schools, prioritised due to the start of the school year.
- Rehabilitation works are currently ongoing in 39 public facilities, and works on the new group of 31 public buildings are expected to start shortly.
- The Programme aims to complete rehabilitation works on 90 public facilities by the end of the year with the vast majority being educational institutions. The Programme is also currently focusing on healthcare centres, municipal administrative headquarters and centres for social welfare which provide valuable services to the growing number of vulnerable individuals and families in the affected areas.

Housing

- First 251 dwellings have been rehabilitated for the most vulnerable people under the first phase of the housing component (emergency housing support).
- Rehabilitation and preparatory works under the emergency housing support phase are currently ongoing in 835 households across flood-affected areas.
- The selection process for the first public call of beneficiaries (1,270 to be selected) is in final stages with field verification currently ongoing. The municipalities covered comprise Bijeljina, Šamac, Doboj, Maglaj, Orašje, Ožjak, Brčko District and Domaljevac.
- Data entry of applicants from the Public call for housing assistance in additional 11 municipalities (Sanski Most, Prijedor, Banja Luka, Laktasi, Tuzla, Zvinice, Modrica, Srebrenik, Lukavac, Zenica and Zepce) for rehabilitation of additional 1,079 housing units started this week.
- A total of 1,000 housing units are foreseen to be rehabilitated by the end of 2014.

Livelihoods

- A total of 458 applications for SME recovery assistance was received after the public call, and 56 have been selected for assistance after a thorough verification process. Total amount of funds to be disbursed as part of the support to SMEs amounts to 1.47 million EUR.
- Through SME assistance, 1,908 jobs are expected to be retained or created thus exceeding original expectations (1,300).

Communal infrastructure

- Rehabilitation works on 15 objects have been completed (3 water and sanitation facility, 5 bridges and 7 roads).
- Works on 12 projects are currently ongoing, with a majority of them expected to be finalised by mid-November. Additional 35 projects are in the procurement process.
- In total 68 projects have been selected for rehabilitation as of now in 33 municipalities which have been were surveyed. Additional 17 municipalities will be surveyed by the end of the year.

For more information visit EU Floods Recovery Programme web site www.europa.ba