

Type of Project:	Shelter Housing Durable Solution	Country:	Bosnia BiH	
Approach:	Social Housing	Realisation Year:	2004/2005	
Project name:	Elderly People's Flat in Zenica	Version:	1	Date: October 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 Zenica were elderly people, couples or single persons, without family support. Another group of vulnerable individuals in this CC were female headed families. Most of these residents were living in very poor conditions since years, losing their prospects for reintegration into a normal life step by step. They had no real chance for a successful return to their place of origin. A local integration was indicated.

Goals, Beneficiaries

Durable solution for Zenica CC residents. Local integration of elderly and other vulnerable persons.

Reduction of the CC population.

Support to 45-55 vulnerable elderly people from CC, mostly single persons, which are able to live without custody and wish to be locally integrated. Selection of beneficiaries was done in close cooperation with local authorities and UNHCR. Beneficiaries had to be without major financial means, without major regular support and without a housing support from third parties.

Approach

Construction of a 3-storey residential block with 30 small apartments at 38 m² and 12 two-rooms apartments at 50 m² on public owned land in downtown Zenica.

Partner(s)

Direct implementation by SDC DuSoCC program management in Sarajewo. Detailed project by FORMA in Zenica. Contractor: GEOSONDA Zenica.

Furniture donated by Flüchtlingshilfe Langen-Zenica (Pax Christi)

UNHCR Sarajewo

Implementations/Results

Direct implementation by DuSoCC Head Office Sarajewo with local architect and local contractor.
Start of project in May 2004, handover on February 2005.

Cost, Financing

The Elderly Peoples Block in Zenica is an exclusively Swiss funded project, complementary to the DuSoCC programme 1999-2004 implemented by SHA Secondment at UNHCR Sarajewo.

Total cost was 428'074 EUR, (6585 m3 or 2048 m2)

Cost per apartment: 12650 EUR (38 m2) and 16690 EUR (50 m2)

Problems/Constraints

During the excavation works a huge layer of old construction waste was detected. The consequence was additional cost for excavation and foundation works.

Lessons learned What was useful in the approach?

The direct implementation by DuSoCC programme without implementing partner.

Lessons learned What should be done different next time?

Maintenance is not yet clearly solved.

Preconditions and Limitations for this approach

A commitment of the municipality to make a suitable plot of developed building land available. The municipality agreed to give a suitable plot in exchange of 20% of the planned flats for its own purpose. 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 in April 2002. EESS Mission Report 02/09

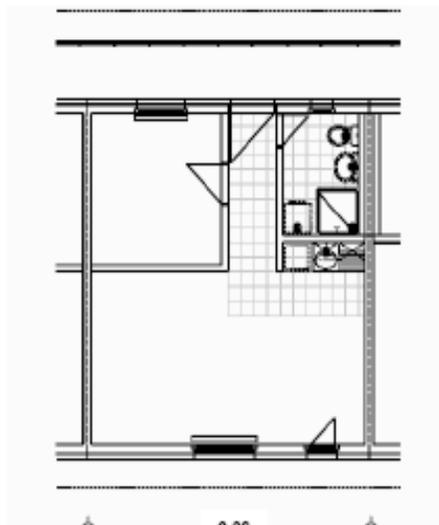
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Recommended Institutions:	SDC/SHA Bern, Desk CIS	
Recommended books/reports:	DuSoCC Briefing Kit 2004, Flyer "The Swiss Approach"	
Relevant other projects (links):	Similar SDC/SHA project in Serbia-Montenegro	

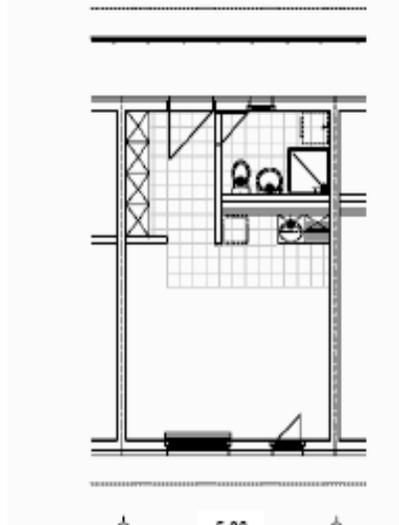
Annex: (technical drawings, schemata) see page 3:



floor plan 63.50 m x 9.00 m



6.60
50 m² standard flat layout



5.00
38 m² standard flat layout