



NATO PERSPEKTIVA PROGRAMME

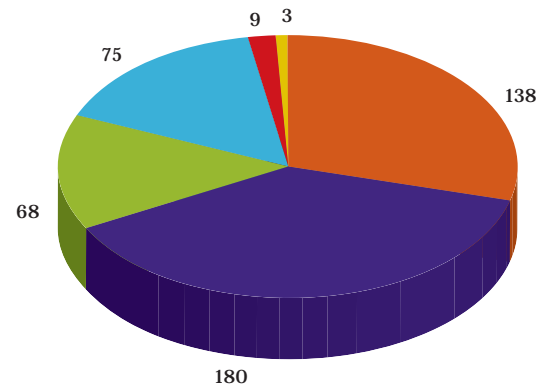
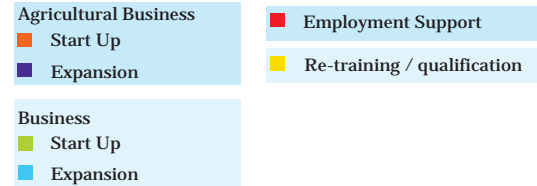
NEWSLETTER

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The aim of this newsletter is to provide general monthly information about the project progress as well as other relevant data for accessing the NATO-PERSPEKTIVA assistance. This issue covers the period until 31 May 2011.

MAIN STATISTICAL DATA

| Beneficiaries referred to NATO-PERSPEKTIVA programme and targeted through outreach activities | 1,913 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Number of outreach activities (Field presentations, Seminars for local communities, Workshops) | 22 | | | | | |
| Beneficiaries reached by info-dissemination and outreach activities | 332 | | | | | |
| Beneficiaries registering for accessing the programme's support | 1,349 | | | | | |
| Beneficiaries receiving individual counseling | 1,301 | | | | | |
| Beneficiaries receiving programme's assistance | 473 | | | | | |
| Type of assistance | Agro-Business | | Employment Support | Re-training / qualification | Business | |
| | Start Up | Expansion | | | Start Up | Expansion |
| | 138 | 180 | 9 | 3 | 68 | 75 |



REGISTRATION

+ 1,301 people counseled and 1,349 registered

Until the end of May 2011 a total of 1,301 discharged defence personnel received one-on-one counseling out of 1,349 registered at the Regional Resettlement Centers (RRCs) in Sarajevo-Rajlovac (525), Mostar (319) and Banja Luka (505) during the 16 months since discharge procedure begin. On 28 February 2010 310 people released, 597 on 17 June and 427 on 31 August and on 31 December 457. Out of 1,913 discharged personnel, 70% registered for assistance through NATO-PERSPEKTIVA Programme. To register for the assistance does not mean to automatically access the funds of the Programme. Some of the registrants do not have clear ideas on how to achieve their reintegration into civilian life and need assistance to define their own path. This supporting process is managed at the RCC level and may last few days or several weeks. Since 01 October when NATO-PERSPEKTIVA

Programme officially started, 697 beneficiaries were able to define their reintegration path and submitted a request for accessing the funds of the Programme.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE - 473 applications processed

Reintegration into civilian life is an individual process that depends from different elements including skills, available assets and formal education. Through the counseling sessions and the field visits 756 applications are screened and assessed on the basis of the skills, expertise and resources of each applicant as well as according to the project criteria. Out of this process, a total of 697 cases were prepared to be evaluated at

the weekly Joint Review Panel meetings by representatives of the Ministry of Defence and IOM. Up to date 473 applications have been approved by the JRP and beneficiaries are in the process of receiving assistance.

+ 68 of approved applications are for business start-up, 75 for business expansion, 138 for agricultural start-up activities, 180 for agricultural expansion, 9 related to re-training and 3 to employment support.

NATO PERSPEKTIVA PROGRAM

NATO program za otpušteno osoblje Oružanih snaga Bosne i Hercegovine

BIJI STE ZAPOSLENI U MINISTARSTVU ODBRANE BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE I SADA ULAŽITE NA CIVILNO TRŽIŠTE RADA.

NATO PERSPEKTIVA PROGRAM NUDI POMOĆ POVRATKU CIVILNOM ŽIVOTU. AKO ŽELITE OVU POMOĆ, REGISTRIRATE SE ZA PROGRAM NATO PERSPEKTIVA NAJKAŠNIJE DO 31.12.2010. GODINE U NAJBLIŽEM REGIONALNOM TRŽIŠTNOM CENTRU U MOSTARU, BANJA LUCI I SARAJEVU - BAILOVCU. REGISTRACIJA NIJE UTRGATI NA OGTVAJIVANJE PRAVA ZA PENZIONISANJE.

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 Regionalni kontakti centar SARAJEVO-BAILOVAC: 051 332 811 / 051 332 811
 Regionalni kontakti centar MOSTAR: 051 332 811 / 051 332 811



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

RRC Rajlovac/ Sarajevo



Mr. Ramic - Živinice

Mr. Hariz Ramic, age 42, was a construction worker by vocation, but had no other relevant employment experience but that related to military service.

