

Type of Project: Shelter Housing Durable Solution	Country: Bosnia BIH
Approach: Repair, Reconstruction	Realisation Year: 2004/2005
Project name: Elderly Peoples Home Jablanica	Version: 1 Date: November 2005



Initial Situation, Context

Ten years after the war ended, Bosnia BIH remains confronted with the problem of displaced persons (DPs). While the pace of returns has increased in recent years, many of the DPs continue to reside in Collective Centres (CC) where they await durable solutions for their housing problems. These CCs provide, for the most part, only the most basic accommodation. Many are converted facilities such as former schoolhouses, closed hotels, barracks or housing containers.

A disproportionately high percentage of the CC caseload in Jablanica are elderly people, couples or single persons, without family support. Another group of vulnerable individuals in this CC are female headed families. Most of these residents are living in very poor conditions since years, losing their prospects for reintegration into a normal life step by step. They have no real chance for a successful return to their place of origin. A local integration is indicated.

Goals, Beneficiaries

The overall goal of the project was to contribute to the closure of the two remaining CCs in Jablanica and to give a durable solution for elderly CC residents in need of custody. The project targets 30 elderly, mostly single persons, unable to return of their place of origin. They are not able to live without custody and wish to be locally integrated. Selected are those without any regular support or financial means. The selection was done in close cooperation with UNHCR and the local authorities (municipality + canton).

Approach

Conversion of a former public owned kitchen for refugees into a elderly peoples home. 12 housing units for 30 residents from former CC in Jablanica. Start of the project in May 2004, Handing over in February 2005. The project constructed a new first floor on the former single floor building.

Partner(s)

Direct implementation by SDC-DuSoCC program management

- Project office STARI GRAD in Mostar
- Municipality of Jablanica
- UNHCR Sarajevo

Implementations/Results

Ground floor of 395 m²:

Entrance hall with reception desk, staircas/elevator, dining hall, TV room, kitchen, laundry, administration, nurse's and physicians room, toilets, technical room (heating)

First floor of 480 m²:

Lounge/corridor/elevator, 12 housing units with 6 individual bathrooms accessible for wheelchairs, sickroom,

Cost, Financing

The total building cost are 286'678 EUR, participation of the Municipality of Jablanica about 90'000 EUR.

for 875 m² = 328 EUR/m²

for 30 residents = 9'556 EUR/resident.

Problems/Constraints

Registration of the new elderly peoples home as a public institution at the court and the responsible ministry lasted 9 months due to modifications of relevant rules and regulation. Result: enormous delay of the start up of the new home (November 2005).

Lessons learned What was useful in the approach?

The direct implementation by SDC-DuSoCC program management without implementing partner. The location of the home in the middle of the town is a good opportunity for the residents of the home.

Lessons learned What should be done different next time?

The nursing staff should have been involved in the planning process. The local authority has to get clarity about the extent of the future cost for operation and maintenance right from the beginning of the planning process. Handle along walls, safety improvements for elderly people in the elevator, bath and toilets, lifting facilities, emergency call equipment, etc. should be planned from the beginning. Existing norms have to be applied and, if necessary, adapted to the context.

Preconditions and Limitations for this approach

A commitment of the municipality to make a suitable building available. An intergovernmental agreement CH-BIH stipulating BIH authorities commitment to finance all running cost, to keep the institution in operation and to guarantee a free access for everybody in need regardless of ethnical or religious background.

Evaluations

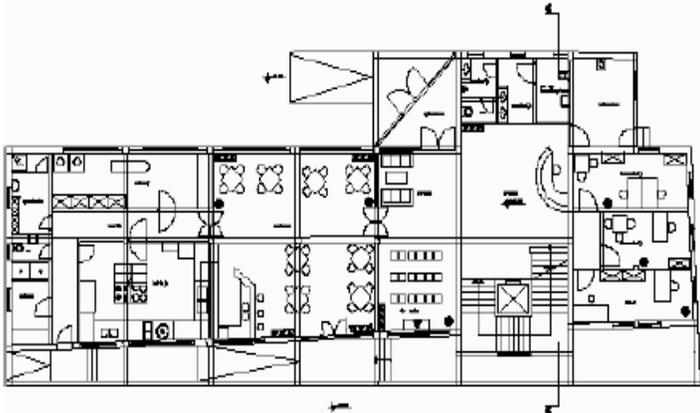
Joint Evaluation SDC/UNHCR of DuSoCC programme April 2002 (EESS Mission Report 02/09). Final evaluation by E. Rüegg and H. Herrmann in November 2005.

For further information

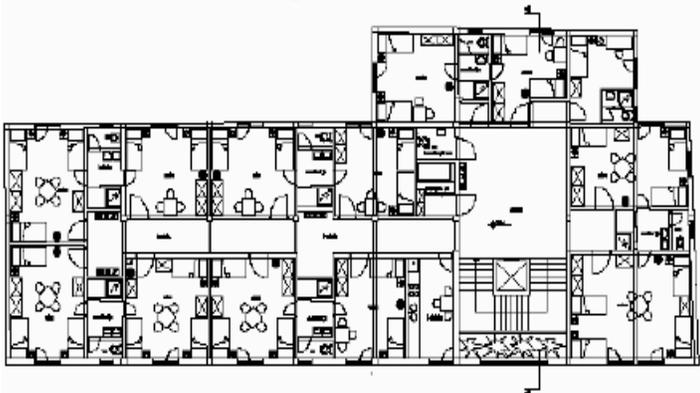
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Recommended Institutions:	SDC/SHA Bern, Desk CIS
Recommended books/reports:	DuSoCC Briefing Kit 2004, Flyer "The Swiss Approach"
Relevant other projects (links):	Similar SDC/SHA project in Serbia-Montenegro

Annex: (technical drawings, schemata) see page:





ground floor



upper floor