

SOCIAL HOUSING SYSTEM

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"Hilfswerk Austria International od 2007. godine realizuje projekte socijalnog stanovanja u tijesnoj saradnji sa opštinama i vlastima kantona / entiteta. Projekat 'Sistem socijalnog stanovanja-razvoj integrisanog modela u teoriji i praksi' finansira EU, ali po prvi put i lokalni partneri i Fond za povratak. Njihovo učešće u finansiranju prelazi 40 posto. Projekat će okupiti veliki broj stručnjaka u oblasti stanovanja i prikupiti iskustva međunarodnog nevladinog sektora u svrhu analiziranja i istraživanja na cijeloj teritoriji BiH čiji rezultat će biti studija. U studiji će biti predložen pravni okvir i pravci stvaranja održivog modela sistema socijalnog stanovanja koji je pogodan za BiH. Probna faza projekta obuhvata izgradnju šest zgrada sa ukupno 62 stambene jedinice u šest opština-gradova i u Brčko Distriktu BiH."



**Holger
Schroeder,**
šef Sektora
operacija Delegacije
EU u BiH:

"Evropska unija je dala milion eura za pomoć u razvoju integrisanog sistema socijalnog stanovanja u BiH. Ovaj projekat neće funkcionisati samo na nivou politike, već će pružiti i konkretna rješenja za socijalno stanovanje za 62 porodice u šest različitih opština. Nadamo se da će ova rješenja za socijalno stanovanje postati dobra praksa koja će se moći ponoviti u drugim dijelovima zemlje. Da bi se to postiglo, potrebna je tijesna saradnja sa svim bitnim partnerima, kao i podrška u rješavanju drugih potreba domaćinstava u stanju socijalne potrebe, uključujući pristup obrazovanju, zdravstvenim uslugama, zapošljavanju i minimalnom nivou naknada".



Social Housing System – SHS

O projektu

Hilfswerk Austria International u BiH (HWA) implementira na šest lokacija u Bosni i Hercegovini projekat "Sistem socijalnog stanovanja (SHS) – Razvoj integrisanog modela u teoriji i praksi". SHS projekat je finansiran od strane Evropske Unije i sufinansiran od strane BiH vlasti i HWA. Krajni cilj ovog projekta je doprinos BiH društvenoj stabilnosti kroz poboljšanje sistema socijalne zaštite na svim nivoima vlasti. Analizom postojećih modela socijalnog stanovanja u Bosni i Hercegovini, regionu i Evropi, sa posebnim fokusom na socijalno ranjive kategorije, razvit će se mogući samoodrživi model Socijalnog stanovanja u Bosni i Hercegovini, te isti predstaviti kroz Studiju koja obuhvata analize i daje konkretne preporuke za iniciranje donošenja zakona o socijalnom stanovanju u BiH. HWA projekat realizuje u saradnji sa partnerskom organizacijom Fondacijom Lokalne Demokratije (FLD).

Projekat se implementira u općinama Tuzla, Jablanica, Prozor-Rama i Stari Grad Sarajevo u FBiH, u gradu Bijeljina u RS, te u Brčko Distriktu BiH, sa ciljem da se omogući pristup socijalnim uslugama za ranjive i socijalno ugrožene grupe kroz pružanje trajnih stambenih rješenja, izgradnjom socijalnih stanova za 62 porodice u šest lokacija u BiH (FBiH, RS i Distriktu Brčko).

Ciljne grupa korisnika projekta su ranjive i socijalno ugrožene porodice, kao što su: porodice sa osobama sa invaliditetom, samohrane majke (očevi) sa djecom,

maloljetna djeca bez roditeljskog staranja, civilne žrtve rata, porodice smještene u kolektivnim centrima, privremenim ili improvizovanim objektima, stari i iznemogli, pripadnici manjina, raseljena lica i izbjeglice, beskućnici i drugo, koji nemaju riješeno stambeno pitanje i/ili žive u neuslovnim stambenim jedinicama.

