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- Roma Housing -

INTRODUCTION

- Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the Decade of Roma Inclusion on 4th September 2008
- 2009 was the first year of implementation of the Action Plan on Roma Housing adopted in July 2008
- The Ministry decided to plan in the state budget 1.500.000 EUR , each year, during the Decade. 1.000.000 EUR was allocated for Roma Housing.

Public call and Commission

- Based on the planned budget means, the Ministry announced Public Call for submitting Roma housing projects , in June 2009. The Public Call lasted for a month.
- The Commission on selection of the projects received 34 project proposals and 9 projects were funded by the state budget.
- The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency –SIDA decided to provide funds for additional 8 Roma housing projects, that met all requested criteria.

Funds

- Besides of the state budget funds and SIDA funds, municipalities and local and international NGOs , as implementers of the projects, participated with their own means.
- Taking into consideration all invested funds in Roma housing in 2009, it was spent totally 2.900.000 EUR.

CRITERIA

- Priority was given to construction of Roma houses, reconstruction and improvement of living conditions and infrastructure.
- The state Roma housing projects are intended for the most vulnerable Roma families.
- All municipalities, cities, cantons, entities, local and international organizations and institutions and NGOs had right to apply with the projects.
- Co-financing was crucial in decision making process by the Commission on selection of the projects.

CRITERIA

- Attention was paid to number of housing units and costs per Roma housing units in the projects.
- Infrastructure connections were obligatory.
- Roma representatives participated in selection process and independent monitoring.
- When a project was approved, Commission on selection of beneficiaries, consisted of: municipal representative, Social welfare centre representative, implementing partner and two local Roma representatives, selected the most vulnerable Roma families, as beneficiaries of the project. The Ministry representatives were observers of the process of selection.

Realisation of the projects

- Approved Roma housing projects in 2009 were realized in 2010 , taking into consideration that the implementers had to respect all legal procedures for selection of construction companies, public procurement procedures, etc.
- Construction/reconstruction of Roma housing units was done in accordance with Regulations on unified housing standards and conditions for reconstruction (minimum living conditions as per legislation).
- In the Regulations, all construction conditions were prescribed (inner walls, roof, isolation, bathroom equipment, infrastructure connections, etc).

RESULTS IN 2009

- **The result of 2009 Roma housing projects are:**
 - **211 Roma housing units constructed/reconstructed/or improved living conditions**
 - **182 Roma families are beneficiaries of infrastructure projects.**

2010

- The Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina planned in the state budget for 2010 the same amount for Roma housing (1.000.000 EUR).
- The Federation Ministry for Spatial Planning joined their means, in the amount of 150.000 EUR.
- In order to receive more Roma housing projects, that would meet all criteria, the Ministry organized regional workshops and trained local authorities and NGOs how to prepare the projects.

2010

- The Public Call for Roma housing projects for 2010 was announced in June 2010 and lasted for a month.
- The Commission on selection of the projects received 41 project proposals and 34 met all requested criteria.
- The Commission on selection of the projects visited all Roma locations proposed in the submitted projects and decided to provide funds for 13 Roma housing projects.

2010/2011

- Realization of the Roma housing projects from 2010 was continued in 2011.
- The Ministry had joined financial means of the Ministry for Spatial Planning of the Federation of BiH in 2011 and decided to finance three projects.
- The budget means have been planned for 2012 as well.
- Realisation of 2010 and 2011 projects is still ongoing.
- In this way, the cycle of selection of Roma housing projects and planning of funds will be continued each year.

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