

Type of Project:	<b>Education School</b>	Country:	<b>Kosovo</b>
Approach:	<b>New Construction</b>	Realisation Year:	<b>2002 - 2003</b>
Project name:	School in Lubovishte	Version:	1
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### Initial Situation, Context

Lubovishte is a small village in the Municipality of Dragash, inhabited by Gorani minority. The school of this village is a satellite of the school in Dragash town. Until 2003 the school-kids from grade 1-4 had to attend their classes in a single classroom of the old building in the village center. But the very bad shape of the building with its dark rooms was no longer acceptable. In 2001 SDC selected this school as a minority project to support the return of minorities back to Kosovo. The lack of an appropriate plot of land, owned by the municipality, delayed the implementation for nearly 2 years.

### Goals, Beneficiaries

One of the main objective of SDC in Kosovo since 1999 is the promotion of voluntary return of refugees. While most of the ethnic Albanians Kosovars have returned in the meantime, the majority of other ethnic communities such as Romas, Askhalis, Egyptian, Goranis. Muslim Slavs and Turks did not so far. Therefore it was decided by SDC to start a program to facilitate the return for Non-Serbian communities living in Switzerland and in parallel to improve the condition of such a community living in Kosovo, focused on RAE and Goranis as the most disadvantaged group.

### Approach

Objective of this program was the improvement of the existing school system in Kosovo, in particular for the Non-Serbian community by rehabilitation or reconstruction of a school in a remote and rural area. The project included the design and the construction of a new school building with two classroom, offices for teachers, a library and with the necessary sanitary facilities. The construction was executed by a contractor. When ever possible, the contractor employed beneficiaries from the minority and/or other local people from the community.

### Partner(s)

- Ministry of Education, Sciences and Technology (MEST)
- Municipal Directory of Education
- Municipal Directory of Urbanism, Building and Reconstruction
- Local village council
- School Council

## Implementations/Results

The project included the design and the construction of a new school building with two classroom, offices for teachers, a library, an entrance hall for multipurpose use and the necessary sanitary facilities.

### Construction

Traditional brick construction with reinforced concrete structure (pillars, beams and slab) and external thermal insulation (8 cm). Floors in classroom with linoleum, in other rooms with artificial tiles. Floor construction on an cement layer over 10 cm thermo insulation. All walls inside and outside the building are plastered and painted. Wooden roof construction with hydro insulation, covered with tiles. Doors and windows in wood (double glass).

### Cost, Financing

Financed by FOR (Federal Office for Refugees) and SDC. Total cost CHF 265'488. (= CHF 666.-/m2)

### Problems/Constraints

Most problems occurred with the contractor who often ignored the instruction given by the SDC housing office.

### Lessons learned      What was useful in the approach?

The change from metal sheet or Canadian tiles to local tiles and the simplifying of the roof structure was a success.

### Lessons learned      What should be done different next time?

There is a need for more time to check the architect's detail design and the tender documents.  
We should have included the external works as well in the tender.  
The contractors should also be checked for their management abilities.

### Preconditions and Limitations for this approach

- To find the relevant minority community in Kosovo willing and able to be involved in such a program.
- Close cooperation with Local Authorities and Municipal representatives.
- A construction office with the administrative and technical capacity to implement such a project.

### Evaluations

MTR 2003, but the practical evaluation will be obtained from the school department. Nevertheless it would be useful to do a post evaluation after one year to check if the maintenance program is applied.

### For further information

<b>Recommended Contacts:</b>	François Poffet, SDC Housing Office Pristina
<b>Recommended Institutions:</b>	SDC/HA desk Europe + CIS
<b>Recommended books/reports:</b>	SDC/HA Fact Sheet June 2002: "The Swiss Contribution"
<b>Relevant other projects (links):</b>	Similar SDC/HA projects all over Kosovo

**Annex:** (technical drawings, schemata) see page: -