

Type of Project:	Shelter Housing Durable Solutions	Country:	Kosovo	
Approach:	Contracted Reconstruction	Realisation Year:	2003 - 2004	
Project name:	Duso – Dubrave (Istog)	Version:	1	Date: 2004



Initial Situation, Context

The village of Dubrava (5km from Istog) was badly destroyed during the conflict. From a population of about 1'750 inhabitants in 1998, (60% K-Albanian, 8% K-Serb, 2% K-Bosnian and the rest mainly Ashkali), there are currently remaining about 1'000 inhabitants.

The general concept for this project was developed by DRC (Danish Refugee Council), with the assistance of GOAL, ICMC (International Catholic Migration Commission), CDHRF, Haxhi Zeka, UNMIK ORC (Office of Returns and Communities) and UNHCR.

Goals, Beneficiaries

The overall goal of the programme was to contribute to a sustainable return and reintegration of K-Ashkali families coming from Montenegro to Dubrava village in Kosovo.

Approach

The work includes: 28 new build houses all from category V, build by contractors, the rehabilitation of the Cultural Centre (For tolerance building activities, training etc); external works (sports field, fence, play ground etc), done with participation of local population; return assistance (in cooperation with DRC), income generating programme (in cooperation with ICMC); the electricity connection including two new transformers, the water distribution network.

Partner(s)

The following partners participated in this programme:

- FOR, (Federal Office for Refugees) for the financing of the project.
- UNHCR for selection and return support.
- DRC (Danish Refugee Council) for return support and for tolerance building activities, training etc
- ICMC (International Catholic Migration Commission) for support in Income generating programmes
- UNMIK/ORC (Office of Returns and Communities)
- Other humanitarian actors like GOAL, CDHRF and Haxhi Zeka.
- Municipality of Istog, for administrative support, building permits etc.
- Local Representatives of the village.
- The contractors Ekonkos, Çeta, Vendi and Mirembajtja for the execution of the project.

Implementations/Results

Construction of 28 new build houses (All the families are living now in their new houses). Rehabilitation of the Cultural Centre where all communities are doing many activities; sports field renovation, electricity distribution network; water distribution; and participation also in the Income Generation Programme in agricultural and other fields as well as a return support with food and cash.

Cost, Financing

Financed by FOR. Total cost: € 465'660.00 (CHF 698'490.00)

Construction of 28 houses € 331'340 (€ 11'833 per unit)

Cultural Center: € 35'740

Water supply: € 13'184

Electricity distribution: € 43'410

Return support: € 14'755

Income generation: € 15'431

External works, sports € 11'800

Problems/Constraints

In general there were no problems during the implementation of the project and as well no delays. The tripartite agreements for 23 families were signed in the beginning of August, the rest in the beginning of September. 2003.

Another general Tripartite Agreement was signed between SHA, UNMIK Municipal representative and Local Municipal representative. We had verbal agreement with other parties (ICMC and DRC) that they will do also the balancing works (for both communities), but at the end they didn't do that.

Lessons learned What was useful in the approach?

The improvement of the standards in the houses was very much appreciated by the beneficiaries. The provision of tools and equipments (Income Generation Programme) allowed them to cultivate their plots and to make a profit. The hundred Euros per family given as return support was highly appreciated and improved their start restart of life. This package-solution made the chosen approach more sustainable.

Lessons learned What should be done different next time?

Before we start with implementation of the project we should get from other partners in a written form the engagement that they will do in the programme. The income generation component was not potential enough to provide a substantial income.

Preconditions and Limitations for this approach

- The first precondition was to support return and reintegration of RAE refugees.
- Close Cooperation with local Authorities. (Municipality: Directorate for Reconstruction, Cadastre, Urbanism, Partner NGOs etc.)
- Construction Office with administrative and technical capacity to implement the project.

