

## “Owner driven rehabilitation of houses for flood affected vulnerable people in Serbia“ Project

### Project overview

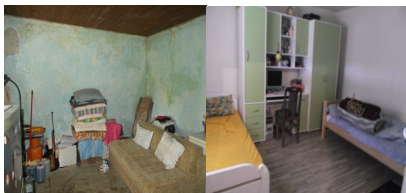
In May 2014, Serbia was affected with floods with 1.345 billion EUR of damages as adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on July 15th 2014. Upon sending an emergency appeal to its traditional and new partners, EHO and HEKS were approved of the Project “**Owner driven rehabilitation of houses for flood affected vulnerable people in Serbia**” funded by Swiss Interchurch Aid - HEKS-EPER, Swiss Solidarity, a Swiss humanitarian relief foundation, and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation - SDC. The Project locations are the City Municipality of Obrenovac, the City Municipality of Lazarevac, City of Šabac and City of Valjevo. As of January 30th 2015, the total worth of the Project is 2.034 million CHF and encompasses rehabilitation of houses for 385 families and construction of 37 new housing units for families in Lazarevac and Obrenovac. The table below presents the overview of the number of families per project location divided into Categories I to IV grants, and the status of the rehabilitation works.

Status of works March 2015	Cat I (up to 1000 EUR)	Cat II (up to 2000 EUR)	Cat III (up to 3000 EUR)	Cat IV (up to 4700 EUR)	Total houses /ULSG
<b>Obrenovac</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>179</b>
Working	10	47	19	1	77
Finished	32	/	/	/	32
To be contracted	11	25	32	2	70
<b>Lazarevac</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>109</b>
Working	18	17	7	/	42
Finished	22	2	/	/	24
To be contracted	8	24	7	4	43
<b>Šabac</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>
Working	/	11	12	/	23
Finished	5	4	/	/	9
To be contracted	/	2	8	5	15
<b>Valjevo</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>
Working	/	9	4	/	13
Finished	3	1	/	/	4
To be contracted	20	5	/	8	33
<b>Lazarevac relocation</b>					<b>16</b>
<b>Obrenovac relocation</b>					<b>21</b>
<b>Total houses</b>				<b>422</b>	

#### Obrenovac

**Rehabilitation:** By the end of 2014, already 32 out of 34 families which received Cat I grants finished works on rehabilitation of their homes. As of January 2015, the list in Obrenovac was extended to include another 30 families, or, in total 144 families for reconstruction in 2015. Another 10 beneficiaries from Cat I are currently working on reconstruction, as well as 47 out of 72 in total from Cat II, 19 out of 52 from Cat III, and one out of 3 Cat IV. In total, 18% of all beneficiaries have already completed the works, whereas 43% are in the process, and 39% are about to be contracted.

**Relocation:** As of January 2015, the Project includes the component of construction of new housing units for 21 families who will be granted social housing scheme for a period of 20 years registered in the Cadastre by the City Municipality of Obrenovac. Majority of these families have been using the temporary shelter in the hotel “Obrenovac” and the military barracks, and they are facing impending eviction in the following period, which is why the Project is answering to their urgent need. The designs and the construction of the units are provided by the Project, whereas the plot is the contribution of the Municipality.



**Water supply:** A substandard Roma settlement located in Stubline, Obrenovac was identified as the biggest regarding the number of families living there, and has a discouraging track record of not having access to water. At the moment, drinking water is being collected at the public taps, with the closest being in the center of Veliko Polje. HEKS/EHO decided to upgrade the living conditions of the 23 beneficiary families by providing access to the sanitary facilities and running water by implementation of a drilled well system as an interim solution until the necessary primary and secondary water supply system network will have been constructed.

**Beneficiary example:** For the family of **Nedeljković Milan** from Belo polje, Obrenovac, the Cat I grant meant that their children shall be sleeping and studying in far better conditions than even before the floods.

### Lazarevac

**Rehabilitation:** As of January 2015, the list in Lazarevac was extended to include another 40 families, in total 87 families for reconstruction in 2015. 22 families from Cat I already finished the works by the end of 2014, whereas another 18 are in process, and 8 are about to begin. As for the Cat II, 2 beneficiaries also finished the works, while 17 are in the process, and another 24 are about to begin. There are also 7 beneficiaries out of 14 from Cat III in total, who are working at the moment.



**Relocation:** As of January 2015, the Project includes the component of construction of new housing units for 16 families who will be granted social housing scheme for a period of 20 years registered in the Cadastre by the City Municipality of Lazarevac. The designs and the construction of the units are provided by the Project, whereas the plot is the contribution of the Municipality. The Project is solving an urgent need of these families, as the majority have been given a deadline of 365 days to vacate the temporary shelter (Dec 2015).

**Beneficiary example:** The house of **Muratović Mirjana**, who is the sole provider for a family of seven with a salary of a cleaning lady at "Kolubara usluge" has to take care of all of them with 190EUR a month. The poor conditions of the house are being improved with our Cat II grant, and the first consideration was to make the installations safe.

### Šabac

**Rehabilitation:** All 5 beneficiaries from Cat I completed works by the end of 2014. By March 2015, another 4 beneficiaries from Cat II also finished works, and another 11 are in the process. Out of 20 Cat III beneficiaries, 12 are in the process, and 8 are about to begin. This means that 49% of beneficiaries are currently working, 32% are about to begin, and 19% completed reconstruction.

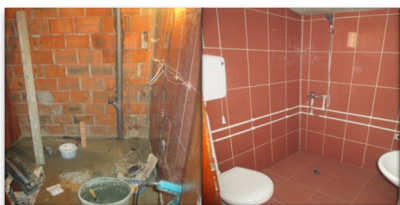


**Water supply:** A substandard Roma settlement located in Pranjavor, Šabac, was identified as the biggest in terms of the number of families living there, and has a discouraging track record of not having access to water. At the moment, drinking water is being collected at the public taps, alike in the settlement of Stubline, Obrenovac. HEKS/EHO decided to upgrade the living conditions of the beneficiary families by providing access to the sanitary facilities with running water by construction of a secondary and distribution water supply system in cooperation with the City of Šabac.

**Beneficiary example:** For **Živka Petrović** from the village of Slepčević, who received our Cat III grant, the work is still in progress, however, how big a difference in the quality of life of this lady will be, we can guess even today.

### Valjevo:

**Rehabilitation:** As of January 2015, the list in Valjevo was extended to include another 9 families for reconstruction in 2015. This intervention also included a re-categorization and the subsequent transfer of 20 beneficiaries from village of Balačka to the annual HEKS project. Therefore, there are 20 beneficiaries from Cat I yet to be contracted, whereas 3 families already completed the works. As for the Cat II, one beneficiary already finished, 9 are in the process, and 5 are to begin. All 3 beneficiaries of the Cat III are in the process. This means that 66% beneficiaries are to be contracted, 26% are working and 8% completed the works.



**Beneficiary example:** **Damjanović Boban** from Dublje, Valjevo, who received Cat II grant, has finished the works on construction of a bathroom which has enabled his family access to sanitary facilities.