

# UN FLOODS RECOVERY PROGRAMME "DANAS ZA NAS"



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**In May 2014, the heaviest rainfall in more than a century hit Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), causing floods that affected 1 million people and destroyed infrastructure, businesses, livelihoods, farms and crops in around 40 municipalities.**

**In July 2014, immediately after the humanitarian response, the UN Floods Recovery Programme "Danas Za Nas" was launched to re-establish normal living conditions, preserve jobs, support local economies and increase disaster resilience in more than 60 most affected communities. Financed by 28 bilateral donors, this USD 22.6 million worth programme is implemented by the UN agencies focuses on the following areas:**



## CASH FOR WORK

Following the floods, initial estimates showed more than 16,500 jobs were either temporarily or permanently at risk potentially leaving many families without any income. Aiming to assist the most vulnerable, the UN initiated 'Cash for work' programme which mobilized local population, through short-term employment initiatives. Close to **1,238 persons were engaged** in Bijeljina, Doboj, Maglaj, Odžak, Orašje, Žepče, Vareš, Domaljevac Šamac, Šamac, Olovo, Teslić on tasks related to cleaning the flood debris and rehabilitation of landslides and restoring basic communal infrastructure.



## WATER SANITATION PROJECTS

Water Sanitation Projects (WASH) included restoring water, sanitation and sewage facilities as well as technical and portable water supply and sewage systems in Olovo, Žepče, Sapna, Kalesija, Petrovo, Lukavac, Zvornik, Doboj and Maglaj. **Eight public utility (water) companies** have had their services restored through the water sanitation and restoration project. In Žepče, a water cistern was donated and secured **access to water to 31,000 residents**. In rural areas of Sapna, 4,500 people were without water due to land mine movement. The Programme initiated urgent demining to clear the area and able access to the water supply. The Programme is currently also assessing status of sewage systems in areas where they have been destroyed, blocked or completely removed by landslides – including not only the households, but also street water, rain drainage and pipes.



## SAVING SMALL SCALE FARMING

Approximately 70,000 ha of arable and planted land were flooded affecting crops at various stages of development and at a critical time: one month before the harvest of cereals and after the maize planting. Many farmers suffered significant loss of livestock, farm buildings and equipment. Small scale economies were seen as particularly vulnerable. This Programme component has thus targeted over 300 families already active in the dairy value-chain in Zenica-Doboj Canton, and included minimum re-stocking, provision of equipment and construction material, as well as technical assistance aimed at production improvement. Additionally, **1,258 families** were supported with provision of livestock feed. The Programme is currently implemented in Bijeljina, Orašje, Odžak, Vukosavlje, Domaljevac, Doboj, Doboj Jug, Šamac, Kakanj, Kalesija, Sapna, Zvornik, Banovići, Petrovo, Lukavac, Olovo, Čelinac and Kotor Varoš. The greenhouses for vegetables and fruit were installed for **122 beneficiaries** in Bijeljina, Brčko, Maglaj, Prijedor, Šamac, Zvornik, Domaljevac, Gradačac, Gradiška, Sapna, and Olovo. The Programme also aims to re-integrate small greenhouse producers in the market in areas Bijeljina, Brčko, Gradiška, Maglaj, Prijedor, Šamac, Zvornik, Domaljevac Šamac and Gradačac. Only through the FAO Programme, animal feed was distributed to 3036, wheat seeds to 2182, and bovine vaccine and antibiotics to 4663 beneficiaries.



### REHABILITATION OF HEALTH CENTERS

The Programme aims to improve the livelihood of various vulnerable groups through the procurement of essential health equipment in several damaged health facilities. **Four health centers**, in Maglaj, Doboj, Šamac and Domaljevac Šamac, were so far provided with necessary medical equipment and vehicles. The support included **two mobile health units**, sanitary vehicles and vehicles for transportation of patients with dialysis, and those ensuring access to maternal care, particularly for women in rural areas. The Programme will additionally provide primary healthcare centers with physiotherapeutic equipment, ultrasound equipment, sterilizers, spirometer, dental scanner, equipment for mental healthcare center, mammography scanner, and specialized medical vehicles. The primary health centers are located in Doboj, Gradiška, Banja Luka, Kostajnica, Kozarska Dubica, Milići, Petrovo, Prijedor, Nemila, Orašje, Domaljevac Šamac, Banovići, Tuzla, Olovo, Odžak, Šamac and Maglaj.



### STABILISATION OF LANDSLIDES

Following the floods, more than 3,000 landslides throughout BiH were activated causing destruction to some 2,000 houses and disrupting livelihoods. There is a particular demand related to stabilisation of landslides in Tuzla Canton, Zenica-Doboj Canton and several other municipalities in affected areas, and the purchase of specialized equipment for monitoring of landslide movement is necessary. Through the donation of drainage pipes in **11 municipalities**, over **91 landslides** were addressed to date. Through landslide management infrastructural works a school in Vareš and a music school in Žepče were rehabilitated. The landslides were in particular managed in affected areas of in Kakanj, Zenica, Maglaj, Breza, Olovo, Busovača, Vogosča, Kladanj, Vareš, Žepče and Zavidovići.



### SUPPORT TO ELDERLY

Services and facilities for the elderly were either damaged or lacking in many affected municipalities. Aiming to improve their welfare conditions, the Programme reconstructed and equipped **two centers for healthy aging** in Domaljevac Šamac and Modriča.



### REHABILITATION OF THE CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM IN DOBOJ

The Doboj Heating Plant was severely damaged by the flooding, putting at risk **40,000 residents**, over 100 local businesses and public buildings, kindergartens and schools, ahead of the winter season. As one of the priority projects, the central heating system was rehabilitated and operative before the heating season began in October 2014.



### SUPPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION OF BRIDGES AND ACCESS ROADS

A number of priority local infrastructure facilities, such as roads and bridges, vital to connecting communities, were damaged or destroyed in the flooding and landslides. Rehabilitation of small-scale community infrastructure is implemented in areas of Tuzla and Bratunac. To date, **six local bridges were reconstructed**, two in Tuzla and four in Bratunac.

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