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**Overview of on-going and planned IPA funding for post-flood recovery measures in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**1. European Union Flood Recovery Programme (42.24 M EUR), on-going**

With aim to assist local communities in restoring normal living conditions and ensure help reaches the most vulnerable, European Union launched on 15 August the EU Floods Recovery Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina worth EUR 43.52 million, out of which the EU’s contribution is EUR 42.24 million of IPA funding.

Specifically the Programme aims to rehabilitate:

* 4,000 dwellings for approximately 14,000 people
* 90 educational institutions (including pre-school facilities)
* three municipality buildings and four Centres for social welfare
* Four healthcare facilities
* Ten water and sanitation facilities
* 100 local roads and bridges

In addition, the Programme aims to create or retain 2000 jobs through direct support to 700 farmers/agricultural households and 20 enterprises.

As a first priority, the Programme targets rehabilitation of 90 affected educational institutions, including refurbishment of basic equipment and didactic materials benefiting some 40,000 school-children. Rehabilitation works have already commenced in 52 priority educational institutions country-wide.

Out of the three municipality buildings that will be rehabilitated, works are ongoing in Samac, Maglaj and Doboj. As for the four healthcare centres, works have started in Domaljevac, Maglaj and Samac and will soon start in Doboj. The rehabilitation of Centre for social welfare is ongoing in Bijeljina while works in the other three centres are planned to be initiated soon (in Doboj, Maglaj and Samac). These activities are expected to benefit around 230,000 residents of affected communities.

By the 3 October, altogether 34 public facilities were rehabilitated under the auspices of the program and became operational (29 schools, 3 kindergartens, 1 health care centre and 1 social welfare centre).

Due to high interest by prospective beneficiaries, the public call for housing assistance in 8 municipalities (Bijeljina, Samac, Doboj, Maglaj, Orasje, Odzak, Brcko District and Domaljevac) was extended for another seven days until 7 October. So far, through this public call, more than 7,800 applications have been received. Over the reporting period, three international non-governmental organizations (Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund, Hilfswerk Austria and World Vision) have also been contracted to verify and select final beneficiaries from the public call for 1.270 dwellings designated in these priority locations. The first seven private homes that were part of the emergency housing assistance component (Bijeljina) have been completed.

Under the livelihoods support component of the programme, public call for SMEs (<http://www.ba.undp.org/content/bosnia_and_herzegovina/bs/home/presscenter/vijesti/2014/08/29/public-call-for-smes-eu-floods-recovery-programme/>) were published on 29 August in 24 municipalities. The assistance comprises grants to SMEs to facilities their economic recovery in flood affected municipalities. In total, 460 applications from interested SMEs were received from all 24 beneficiary municipalities for the public call for SMEs recovery.

BiH authorities at the State and Entity levels have been invited to appoint their representatives to the Programme Advisory Panel which held its first meeting on 8 October. The Advisory Panel will provide a forum for local authorities, the EU and the implementing partners to exchange information and formulate advice on the implementation of the Programme.

The EU Flood Recovery Programme is aligned with the Recovery Needs Assessment (full text available on <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/news_corner/floods/index_en.htm>), which was conducted by domestic authorities with assistance provided by the European Union, the United Nations and the World Bank.

The Programme is implemented through the United Nations Development Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNDP) until October 2015.

**2. IPA 2014 Special Measures (~ 63 M EUR), planned as follows:**

**(i) 13.5 M from IPA National Programme 2014 for Bosnia and Herzegovina:**

1. **Civil protection - 2,5 M EUR**

The main objective of the project is to improve civil protection capacities for emergency response to natural and man-made disasters.

1. **Civil Society - 2 M EUR**

The aim of this activity is to support the grass roots civil society efforts mostly in small scale social and economic recovery of targeted flood affected areas, small scale awareness rising for flood prevention, as well as ensuring a good visibility of the EU’s assistance in the municipalities. Some 10-15 grants are envisaged, in the amount of ca 100-200 000 EUR each.

1. **SME/Local Development - 9 M EUR**

The project aims at supporting the recovery process of flood affected SMEs and municipalities, and improving SMEs' competitiveness in the context of the integrated local development.

**ii) 27.5 M € from the IPA Regional Programme + additional 20 M € jointly with Serbia**

1. **Flood Protection and Prevention for BiH – 15 M EUR**
2. **Flood Protection and Prevention jointly with Serbia – 20 M EUR**

The Programme aims at supporting urgent priority measures in the area of flood protection and river management, as identified by the relevant water authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels. The Programme will address the mapping of flood risks and floods hazards, the improvement of forecasting systems by the Hydro-meteorological Institutes both in FBiH and RS, and the construction/reconstruction of priority river infrastructure. The Programme is in line with the BH Action Plan for river management and flood protection currently under preparation by a dedicated working group of water authorities led by MOFTER. The Plan sets the strategic framework for a harmonised and consistent approach in this area on a three-year horizon. Additional 20 M EUR of IPA Regional funding, beyond the amount pledged by the EU at the Donors Conference, will be available to finance regional projects in this area jointly agreed by Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1. **Housing programme – 12.5 M EUR**

Through flood special measures, the IPA II assistance 2014 will support the process of post floods recovery and provision of durable housing solutions to the population affected by floods and landslides.

The assistance will be provided through sets of activities aiming to provide housing solutions and livelihood measures to the persons whose houses and flats were damaged or fully destroyed due to the landslides and floods as well as to provide reconstruction of houses.

**iii) 1.75 M EUR from IPA 2012 contracting savings**

Construction, renovation and reparation of courts and prosecutors’ offices, support Justice Sub sector, Measure 1

In response to severe floods which hit Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2014, additional financial assistance in the amount of EUR 1.75 million is required to deal with the consequences of this natural disaster to further support Justice Sub sector, more precisely reconstruction of additional courts that are affected by floods or which have become ready for intervention in the meanwhile. Provision of adequate space and equipment to courts and prosecutors’ offices is crucial for judicial efficiency therefore by investing in an upgrading of the existing judicial infrastructure in BiH it is expected that the efficiency of judicial institutions will increase through having a better organized work flow inthe courts and prosecutors’ offices.