Ukupan budžet za implementaciju SHS projekta, čija implementacija će trajati 20 mjeseci, iznosi € 1.699.567, od čega EU finansira € 1.000.000, a ostatak od € 699.567 finansiraju lokalni sufinansijeri, više nivoa BiH vlasti, i HWA. Osim sufinansiranja, sve administrativne uprave u projektnim lokacijama će dati doprinos u obliku parcela zemljišta za izgradnju, dozvola, infrastrukturnih priključaka, projektne dokumentacije i direktnim učešćem putem aktivnosti u Projektnim implementacionim timovima i Komisijama za izbor korisnika. >>>

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Projekat će direktno pomoći 62 socijalno ugrožene porodice, kojima će se obezbijediti trajno stambeno rješenje u 6 navedenih lokacija. Procjenjuje se da će ovaj program, pored direktnog uticaja na korisnike programa, putem iniciranja sistemskih rješenja za integralni sistem socijalnog stanovanja, imati dalekosežan uticaj na sve lokalne institucionalne aktere kao i lokalne i međunarodne organizacije koje rade u socijalnom stambenom sektoru. Podići će se javna svijest o mogućnosti korištenja novog modela socijalnog stanovanja kao i inicirati donošenje Zakona o socijalnom stanovanju u Bosni i Hercegovini. Procjenjuje se da će dugoročno više od 250.000 osoba imati indirektnu korist od ovog programa.



Pripremna faza SHS projekta uspješno završena

U toku pripremne faze SHS projekta gđa. Suzana Jašarević, direktorica Hilfswerk Austria International za BiH, potpisala je ugovore o saradnji i sufinansiranju sa svim predstavnicima lokalnih učesnika, čime su uspostavljeni osnovni preduvjeti za uspješnu realizaciju projekta. Lokalni akteri su izrazili punu podršku implementaciji SHS projekta i obavezali se na punu saradnju. Sufinansiranje projekta su obezbijedili općine Tuzla, Jablanica, Prozor-Rama i Stari Grad Sarajevo, grad Bijeljina, Brčko Distrikt BiH, Komisija za izbjeglice i raseljena lica BiH/Fond za povratak BiH, Ministarstvo raseljenih lica i izbjeglica FBiH, Ministarstvo za izbjeglice i raseljena lica RS i Uprava za prognanike i izbjeglice HNK.

U skladu sa preuzetim obavezama, u svim lokacijama intervencije pravovremeno su

imenovani Projektni implementirani timovi (PIT) i Komisije za izbor korisnika (KIK). PIT je na lokalnom nivou odgovoran da osoblju HWA pruži punu tehničku, administrativnu i pravnu podršku te olakša i ubrza postupak dodjele građevinskih lokacija, izrade tehničke dokumentacije i izdavanja potrebnih saglasnosti i dozvola. KIK je direktno odgovorna za kreiranje kriterija za izbor korisnika programa, kao i za postupak izbora korisnika.

U ovoj fazi projekta HWA u saradnji sa FLD realizovali su još jednu ključnu kariku za uspješnu realizaciju projekta, a to je imenovanje i uspostava Savjetodavne stručne radne grupe, gdje su imenovani predstavnici svih ministarstava svih nivoa vlasti u BiH relevantnih za pitanje socijalnog stanovanja. Savjetodavna stručna radna grupa će uz podršku HWA i FLD

predložiti održiv model, ili modele, sistema socijalnog stanovanja u BiH. S tim u vezi angažovan je neovisni konsultant koji analizira postojeće stanje u polju socijalnog stanovanja u BiH, što će rezultirati Studijom koja će, pored postojećeg ekspertnog znanja članova radne grupe, predstavljati osnovni alat Savjetodavne stručne radne grupe u svrhu donošenja preporuka.

U decembru 2013. godine HWA je u Sarajevu organizovao seminar na temu socijalnog stanovanja. Seminar je okupio sve relevantne učesnike projekta, interesne grupe i ciljne skupine iz BiH i regiona na jednom mjestu, koji su usvojili zaključke koji će služiti kao smjernica u daljem radu na usvajanju preporuka za modele sistema socijalnog stanovanja i iniciranje donošenja zakona o socijalnom stanovanju.

