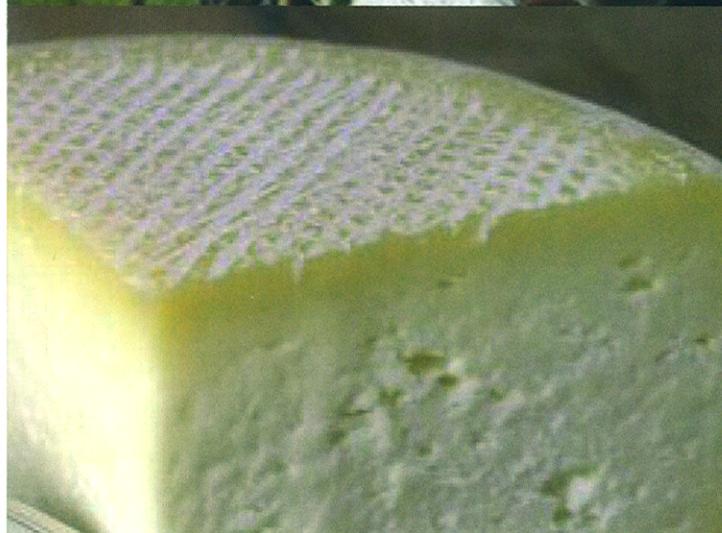


ZDRAVKO BRKAN

Zdravko Brkan se, nakon što je od 1991. godine bio raseljen u Trebinju, sa suprugom vratio u selo Slavogostice 2002. godine, te je sam popravio svoju kuću. Trenutno su jedini povratnici u cijelom selu. Po povratku se porodica proširila za još tri člana. Preko osam godina su živjeli u jako lošim uslovima, bez struje, u potpunom napuštenom selu u općini Ravno. To je inače najsiromašnija općina u BiH koja je pretrpjela velika razaranja tokom rata. Struja je priključena tek u ljetu 2010. godine.

Kako nisu imali prilike da nađu drugo zaposlenje, počeli su da se bave uzgojom stoke i proizvodnjom sira. UNHCR ga je podržao putem svog partnera Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) te je Zdravko postao primjer izuzetno uspješnog povratnika. Obezbiđen je materijal za izgradnju štale i proizvodnju sira, što je u slučaju ove porodice pomoglo u ostvarivanju ekonomске samostalnosti.

Zdravko sada proizvodi tvrdi sir pod nazivom „gruda” koji se čuva u mješavini suncokretovog i maslinovog ulja. Sir prodaje na tržištu Dubrovnika. Zdravkov sir možete naći i na prodajnoj izložbi upriličenoj na Svjetski dan izbjeglica.



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After being displaced to Trebinje in 1991, Mr. Brkan returned with his wife to the village of Slavogostici in 2002, where he constructed their house. They are the only returnees in the village. Since moving to Slavogostici, Mr. Brkan's family has since accommodated three other family members in their house who had lived in appalling conditions and without electricity in an abandoned village for 8 years in Ravno, the poorest and most destroyed municipality in BiH. Their house has been connected to electricity since the summer of 2010.

As both parents are unemployed, their livelihood revolves around their cows whom they use to produce cheese. Zdravko is an example of an extremely successful returnee who has benefited from the support of UNHCR through its implementing partner Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) with the provision of construction materials to facilitate the production of cheese. The materials assisted the Brkan family to become self-sustainable.

Zdravko now produces hard cheese kept in a mixture of sunflower and olive oil, known as “gruda” and he sells it in the Croatian town of Dubrovnik. You can find Zdravko's cheese on sale at the World Refugee Day Bazaar.



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