

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Final Report

I. General References

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| Name of the reporting office: | UMCOR BiH - Sarajevo Headquarters Office |
| Program title: | Reconstruction of Plehan Ambulance in Derventa |
| Program code: | SBK800-04-GR-087 |
| Project location: | Plehan, Derventa Municipality, Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Total program budget: | \$16,800 |
| Project duration: | August 7, 2004 – October 18, 2004 |
| Period covered by report: | August 7, 2004 – October 18, 2004 |
| Date of this report: | November 18, 2004 |
| Donor: | 1. Office of Public Affairs of the American Embassy in Sarajevo (\$10,000) 2. Croatian American Association (\$6,800) |

II. Introduction / Background

Derventa Municipality was an area of mixed ethnic/national groups prior to the BiH war. Significant ethnic cleansing occurred during the war forcing the displacement of large numbers of citizens to other areas of BiH and Croatia. The return of Bosnian Croats to the Posavina region has been manipulated in the past by the authorities of Republika Srpska, the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina as well. Many were convinced to relocate to areas of Herzegovina and were actively discouraged to return to their homes of origin. However, some households have proven their determination despite such pressures to return to pre-war housing units and rebuild their lives in former communities.

Derventa Municipality has been willing to assist the Plehan Village community with the provision of a basic medical outpatient clinic. The Municipality had previously committed themselves to provide reconstruction materials, but was unable to do so due to financial constraints. In addition, the Franciscan community has contacts with Caritas Derventa, who already has a doctor working in Derventa, who is willing to provide medical services in Plehan. The Franciscan Guardian anticipates that he would easily be able to get medical equipment and medical supplies through Caritas and other Franciscan charities.

Office of Public Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America in Sarajevo awarded UMCOR to implement the project "Reconstruction of the Plehan Ambulance".

Approximately 200 Bosnian Croat individuals who have returned to Plehan Village and the area will be able to use the building to be reconstructed as a small-scale medical

ambulance. The ambulance will also serve Bosniak returnees in the surrounding area in villages such as Velika.

III. Summary and Status of the Project

Project implementation was divided in the following phases:

- a) **Preparation of technical documentation** and specifications for the building works was done following regular UMCOR procedures;
- b) **Competitive tendering process** for the selection of a qualified reputable registered building contractor was successfully finalized. The contract for the reconstruction of the Plehan Ambulance was signed with MC Gradnja Company - Bosanski Brod on July 26, 2004;
- c) **Execution of works** by contractor and **supervision** by UMCOR took place from September 10, 2004 to October 16, 2004. Since the project was financed by two donors (Office for Political Affairs of the United States Embassy in Sarajevo and the Croatian American Association), the overview of conducted reconstruction works presented below is divided by source of financing.

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- a) Preparatory works
- b) Roof works
- c) Bricklayers works
- d) Concrete works
- e) Carpentry work
- f) Floor boarding works
- g) Humidity insulation

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- a) Other insulation works
 - b) Tile Decoration works
 - c) Painting
 - d) Water and sewage system
 - e) Electrical installation works
 - f) Sheet-metal works
- d) **Technical inspection** of completed works and **handover** of building to the Plehan community was successfully finalized on October 18, 2004. The final supervision of conducted works was performed by the Derventa Municipality Representative, MZ Plehan Representative, Representative of the Contractor (MC Gradnja B.Brod) and UMCOR Representative.

IV. Issues and problems encountered, lessons learned and adjustments made to the project

The Croatian American Association delayed the payment of their project cost share for more than one month, and therefore construction works began one month later than originally planned. However, all construction works were conducted as was originally planned and proposed in the project description document.

V. Pictures of the Plehan Ambulance Building



Before construction



After construction