

Project title: Kosovo Floods Recovery Support

Location: Kosovo¹

Implementing parties: UNDP Kosovo

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| Programme Period: | June 2014 – May 2015 |
| Programme Component: | Immediate response/Special development situations |
| Project Title: | Kosovo Floods Recovery Support |
| Project ID: | |
| Project Duration: | 12 months |
| Management Arrangement: | DIM |

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| Total Budget | USD 100,000 |
| Allocated resources: | _____ |
| • Government | _____ |
| • Regular | _____ |
| • Other: TRAC 3.2 | USD 100,000 |
| ○ Donor | _____ |
| ○ Donor | _____ |
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| • In kind contributions | _____ |
| Unfunded budget: | _____ |

Agreed by (UNDP):  _____

¹ All references to Kosovo in this document are in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)

2. SITUATION ANALYSIS

An exceptionally mild winter with hardly any snow has triggered extremely heavy rainfalls during April and May 2014. The rain has and is still causing floods leading to significant infrastructure damage to several communities in Kosovo. According to the Kosovo Institute of Hydrometeorology (KIH) February 2014 was the driest February in KIH records. However April 2014 was in contrast the wettest April in recorded history, with 19 days of heavy rainfalls causing flash flooding in a number of areas throughout Kosovo.

As a result of the heavy rainfalls the region of northern Kosovo, especially the Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is heavily affected by floods and remains vulnerable due to the lack of local financial and other resources. There is an urgent need for both immediate assistance (repair of current damages), but also recovery from the emergency situation (livelihoods and disaster prevention). The region north has no disaster risk reduction plan, no comprehensive post-disaster assessment has been made, and there are no disaster or recovery coordinating mechanisms addressing the region as a whole. The municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is geographically the most northern municipality in Kosovo, the biggest in square meters, and largely rural consisting of small villages. The population consists of mainly ethnic Serbs, with the non-majority communities residing especially in the rural areas being ethnic Albanians, Bosnians, Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians². Until very recently (beginning of 2014) the international donor community has largely been absent in the northern Kosovo region due to the unresolved status of Kosovo and lack of mutually recognized municipal structures. The perception of the local population in the northern region and especially in the rural areas is largely that of being neglected and even abused politically by both the local political actors as well as the international community, with most of the promised assistance resulting in no concrete action thus creating frustration.

As a consequence of floods this spring, five bridges spanning the Ibër/Ibar River in the Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq are severely damaged and cause a serious immediate security risk for the local population, as the damaged bridges connect several rural villages with the urban centre of the municipality. The Municipal Administration of Leposavić/Leposaviq conducted an assessment at the end of April 2014 of the five damaged bridges across the river Ibër/Ibar in the territory of the Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq. The bridges are on the main roads used daily by pedestrians and light traffic to commute between work/school and residences and also by heavy traffic (trucks, cars) for business purposes, such as transportation of raw or construction materials or agricultural products. In case of any of the bridges collapsing, in addition to the potential humanitarian disaster there is a very high risk of any restriction of movement triggering a wider conflict within and between ethnic communities, and thus worsening of the overall security situation in the whole of Kosovo, as the northern region is considered to be still politically and socially unstable.

² The population in northern Kosovo boycotted the census conducted by Kosovo Agency of Statistics in 2011, therefore the accurate number and ethnic composition of the population is not confirmed.

The Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is currently and for the foreseeable future unable to implement any major reconstruction and repair work of the bridges, due to the lack of adequate equipment and financial support, as well as adequate technical capacity. A comprehensive post-disaster needs assessment will help the local municipalities to mobilize funds from international donors and administrative authorities at central level to help recovery of the region affected by heavy flooding.

UNDP Kosovo wishes to be able to rapidly respond to the request from the Mayor of Leposavić/Leposaviq Municipality to provide support and help the Municipality to plan and coordinate the recovery from the damages caused by the floods, as well as to assist the four municipalities in the north of Kosovo to establish a long-term plan on how to reduce the risk of disasters in the future. UNDP has already established informal coordination with the UN Mission in Kosovo and NATO mission (KFOR) in Kosovo also physically present in the north Kosovo region, in order to significantly improve the immediate security situation of the Kosovo population, and moreover to help in stabilizing the communities living under extremely sensitive political and social circumstances.

With the recent flooding in the region of the Western Balkans, especially in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is not expected that the Serbian government or any major donor except for the UN will have the immediate possibility to assist the communities in northern Kosovo region. This creates yet another risk for growing perception of the local communities about being abandoned by both the local and the international community, which may result in security crisis. The Mayor of Leposavić/Leposaviq has approached the Kosovo Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA) with a request for funding up to 172,873.35 EUR for immediate assistance to flood recovery. According to the information confirmed by the MLGA, an agreement has been prepared for the municipality to sign for emergency assistance of 72,850.00 EUR. UNDP Kosovo has agreed to cooperate and coordinate its activities with the MLGA in order to achieve effective results targeting the beneficiaries most in need of assistance. The government of Serbia has in 2013 provided funds for the municipality to repair one bridge that was damaged earlier, however the repair works on this bridge were not finalized before the new floods this spring caused some additional damages. Under the current circumstances a joint effort and concrete action of UNDP, as part of the UN and in cooperation and close coordination with the local authorities, would greatly help to improve the stability of communities in Kosovo.