Finansijska sredstva obezbijedili:	
EU	1.955.830 KM
Komisija za izbjeglice i raseljena lica BiH / Fond za povratak BiH	130.000 KM
Brčko Distrikt BiH	100.000 KM
Grad Bijeljina	120.000 KM
Općina Tuzla	200.000 KM
Općina Jablanica	160.000 KM
Općina Prozor-Rama	150.000 KM
Općina Stari grad Sarajevo	50.000 KM
Ministarstvo raseljenih lica i izbjeglica FBiH	300.000 KM
Ministarstvo za izbjeglice i raseljena lica RS	50.000 KM
Uprava za prognanike i izbjeglice HNK	30.000 KM
Hilfswerk Austria International	78.233 KM



Regionalni seminar o socijalnom stanovanju



Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) je organizovao regionalni seminar 4. i 5. decembra 2013. godine u Sarajevu kao veoma važnu komponentu projekta SHS. Cilj seminara je bio da se obogati znanje i razmijene iskustva između svih relevantnih institucija na svim nivoima vlasti koje se bave socijalnim stanovanjem, o pozitivnim i negativnim aspektima ovog modela, kao i o mogućnostima, načinima i važnosti donošenja zakona o socijalnom stanovanju u BiH. Seminar je također predstavljao jedinstvenu priliku da se okupe svi relevantni učesnici projekta, interesne i ciljne grupe iz BiH i regiona na jednom mjestu. HWA u BiH je uključio tri međunarodna predavača, stručnjake iz oblasti socijalne stambene politike iz Austrije, Hrvatske i Srbije, koji su predstavili različite aspekte sistema socijalnog stanovanja, kao i dobre i loše prakse iz njihovih zemalja.

U radu seminara aktivno su učestvovali predstavnici Delegacije EU u Bosni i Hercegovini, relevantni predstavnici svih nivoa BiH vlasti, predstavnici nevladinih i međunarodnih organizacija, te drugi zainteresovani. Seminar je privukao veliku pažnju medija.

Prisutnim su se obratili g. Holger Schroeder, šef Sektora operacija Delegacije EU u BiH, gđa. Suzana Jašarević, direktorica HWA za BiH, g. Damir Ljubić, Ministar za ljudska prava i izbjeglice BiH, g. Andrew Mayne, Predstavnik UNHCR-a u BiH, gđa. Ševka Palo, Ministarstvo za raseljene osobe i izbjeglice FBiH i gđa. Nada Lipovac, Ministarstvo za izbjeglice i raseljena lica RS.

Gđa. Suzana Jašarević je učesnike upoznala sa idejom i metodologijom SHS projekta, te prezentirala HWA koncept integriranog modela socijalnog stanovanja.

Konstatovano je da je neophodno osigurati više informisanja, zagovaranja i obuka u javnom

sektoru o temi socijalnog stanovanja u cilju jačanja kapaciteta javnih službenika. Od ključnog je značaja za javne službenike koji će dati preporuke za formulaciju socijalnog stanovanja da budu obrazovani u ovoj oblasti. Pojam socijalnog stanovanja treba biti jasno definiran jer su mnogi različiti izrazi trenutno u upotrebi u lokalnom jeziku, ali nijedan od njih nije dovoljno adekvatan. Budući da nije jasno ko se treba baviti stambenim pitanjem, kako na državnim tako i na entitetskim nivoima, uključenost relevantnih ministarstava stambene politike je potrebno kako bi se moglo riješiti ovo pitanje i da bi se ponudila kvalitetna i sveobuhvatna realizacija projekta. Pored toga, pravni okvir treba biti uspostavljen kako bi se

pokušao razviti integrirani model socijalnog stanovanja. Potreban je institucionalni okvir, funkcionalan sistem da bi se puni cilj ostvario. Stručnjaci koje je HWA angažirao dali su preporuke u vezi sa samoodrživosti sistema, s obzirom da je to najvažnije i garantuje budućnost sistema.

