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Applying the Human Security Concept to Stabilize Communities in Canton 10

FACT SHEET

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Milestones

2013	Project Inception Phase: September - December
2014	Baseline study: January - February
2014	Project implementation start: March

Project Outline

Project code	CS.0688
Period	September 2013 - August 2016
Donors	UN Human Security Trust Fund
Coordinators	Radmila Radovic Urosevic
Executing Agency	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Joint UNCT project:	UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF and IOM are implementing the project jointly.
Partner Institution	Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH), Canton 10 Government, Center for Social Welfare
Implementing Partner	Federation of BH Red Cross

Project Description

This three-year project seeks to apply the Human Security Concept to stabilise communities in Canton 10 in BH with a particular focus on former refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have returned to the region and face particular challenges and hardships within their reintegration. The project is a collaborative effort of UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, and IOM, and was developed after extensive consultations with cantonal and municipal authorities, other international agencies, civil society, and other relevant stakeholder groups. Although the project is designed to address the needs of returnee populations in Canton 10, which are found to be one of the most at-risk in terms of their economic, social, health, and political security and wellbeing, it also seeks to address the needs of the receiving population by partnering with local municipal and cantonal governments and administrations in order to ensure local buy-in and support, as well as secure the long term sustainability of the project.

The project has five objectives. First, to ensure sustainability by establishing strong partnerships with local authorities and stakeholders through a joint Steering Committee, which will constitute the principal operational partner during implementation. Second, to enhance the capacity of Cantonal and municipal administrations to provide social services and other means of support to vulnerable groups, and develop partnerships between civil society and governmental structures. Third, to bolster the capacities of Cantonal and municipal authorities to prevent discrimination and conflict with a particular focus on the education system. Fourth, to strengthen local community responsiveness to risks posed by mines and other ordinances. Lastly, to develop the capacity of the Canton to make certain that vulnerable groups have equal access to employment opportunities and economic sustainability through activities such as income generation projects and vocational training.

Efforts geared towards facilitating the return and local integration of refugees and IDPs in BH go beyond addressing the imminent human security and human rights issues of these vulnerable groups. The issue of return and local integration in BH is also an issue of conflict prevention and reconciliation in the country. Without finding a durable solution for minority returnees and IDPs, the country will continue to face challenges to its stability that may undermine the very foundation of the post-conflict recovery in BH.

IOM activities:

- Provide advocacy, communication, and lobbying training to civil society;
- Deliver trainings to professionals (e.g. police officers, social workers, teachers, etc.);
- At least one mobile team trained, equipped, and providing Early Childhood Development Services in prioritised municipalities assisting 2,000 children;
- Three (two part time, one full time) Red Cross mobile health teams equipped, trained for increased access to health for vulnerable (mainly elderly) population;
- Procurement of two 4x4 Lada Niva vehicles for mobile health teams;
- Procurement of medical equipment and supplies for three mobile health teams;
- Procurement of equipment for individual producers and small entrepreneurs for small scale income generation (3,000 USD x 40 beneficiaries).