Picture 1: A damaged bridge in the village of Lešak/Leshak (217 households), connecting seven villages and an agricultural school farm to the main road and the urban municipal centre



3. PROJECT OUTPUT AND ACTIVITIES

The overall **output** of the project is improved local capacities to reduce and manage consequences caused by natural disasters of communities in north of Kosovo.

In order to contribute to this output, three main activities are proposed as following:

Activity Result 1: Coordination and cooperation between decision makers and relevant actors at central and local levels to put in place recovery measures are facilitated.

➤ **Proposed actions:**

- Establish and facilitate communication between all relevant actors and Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq through the entire process of early recovery.
- Coordinate overall effort for early recovery with all relevant actors at international, central, and local level.

Activity Result 2: Post-disaster needs assessment of the area and assets affected by natural hazards in the Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is conducted.

➤ **Proposed actions:**

- Identify relevant experts, engineers, and partners to conduct needs assessment in targeted area.
- Produce local assessment plan of the targeted area by identifying and analyzing specific needs of those who are affected by and vulnerable to natural hazard.

Activity Result 3: Early recovery framework and action plan for affected and endangered locations are produced.

➤ **Proposed actions:**

- Provide technical support to formulate an early recovery framework and action plan based on the recommendations from the post-disaster needs assessment report.
- Ensure that the municipalities affected by the riverbed participate actively in planning of the framework and action plans and adopt them.
- Plan and organize a public awareness campaign about how to manage risks of flooding.

4. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The project will be implemented through a direct implementation modality (DIM). The funding will be fully managed by UNDP Kosovo. Programme Analysts from the UNDP Inclusive Growth Team will serve as focal points and, under the overall supervision of the Programme Coordinator, be responsible for assuring qualitative management and results of the project.

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5. ANNUAL WORK PLAN BUDGET SHEET

| EXPECTED OUTPUT | PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List all activities including M&E to be undertaken during the year towards stated CP outputs</i> | TIMEFRAME | | | | RESPON-SIBLE PARTY | PLANNED BUDGET | |
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| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | Source of Funds | Budget Description Amount USD |
| <p>Output 1: Improved local capacities to reduce and manage consequences caused by natural disasters of communities in north of Kosovo.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o % of annual increase of direct communication between relevant national and local stakeholders <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Coordination mechanism for emergency management established | <p>Activity Result 1:</p> <p>Coordination and cooperation between decision makers and relevant actors at central and local levels to put in place recovery measures are facilitated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Establish and facilitate communication between all relevant actors and Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq through the entire process of early recovery. o Coordinate overall effort for early recovery with all relevant actors at international, central, and local level. | X | X | X | X | UNDP | BCPR | 1,000 |
| | | Local Consultants | Hospitality; Special Events | BCPR | 1,000 | | | |

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| <p>Indicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Post-disaster needs assessment report (PDNA) <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Finalized PDNA endorsed by beneficiary municipalities | <p>Activity Result 2:</p> <p>Post-disaster needs assessment of the area and assets affected by natural hazards in the Municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Identify relevant experts, engineers, and partners to conduct needs assessment in targeted area. o Produce local assessment plan of the targeted area by identifying and analyzing specific needs of those who are affected by and vulnerable to natural hazard. | <p>X</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>UNDP</p> | <p>BCPR</p> <p>BCPR</p> <p>BCPR</p> | <p>Local Consultants</p> <p>Miscellaneous Expenses (printing etc.)</p> <p>International consultants</p> | <p>7,500</p> <p>500</p> <p>20,000</p> |
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| <p>Indicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Early Recovery Framework (ERF) and Action Plan (AP) o # of public awareness activities organized in the affected areas o # of at risk inhabitants participating in the public awareness events <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Finalized ERF and AP o Increased awareness of at risk population in disaster prevention and preparedness | <p>Activity Result 3:</p> <p>Early recovery framework and action plan for affected and endangered locations are produced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provide technical support to formulate an early recovery framework and action plan based on the recommendations from the post-disaster needs assessment report. o Ensure that the municipalities affected by the riverbed participate actively in planning of the framework and action plans and adopt them. o Plan and organize a public awareness campaign about how to manage risks of flooding. | | X | X | UNDP | BCPR | <p>International consultant</p> <p>Contractual services</p> <p>Distribution costs (Printing and publishing etc)</p> <p>Broadcasting etc.</p> | <p>10,000</p> <p>20,000</p> <p>15,000</p> <p>25,000</p> |
| <p>TOTAL (BCPR)</p> | | | | | | | | <p>100,000</p> |