Konstatovano je da su predstavnici nadležnih nivoa vlasti zainteresovani za problematiku, što je potvrđeno njihovim odazivom na poziv za seminar i aktivnim učešćem na istom. Nadležnosti, način funkcionisanja sistema, ali i zakonska regulativa ima mnogo prepreka za realizaciju na svakom koraku. Treba pronaći mogući model i djelovati afirmativno.



Stručna radna grupa

U okviru SHS projekta formirana je Stručna radna grupa koja je zadužena da osigura dobro koordiniran proces izrade Studije sistema socijalnog stanovanja sa preporukama za integrisani model održivog sistema socijalnog stanovanja. Stručna radna grupa je multidisciplinarni tim sačinjen od relevantnih BiH stručnjaka u polju socijalnog stanovanja, zvanično delegiranih iz relevantnih BiH tijela vlasti, kao što su Ministarstvo za ljudska prava i izbjeglice BiH, Ministarstvo civilnih poslova BiH, Ministarstvo raseljenih osoba i izbjeglica FBiH, Ministarstvo prostornog uređenja FBiH, Ministarstvo rada i socijalne politike FBiH, Ministarstvo za prostorno uređenje, građevinarstvo i ekologiju RS, Ministarstvo za izbjeglice i raseljena lica RS, Ministarstvo zdravlja i socijalne zaštite RS, Vlada Brčko Distrikta BiH, Ministarstvo za rad, socijalnu politiku, raseljena lica i izbjeglice Kantona Sarajevo, Ministarstvo stambene politike Kantona Sarajevo, Ministarstvo za rad, socijalnu politiku i povratak Tuzlanskog kantona, Uprava za proganike i izbjeglice HNK, Delegacija Evropske Unije u BiH, Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) i Fondacija Lokalne Demokratije (FLD).

Stručna radna grupa formirana je u decembru 2013. godine, od kada pruža podršku aktivnostima projekta SHS kroz aktivno



učestvuje u analizi postojećeg stanja u polju socijalnog stanovanja u BiH i regionu, te u izradi Studije sa ciljem preporuke održivog integrisanog modela sistema socijalnog stanovanja. Svaki od članova stručne radne grupe ponaosob doprinosi radu iz ugla svoje stručnosti i perspektive tijela koja

zastupaju, te doprinosi sveobuhvatnosti izvršenih analiza i kvalitetu preporuka koje ovo tijelo treba da iznjedri. Za koordinaciju rada Stručne radne grupe zadužen je FLD u uskoj saradnji sa HWA.

Studija za integrirani model održivog sistema socijalnog stanovanja

Jedna od bitnih karika programa SHS je analiza postojećeg stanja u polju socijalnog stanovanja u BiH i regionu, te izrada Studije sa ciljem preporuke održivog integrisanog modela sistema socijalnog stanovanja, sa posebnim fokusom na ugrožene kategorije uz aktivno uključivanje svih relevantnih aktera u zemlji i integrisanje svih do sada stečenih iskustava.

Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA), u saradnji sa partnerskom organizacijom Fondacijom Lokalne Demokratije (FLD), angažovali su neovisnog konsultanta koji koristi naprednu metodologiju istraživanja u svrhu izrade studije. Studija treba pružiti procjenu trenutne situacije u socijalnom stanovanju u okviru socijalne inkluzije, uzimajući u obzir aspekt nepostojanja Zakona o socijalnom stanovanju, uz korištenje postojećih podataka o potrebama ugroženih grupa za socijalno stanovanje i razgovora sa stanarima i predstavnicima BiH vlasti koji su ranije učestvovali u realizaciji sličnih programa.

Studija će dati preporuke za najprihvatljiviji model ili modele socijalnog stanovanja za ugrožene grupe, sa posebnim osvrtom na



različite kategorije socijalno ugroženog stanovništva. Predložene mjere će jasno definisati kriterije za rješavanje posebnih potreba socijalno ugrožene populacije i razviti održiv, dugoročan, inovativni i integrisani model sistema socijalnog stanovanja.