Evaluations

None

For further information

Recommended Contacts:	Coof Pristina
Recommended Institutions:	SDC/SHA, desk Europe +CIS
Recommended books/reports:	SDC/SHA Fact Sheet June 2002: "The Swiss Contribution
Relevant other projects (links):	Similar SDC/SHA Projects in Kosovo/Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia

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Electrical Supply



Income generating Programme



Sport fields



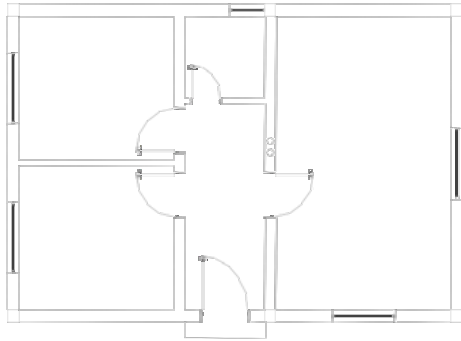
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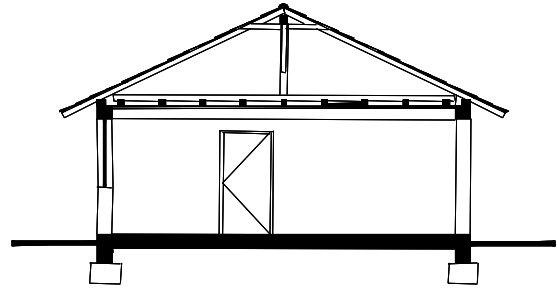
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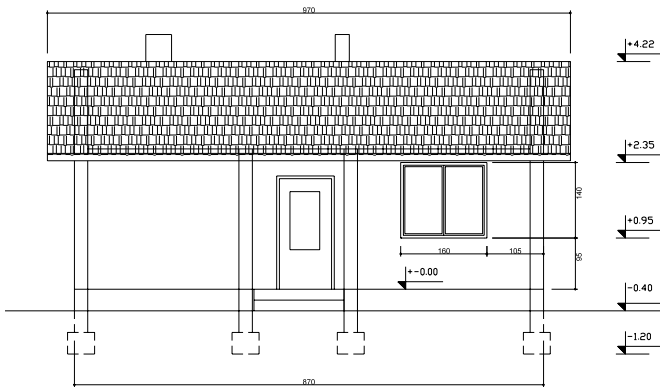
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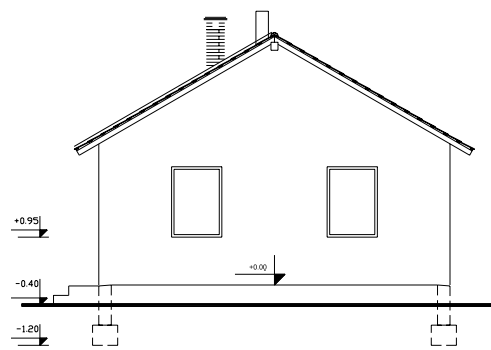
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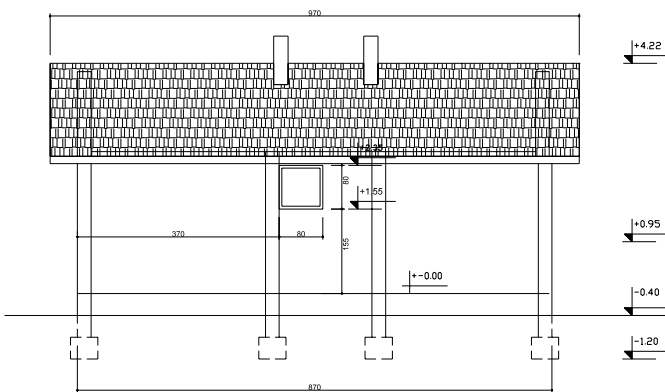
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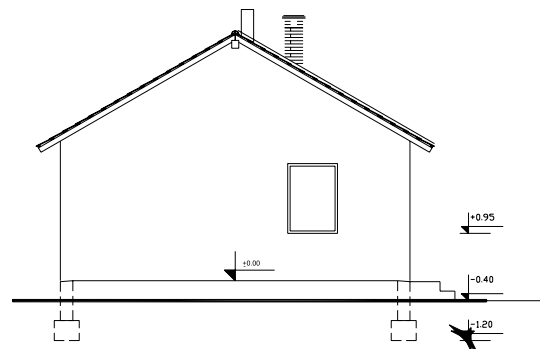
Entrance façade



Side façade 1



Back façade



Side façade 2

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Project name:	Minority Return Program Dubravë	Version:	1
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Procedures Checklist

General Information

The village of Dubravë, 5 km from Istog, was badly destroyed during the Kosovo conflict. Out of the former population of about 1'750 inhabitant's only approx. 1000 people live today in this village. The ethnic mix of the population was about 60% K-Albanian, 8% K-Serbs, 2% K-Bosnian, the rest splitted in K-Ashkali and Egyptians. Some of the displaced people are today interested to return home but the community has not received so far any assistance and up to now there are no ongoing activities in the area for income generating, community development or rehabilitation of infrastructures. There is an urgent need to stabilize and develop the community and to support the returnees by creating an environment conducive for future return.

