

## EXPLANATION

As the result of war effects at the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, there were over 13.000 refugees in our municipality at the end of 1996. The number of refugees has reduced to 2601 until 2004., while on the February, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. the relevant figure was 2.429 refugees and 196 internally displaced persons (IDP).

The number of refugees and IDP was considerably reduced but it is still significant, their educational and qualifical structure characterized by high unemployment rate is very unfavourable. Permanent solution for the refugees and IDP is offered in three forms: integration into the local community, return into the homeland or moving out into the third countries. Given that their orientation is to integrate into our community, it is necessary to provide drafting of the Local Action Plan in accordance with the National Poverty Reduction Strategy, the National Strategy for Resolving the Problems of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, and the Strategy for the Development of Social Welfare.

*Local Action Plan intended for the promotion of refugees' and IDP's position* is observed as the result of the planning process or as a plan decision through which the basic ways of achieving the goals of development of local community's above mentioned sphere of life are defined.

Local Action Plan intended for the promotion of refugees' and IDP's position in the Municipality of Ruma was created as the result of participating in the Project named *Support for the Institutions of the Government of Serbia which are responsible for refugees and IDPs*. The general goal of the project is to find the solution which will provide support to the Government of the Republic of Serbia to respond to the needs of refugees and IDPs in the most efficient and sustainable way at the state level. The Project is funded by the European Union, and implemented by the International Organization for Migration- IOM). Beneficiaries of the Project are the institutions of the Government of the Republic of Serbia which are responsible for refugees and IDPs, Commissariat for Refugees of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Kosovo and Metohija and Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, as well as other authorized ministries, municipal trustees for the refugees and internally displaced persons and the chosen Municipalities/Towns.

The following sources were used for the needs of the process, gathering and analysis of the basic data regarding the position and the needs of refugees and IDPs in the Municipality of Ruma: results of the interviews with the potential users and results from the meetings with the local participants, statistic data, different reports and documents, the data from the Commissariat for Refugees of the Republic of Serbia, Social Work Centre, the Red Cross, local nongovernmental organizations etc.

The analysis of the key participants responsible for solving the problems of refugees and IDPs in the Municipality of Ruma was conducted, as well as the state analysis. This was done through considering positive capacities and faults of the local community, the opportunities and barriers with which the municipality deals with in the working environment, the migrations of refugees and IDPs at the territory of the Municipality of Ruma in the period from 1991 to 1999 represented by tables and graphs, the analysis of the situation and conclusions with the problems analysis following the Problem Tree technique.

Local Action Plan for improving the position of refugees and IDPs is planned for the period of 5 years with the detailed elaboration of activities for 2009 and 2010.

**The general goal of Local Action Plan is the following:** Improvement of conditions for the integration of refugees and IDPs through providing living space and financial help for self-employment.

**Priority target groups of this plan are the following:** Multimember and multigenerational families, elderly households; including people who live alone; working age- unemployed refugees and IDPs, especially those from the families which have a disabled, chronically ill member or a mentally disabled child.

## **Specific goals of the Local Action Plan are the following:**

### **Specific goal nb. 1**

Provide conditions for solving the living space problems of the 10 refugees' and IDPs' families following the programme of buying up rural households until the end of 2010.

### **Specific goal nb. 2**

Provide conditions for solving the living space problems of 12 refugees' and IDPs' following the financial help programme of finishing the living space constructing by the second quarter of 2009.

### **Specific goal nb. 3**

Provide conditions for self-employment programmes in the sphere of agricultural production following the programme of financial help for 10 refugees' and IDPs' families until the end of 2010.

### **Specific goal nb. 4**

Provide conditions for solving the living space problems for 20 refugees' and IDPs' families following the programme of providing free sites with the complete infrastructure at which an apartment building would be built in the period between 2009 and 2013.

### **Specific goal nb. 5**

Implementing the three cycles of requalifications and additional qualifications for at least 45 unemployed- working age refugees and IDPs, through direct cooperation with the National Employment Service in the period from 2009 to 2012.

Priority groups within the specific goals 1 and 2 are multimember and multigenerational families, especially those which have a disabled or chronically ill member, or a mentally disabled child. Within the goals under the number 3 and 5, priority is given to unemployed and working age refugees and IDPs, especially to those coming from multimember families. Priority groups for the specific goal 4 are multimember and multigenerational families, elderly households and people who live alone.

Based on estimates, it is determined that the necessary amount for the Local Action Plan 2009-2013. realization is 670.000 EUR. Starting with 2009., an intensive realization of the local action plan will begin and 10% financial means will be provided from the local budget. A detailed year budget for every forthcoming year of LAP realization, based on the detailed year plans for those years, will be provided. The realization of project activities, as well as the grading of successful application of the Local Action Plan together with carrying out corrective measures are defined through the monitoring plan and evaluation. During the implementation period, regular year reports will be provided, and the local community will be regularly informed on all the conducted activities.