HWA i FLD su u izradu studije uključili sve relevantne nivoe vlasti u BiH na način da je u okviru projekta imenovana savjetodavna Stručna radna grupa koja pomoću ekspertize svojih članova pruža ključni doprinos kvalitetu i legitimnosti rezultata i preporuka studije.



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"Hilfswerk Austria International has been implementing projects of social housing system since 2007 in close cooperation with municipalities and cantonal/entity governments. The project Social Housing System (SHS) – Development of an Integrated Model in Theory and Practice is financed by the EU but also by local partners and by Fund for Return for the first time. Their participation in financing exceeds 40 percent. The project will gather large number of experts in the housing area and collect experiences of international non government sector for the purpose of analysis and research at the entire BiH territory that will result in the Study. The Study will propose a legal framework and directions for devising a sustainable model of social housing system that is viable for BiH. Trial phase of the project includes construction of 6 buildings with total of 62 dwelling units in five municipalities-cities and in Brčko District BiH."



**Holger
Schroeder,**
Head of Operations,
EU Delegation to
BiH:

"The European Union has provided 1 million EUROS to assist in the development of an integrated housing system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This project will not only work at the policy level but also will provide concrete social housing solutions to 62 families in 6 different municipalities. We hope that these social housing solutions will become a good practice that could be replicated in other parts of the country. For this to be achieved, a close cooperation with all relevant partners is needed as well as the support in addressing other needs of socially vulnerable households, including access to education, health services, employment or minimum levels of benefits".



Social Housing System – SHS

About the project

Hilfswerk Austria International in BiH (HWA) is implementing the project "Social Housing System (SHS) – Development of an Integrated Model in Theory and Practice" on 6 locations in BiH. SHS is financed by the European Union and co-financed by the BiH authorities and HWA. The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the BiH social stability through improvement of social protection system at all levels of governance. An analysis of existing models of social housing in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the region and Europe, with a special focus on socially vulnerable categories will develop a possible self-sustainable model of social housing in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which will be presented through the Study, that encompasses analyses and offers specific recommendations for initiating enactment of the law on social housing in BiH. HWA is implementing this project in cooperation with partner organization, Foundation of Local Democracy (FLD).

The project is being implemented in the municipalities of Tuzla, Jablanica, Prozor-Rama and Stari Grad Sarajevo, in the Federation of BiH (FBiH), in the city of Bijeljina in Republika Sprska (RS) and the Brčko Distrikt BiH, with an aim to facilitate access to social services for vulnerable and socially disadvantaged groups through the provision of permanent housing solutions, through the construction of social housing for 62 families in six locations in BiH (FBiH, RS and Brčko District).

Target groups of project beneficiaries are vulnerable and socially disadvantaged families,

such as: families with disabled people, single mothers (fathers) with children, underage children without parental care, civilian war victims, families accommodated in collective centers, temporary or improvised facilities, old and weak, minorities, displaced persons and refugees, homeless and others who have not solved housing problem and/or are living in uninhabitable housing units.

The total budget for the implementation of SHS project that will last for 20 months, amounts to € 1.699.567, out of which EU is funding € 1.000.000, while the remaining € 699.567 is funded by local co-financiers, several levels of BiH authorities, and HWA. Besides co-financing, all administrations of the project sites will contribute in the form of land plots for the construction, permits, infrastructure connections, project documentation and direct participation in project activities through Project Implementing Teams and Beneficiary selection Committees.>>>

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The project will directly assist 62 vulnerable families, by providing them with permanent housing solutions in six afore mentioned locations. It is estimated that this program, besides the direct impact on the beneficiaries of the program, through the initiation of systematic solutions for an integrated system of social housing, will have a far-reaching impact on all local institutional stakeholders such as local and international organizations working in the social housing sector. Public awareness about the possibility of using a new model of social housing and initiation of enactment of the Law on Social Housing in Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be raised. It is estimated that more than 250.000 people shall indirectly benefit from this program in the long term.



