

Type of Project:	<b>Shelter Housing Durable Solutions</b>	Country:	<b>Kosovo</b>	
Approach:	<b>Contracted works</b>	Realisation Year:	<b>2004-2005</b>	
Project name:	Duso – Istog - Gurrakoc	Version:	1	Date: 2005



### Initial Situation, Context

The lack of space for socially vulnerable persons remains a major problem in Kosovo. This concerns mainly mentally handicapped, elderly and people still living in TCS (Temporary Community Shelters)

The objective of the HA/SHA programme remains the improvement of general living conditions by setting up necessary technical and social infrastructure framework. In 2003 SDC had allocated a budget with an amount of 1'050'000 CHF over two years, for people living on TCS in Istog and Mitrovica. We started 2004 with the programme in Istog Municipality, to continue it in Mitrovica next year.

### Goals, Beneficiaries

Closing of the TCS and reducing the number of IDP and social cases.

The Municipality is also interested in closing the TCS for the following reasons:

- Municipality have the charge of these structures like running, maintaining, security, etc.
- Municipality would like to recover the occupied buildings
- Municipality would like to recover the land used.

### Approach

The project was planned to build 20 new houses (all category 5). During the work, the programme was extended for 5 additional houses. The construction work was done by contractors. For the families which didn't have a land, the municipality gave the families a contract for using the land for 10 years, renewable on request.

### Partner(s)

The following partners participated in this programme:

- FOR, for the financing of the project.
- The Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning in Pristina
- The Department for Economy Development and Planning Istog.
- The Manager of the Gurrakoc camp.
- The contractors Kulla, Çeta, and Evropa for the execution of the project.

### Implementations/Results

Construction of 25 new houses which were immediately occupied after completion, except a few because of the late water and electricity connections.

#### Constructions:

Year 2004. The construction is traditional with blocks and horizontal and vertical concrete beams and pillars, with thermo-insulation on the ceiling, wooden roof structure with hydro isolation and covered with clay tiles; wooden windows. The floor is covered with ceramic tiles in the bathrooms that are completely equipped. The floors on the rooms are covered with wooden boards. The walls are plastered. The electrical installation is included.

#### Cost, Financing

Financed by FOR.

Total cost: € 301'667.90.

Average cost per house : € 11'667.-

Average cost per m2 : € 186.-

#### Problems/Constraints

In general there were no problems during the implementation of the project and as well no delays. The tripartite agreements for 20 families were signed on Mid 2004. For the 5 additional cases the tripartite agreements were signed almost two months later because the municipal authorities were late in supplying the lists for selection of the families. The municipal authorities of Istog provided land to be used by the families which didn't have a land. We had difficulty for the connection of water and electricity in one village' because it was the responsibility of the municipal authorities and they were late. In another village, the problem was to fix up the limits of the plots and the access road.

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

The improvement of the standards in housing was very much appreciated by the beneficiaries as well as the amount of one hundred Euros that we gave to them as a return support. Good site supervision was needed.

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

Before we start to implement the project we shall get from the Municipality in a written form their engagement in providing land to social cases and in connecting those plots to infrastructure (electricity, water and sewerage).

The project was mainly focused on people living in the TCS, but we took as well some other families which were living in tent or prefab hut. We noticed that the people living in the TCS are not always those with the biggest needs. Next time we should give more consideration to people living in very poor conditions no matter where they are.

#### Preconditions and Limitations for this approach

- The first precondition was the request of Bern to support the closing of TCS.
- Close Cooperation with local Authorities. (MESP, Cadastre, Urbanism, etc.)
- Construction Office with administrative and technical capacity to implement the project.

#### Evaluations

The evaluation for housing programmes 2001 to 2004 is going to take place in 2005

#### For further information

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

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