Goals, Beneficiaries

In February 2003 a "Go and See Visit" was organized for the heads of 14 potential Minority-families intending their return. A meeting with the community leaders and political representatives of Dubravë was organised for these families. The president of the Municipal Assembly motivated the IDPs to return.

The overall goal of this program is to support a sustainable return and reintegration of K-Ashkali families from Montenegro to Kosovo in Dubravë. The program includes the following elements:

- Reconstruction of 14 houses for returnees from Montenegro (damage-category 5)
- Rehabilitation of the Community Centre (for tolerance building activities, training, etc.)
- Support for external work with labour assistance from the community (septic tank, fence etc.)
- Return assistance (immediate assistance for the returnees in their pre-conflict place)
- Income generating program, mainly in agriculture.
- Support for the electric connection

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1. Problem Detecting: DRC, GOAL, ICMC

- a Is there an awareness of the number of families willing to return to Dubravë?
- b Is there a commitment of the community to support durable housing solutions for returnees?
- c Assessment of the war-affected houses in the village, status of the buildings?

2. Concept: DRC, GOAL, ICMC, CDHRF, UNMIK, UNHCR, SDC

- a Analyse the housing needs of potential beneficiaries (returnees) according existing guidelines
- c Analyse the capacity of potential beneficiaries to contribute physically or financially to the durable solution
- d Analyse the living standards in the remaining local population
- e Analyse the returning process of the beneficiaries
- f Draft of a concept and try to reach consensus among all actors

3. Technical Solution: SDC/UNHCR Initiative

- a Analyse the housing needs of returnees
- b Analyse the past experiences in housing programmes in similar conditions (type of houses etc.)
- c Find solution for rapid relief for arriving families at their destroyed property
- d Develop the layout plan and preliminary design of the house

4. Identification of Beneficiaries: ICMC/MUN/UNHCR initiative, approved by SDC

- a Check the willingness of the returnees to stay in the house/village after return
- b Categorize the damage of the houses owned by the returnees.
- c Select and list the beneficiaries eligible for the new houses

PROJECT STRUCTURE

5. Partnership: SDC + MUN + UNHCR + DRC + ICMC

- a Consensus on the accepted procedure
- b Discuss and agree on criteria for the selection of beneficiaries
- c Selection of the beneficiaries
- d Discuss and agree on tripartite agreement about construction

6. Responsibility (Agreement): All Partners

- a **SDC**: Initiates, funds construction, technical and administrative documentation, assessment of the beneficiaries, implementation, supervision and technical assistance
- b **ICMC/DRC**: Identification of the beneficiaries, damage categorization of the houses
- e **UNHCR**: Identification of the beneficiaries, support the returning head of the families
- f **Municipality**: Identification and selection of the beneficiaries, categorization of the houses

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

7. Selection of Beneficiaries: SDC/MUN/UNHCR

- a Assessment of the beneficiaries (SDC)
- b Checking the property rights of returnees (MUN: urbanism/cadastrre)
- c Selection of beneficiaries made by the Joint Commission
- d Signing the tripartite agreement (SDC/MUN/BEN) and the agreement for cultural centre (SDC/MUN)

8. Building works: SDC + Municipality

- a Organize monthly coordination meeting (MUN/SDC/DRC/ICMC/UNHCR/UNMIK)
- b Find urban planning conditions for the project design and organise urban planning permit
- c Elaborate the main and executing design and documentations
- d Provide technical check-up of all project documents
- e Provide approval from the relevant partners
- f Organise the necessary "Building Permit"
- g Organise Tendering
- h Organise Contracting
- l Open the construction site
- j Run the project monitoring
- k Find and organise the project acceptance
- l Organise the final account
- m Organise the documents for "Permit for use" and handover
- n Return support for beneficiaries (SDC-ICMC-DRC)
- o Income generating support (SDC-ICMC-DRC)

Legend

MUN: Municipality

BEN: Selected beneficiaries

SDC: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

DRC: Danish Refugee Council

ICMC: International Catholic Migration Commission

UNHCR: UN High Commission for Refugees

UNMIK: UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

For further information

Recommended Contacts:	F. Poffet, Head of SDC/SHA Construction Office Pristina
Recommended Institutions:	SDC/HA, desk Europe + CIS
Recommended books/reports:	SDC/HA Fact Sheet June 2002: "The Swiss Contribution"
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