The first phase of SHS project in BiH completed

During the preparatory phase of the project "Social Housing System (SHS) – Development of an integrated model in theory and practice," Mrs. Suzana Jašarević, director of Hilfswerk Austria International in BiH, signed agreements on cooperation and co-financing of the SHS project with all representatives of the local actors, whereby the essential prerequisites for successful implementation of the SHS project have been met. Local actors have displayed their full support for the implementation of the SHS project and have committed to full cooperation. Co-financing of the project was provided by municipalities Tuzla, Jablanica, Prozor-Rama and Stari Grad Sarajevo, the city of Bijeljina, Brčko Distrikt BiH, Ministry for Displaced Persons and Refugees, Federation BiH, the Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons, RS and Administration for Refugees and IDPs of HN Canton.

In line with the assumed commitments in all intervention locations, the Project Implementation

Teams (PIT) and Beneficiary Selection Committees (BSC) have been timely nominated. PIT is responsible to provide full technical, administrative and legal support to HWA representatives at the local level, and to facilitate and accelerate the process of allocation of construction sites, development of technical documentation and issuing of necessary approvals and permits. BSC is directly responsible for determining the criteria for selection of program beneficiaries and beneficiary selection procedure.

In this phase of the project, HWA in cooperation with FLD has implemented another key link for the successful implementation of the project - the appointment and establishment of Expert Working Group (EWG), to which representatives of all ministries at all levels of governance in BiH relevant to the issue of social housing have been nominated. With the support of HWA and FLD, EWG shall propose a viable model or models of the

system of social housing in BiH. In conjunction with this, an independent consultant was hired to analyze the existing situation in the field of social housing, which will result in a Study that shall, besides the existing expert knowledge of the representatives of the working group, constitute an essential tool to EWG for the purpose of making recommendations.

HWA organized a seminar on social housing in December 2013 in Sarajevo. The Seminar brought together all relevant participants of the project, stakeholders and target groups from BiH and the region and they adopted the conclusions that will serve as guidelines for further work on the adoption of recommendations for model of social housing system and initiation of enactment of the Law on Social Housing.

Funding provided by:	
EU	1.955.830 KM
Commission for Refugees and Displaced Persons of BiH / BiH Return Fund	130.000 KM
Brcko District BiH	100.000 KM
Bijeljina City	120.000 KM
Tuzla Municipality	200.000 KM
Jablanica Municipality	160.000 KM
Prozor-Rama Municipality	150.000 KM
Stari Grad Sarajevo Municipality	50.000 KM
Ministry of Displaced Persons and Refugees FBIH	300.000 KM
Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons RS	50.000 KM
Administration for Displaced Persons and Refugees	30.000 KM
Hilfswerk Austria International	78.233 KM



Regional seminar on social housing



As a very important component of the project "Social Housing System (SHS) – Development of an Integrated Model in Theory and Practice" Hilfswerk Austria International organized a regional seminar on 4th and 5th December 2013 in Sarajevo. The objective of this seminar was to enrich knowledge and exchange experience between all relevant institutions at all levels of government involved in social housing about the positive and negative aspects of this model, opportunities, methods and the importance of enactment of the Law on Social Housing in BiH. The Seminar was a unique opportunity to bringing together all relevant project participants, stakeholders and target groups from BiH and the region. HWA in BiH involved three international lecturers, experts in the field of social housing policy, from Austria, Croatia and Serbia, who presented various aspects of the system of social housing, as well as good and bad practices from their countries.

Representatives of the EU Delegation in BiH, relevant representatives from all levels of BiH authorities, representatives of nongovernmental and international organizations and other interested persons actively participated in the work of the seminar. The Seminar attracted a lot of media attention.

Participants were addressed by Mr. Holger Schroeder, Head of Operations EU Delegation in BiH, Mrs. Suzana Jasarevic, director of HWA in BiH, Mr. Damir Ljubić Minister of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH, Mr. Andrew Mayne, Representative UNHCR in BiH, Mrs. Ševka Palo Ministry for Displaced Persons and Refugees FBiH, and Mrs. Nada Lipovac, RS Ministry of Refugees and Dps.

