BACKGROUND

Over the past 20 years, Montenegro has provided shelter to displaced persons from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, as well as to internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Kosovo. While some of the displaced persons and IDPs have started to locally integrate, most of them are still in need of durable housing solutions due to their extreme socio-economic vulnerability.

The Montenegrin Government has over the years constructed some 1 300 housing units with the support of international donors; however, this has not been enough to cover the needs. In 2011, the Government of Montenegro adopted the National Strategy for Durable Solutions for Displaced and Internally Displaced Persons, with special emphasis on the Konik area. The Strategy has created a framework for the permanent and sustainable resolution of displacement issues in Montenegro.

RHP OBJECTIVES IN MONTENEGRO

In Montenegro, the Regional Housing Programme (RHP) is expected to provide durable housing solutions to the most vulnerable displaced and internally displaced persons through local integration (5 973 families) or within institutions of the social welfare system (90 families). In total, as per the original scope, 1 177 households (or 6 063 individuals) should benefit from the RHP.

BENEFICIARY FAMILY

Arben Ajvazi fled with his parents and siblings from Kosovo Polje in 1999 and came to Podgorica, where they settled in one of Konik Camp’s tents. He had one severely ill brother and had to leave school in the third grade, in order to help his family. He remained illiterate until he was 19, when he made a deal with the Red Cross employees working in Konik: they promised to offer him a job if he finished school. Arben used this opportunity and became a Red Cross assistant, helping with the organisation of workshops, accompanying children to school, mediating between the Camp families in their disputes...

Arben lives with his wife and two children in a container, while his parents got an apartment in a building at the vicinity of the Camp. Arben’s six-year-old son is autistic and spends most of the time at his grandparents, as the living conditions in a container without bathroom and with improvised kitchen are not adequate for this child’s needs.

Arben is convinced that education is essential for this community’s younger members, in order to overcome the isolation and prejudice and become equal members of the society. He helps the Camp’s pupils in doing their homework, assists in distributing books and clothes and participates actively in youth workshops organised regularly in the Red Cross premises. This young man has now only one wish – to provide decent living conditions for all the members of his family, so that they may stay together.
## FINANCIAL STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS

May 2017

### MNE1
**Construction of two blocks of flats for 62 I/DP families in Niksic**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 08/04/2013 - 06/03/2014
- Total estimated cost: € 2 580 000
- Grant amount approved: € 1 980 000
- National contribution: € 600 000
- Grant amount disbursed: € 1 600 000

### MNE2
**Provision of housing to 171 most vulnerable families from camp Konik 1 and its surroundings, through construction of 17 buildings in the city of Podgorica**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 11/10/2013 - 07/10/2014; extension 07/09/2016
- Total estimated cost: € 6 906 750
- Grant amount approved: € 6 226 622
- National contribution: € 680 128
- Grant amount disbursed: € 5 287 076

### MNE3
**Construction of a home for 68 elderly/handicapped persons in Pljevlja**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 11/10/2013 - 07/10/2014
- Total estimated cost: € 2 231 716
- Grant amount approved: € 1 918 572
- National contribution: € 313 144
- Grant amount disbursed: € 1 709 446

### MNE4
**Construction of 94 apartments for 271 persons in the municipality of Berane**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 20/11/2014 - 28/10/2015
- Total estimated cost: € 3 990 647
- Grant amount approved: € 3 575 780
- National contribution: € 414 867
- Grant amount disbursed: € 834 753

### MNE7
**Purchase of 36 apartments in the municipality of Herceg Novi**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 01/12/2016 -
- Total estimated cost: € 1 065 305
- Grant amount approved: € 918 007
- National contribution: € 147 298
- Grant amount disbursed: € 1 394 694

### MNE8
**Construction of minimum 50 individual houses in various municipalities in Montenegro**
- Grant approval and grant agreement signature: 01/12/2016 -
- Total estimated cost: € 1 544 694
- Grant amount approved: € 1 394 694
- National contribution: € 150 000
- Grant amount disbursed: € 1 394 694

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* Official figure as per the signed Grant Agreement. The final amount will be known at the completion of each sub-project.

May 2017
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SUB-PROJECTS
May 2017

**MNE1**
Construction of two blocks of flats for 62 I/DP families in Niksic

- Beneficiary Selection: Completed
- Start of construction works: May 2015
- Completion: May 2016

**MNE2**
Provision of housing to 171 most vulnerable families from camp Konik 1 and its surroundings, through construction of 17 buildings in the city of Podgorica

- Beneficiary Selection: Pre-selected
- Start of construction works: March 2016
- Expected completion: 2nd half of 2017 for 120 flats

**Additional 51 flats:**
- Start of construction works: May 2017
- Expected completion: 1st half of 2018

**MNE3**
Construction of a home for 68 elderly/handicapped persons in Pljevlja

- Beneficiary Selection: Pre-selected
- Start of construction works: May 2016
- Expected completion: 2nd half of 2017

**MNE4**
Construction of 94 apartments for 271 persons in the municipality of Berane

- Beneficiary Selection: Pre-selected
- Start of construction works: February 2017
- Expected completion: 1st half of 2018

**MNE7**
Purchase of 36 apartments in the municipality of Herceg Novi

- Beneficiary selection: Pre-selected
- Start of construction works: Grant Agreement signature pending
- Expected completion: 1st half of 2018

**MNE8**
Construction of minimum 50 individual houses in various municipalities in Montenegro

- Beneficiary selection: Pre-selected
- Start of construction works: Grant Agreement signature pending
- Expected completion: 1st half of 2018

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**Deliveries by Housing Modality**

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* Estimate
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