Mrs. Suzana Jasarevic introduced the idea and methodology of SHS project to the participants, and presented HWA concept of an integrated model of social housing.

It was asserted that it is necessary to provide more information, advocacy and training in the public

sector on the subject of social housing in order to strengthen the capacity of public officials. It is essential for public officials who will make recommendations for the formulation of social housing to be educated in this area. The concept of social housing should be clearly defined, since many different terms are currently being in local language, but none of them is adequate enough. Since it is not clear who should address the housing issue, both at the state and entity levels, the involvement of relevant ministries of housing policy is necessary in order to resolve this issue and to provide a qualitative and comprehensive implementation of the project. Besides this, a legal framework should be established in order to try to develop an integrated model of social housing.

Institutional framework is required, a functional system so that the full aim could be accomplished. Experts hired by the HWA gave recommendations regarding the sustainability of the system, given that this is the most important and guarantees the future of the system.

It was noted that the representatives of the relevant authorities are interested in this issue, which was confirmed by their response to the seminar invitation and their active participation in it. Jurisdictions, the mode of system operation, and legal regulations possess many obstacles to the project implementation at every step. It is important to find a possible model and to act affirmatively.



Expert working group

Expert Working Group was formed within the SHS project and it is responsible to ensure a well-coordinated process of devising a Study of social housing with recommendations for an integrated model of sustainable social housing system. Expert Working Group is a multidisciplinary team constituted of relevant BiH experts in the field of social housing, officially delegated from the relevant BiH authorities, such as Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of BiH, Ministry of Civil affairs BiH, Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons FBiH, Ministry of Spatial Planning FBiH, Ministry of work and social policy FBiH, Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology RS, Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons RS, Ministry of Health and Social Protection RS, Government of Brcko District BiH, Ministry of Labor, social policy, IDP and Refugees of Sarajevo Canton, Ministry of Housing Policy of Sarajevo Canton, Ministry of labor, social affairs and return of Tuzla Canton, Administration for Refugees and IDPs of HN Canton, EU Delegation to BiH, Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) and Foundation of Local Democracy (FLD).

Expert Working Group was established in December 2013, and ever since then has been providing support for the project activities of SHS through active participation in the analysis of the current situation in the field of social



housing in BiH and region, as well as in devising a Study with recommendations for an integrated model of sustainable social housing system. Each member of the Expert Working group individually contributes to the work from the viewpoint of their expertise and the perspective of the body that they represent while also

contributing to the comprehensiveness of the analysis and quality recommendations that this body should yield. FLD in close cooperation with HWA is in charge of the coordination of Expert Working Group.

The study for the integrated model of the sustainable social housing system

One of the important links of SHS program is an analysis of the current situation in the field of social housing in BiH and the region, and devising of a Study with a purpose of making recommendations for sustainable integrated model of social housing system with a special focus on vulnerable groups, with an active involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the country and integration of all acquired experiences.

HWA in cooperation with partner organization FLD hired an independent consultant who uses advanced research methodology in order to make the study. The Study should provide an assessment of the current situation in social housing as a part of social inclusion, taking into account the aspect of the lack of the Law on Social Housing, with the use of existing data on the needs of vulnerable groups for social housing and interviews with beneficiaries and representatives of BiH authorities who have previously participated in the realization of similar programs.

The Study shall offer recommendations for the most acceptable model or models of social housing for vulnerable groups, with a special review of the different categories of socially vulnerable population. The proposed measures



shall clearly define the criteria for resolving the special needs of vulnerable population and will develop a sustainable, long-term, innovative and integrated model of social housing.

HWA and FLD included all relevant levels of

government in BiH in the making of the study, in a way that within the project the Expert Working Group has been nominated and it is providing key contributions to the quality and legitimacy of the findings and recommendations of the Study using the expertise of its members.