Anticipating discharge from the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the beneficiary began to explore alternatives for income generation activity and decided that his best option was in the 0.5 Ha of land owned by his family. The land had traditionally been used for the growing of

vegetables, both for household consumption and cooperative sales of cornishon cucumbers to both the Vega Fruit Company and individual grocery shop owners in the Živinice and Tuzla area.

As a result of two years of seasonal employment experience at a large greenhouse producer in Gabela, Čapljina municipality, Mr. Ramic was able to construct five greenhouses on his own, expanding his production to other vegetable sorts such as beans, paprika, and tomatoes.

In pursuing different avenues to further develop his skills in agriculture, the beneficiary discovered a well preserved mini tractor that he could use both on his land and within the greenhouses he constructed. Mr. Ramic therefore requested assistance from the Programme in purchasing the aforementioned tractor. This, coupled with the hard work of the beneficiary, has resulted in the expansion of current production to include strawberries and raspberries.

RRC Banja Luka



Mr. Mirko Šarić, Dobož

Mr. Mirko Šarić was discharged from the Armed Forces of BiH in 2010. He lives with his wife, two children, and his parents in Dobož municipality. He and his wife are unemployed and his parents do not receive a pension or monthly income. Mr. Šarić's family is active in agricultural production; their farm is a registered business and the only income the family generates is through agriculture.

Mr. Šarić and his father possess 4 hectares of land, and they pay rent for 5 hectares more. On this land, they grow corn, soya bean, and wheat, which they use as animal feed for a cow and a couple of fatling pigs, selling the surplus at the local market. They also have a plum orchard, the fruit of which is used to produce sljivovica, a domestic brandy.

Mr. Šarić requested assistance from the NATO-PERSPEKTIVA Programme which the purchase of attachments for his tractor as well as new tyres. He possesses certain attachments for the tractor, but is crucially missing the cereal mill and corn sheller. These attachments would enable Mr. Šarić to prepare his animal feed far more efficiently, whilst allowing him to offer services in preparing animal feed to other people in his village.

The assistance provided will make Mr. Šarić's agricultural business more efficient and effective, saving him time and reducing the costs involved in preparing animal feed whilst enabling him to generate supplementary income from the new services that he is able to provide. He predicts that his income will increase by around 40% per year.

RRC Mostar



Mr. Damjanovic Stanko, Ljuti Dolac

Mr. Damjanovic Stanko, 37 year's old, lives in Ljuti Dolac, a village in Siroki Brijeg. He was discharged from the Armed Forces in February 2010.

Mr. Damjanovic lives with his wife and child in their family house, which he inherited from his parents. During his service in the Armed Forces, the beneficiary had been involved in agricultural production on a few hectares of the family's land, which totals around 3.15 acres. This land includes a barn with dimensions of 16x5m² and around 1 hectare is forested. Mr. Damjanovic grows early vegetables, including potatoes, onions, and toma-

atoes, selling most of the produce on the green market in Siroki Brijeg and keeping some for the family's consumption. Mr. Damjanovic grows grains and corn, for the purposes of cattle breeding in addition to growing pigs and piglets. Agricultural production in his farm is conducted in a traditional manner; he uses controlled organic fertiliser of animal origin, which produces an enhanced quality of vegetables.

Mr. Damjanovic wanted to increase entire production and reduce costs, and therefore requested assistance in the form of a motocultivator with attachments through the NATO-PERSPEKTIVA project. The requested assistance was delivered in March 2011.

Mr. Damjanovic is confident that he will benefit from the received assistance and that production will increase by at least 25% this year alone.

Given assistance through the NPP Programme has created favourable conditions for long-term business development and ensured a sustainable income in the future, with an average monthly salary of 500 KM.

NATO Membership for BiH's progress



It has been a tremendous privilege to serve as the Commander and Senior Military Representative, NATO Headquarters Sarajevo. As my assignment in Bosnia and Herzegovina draws to a close, I would like to share some final thoughts with you. As I look back on my experiences over the past year, the most prominent impression I have is of the tremendous potential of this beautiful country and its hospitable people. I am of course very aware of the challenges you face, but I am also aware that you are more than capable of meeting those challenges and building a secure, prosperous future.

It is clear that the best way to attain that is to integrate your country into the wider Euro-Atlantic framework as quickly as possible: in other words, to join NATO and the European Union. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you, in government, the military, civil society, students, the media and the general public, and I have learned that you all know that this must be done. You are making progress on those goals, but it could be faster – and should be faster, for everyone's benefit.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has been a NATO partner for more than four years and has been working on many tasks related to joining NATO. Defense reform is a large part of this, and the Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina have shown great dedication to the complex tasks of building a single military force and developing the capabilities to operate with NATO forces. Your contributions to the NATO operation in Afghanistan have made a very positive impression and demonstrated that your country can play an international role alongside NATO members and partners.

Meanwhile the other institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been working to meet wider obliga-

tions related to NATO membership. These wider obligations are not as well-known as defense reform, but the fact is that NATO expects prospective members to carry out broad political, economic, security and legal reforms, not just reforms in the defense sector. These reforms help countries to become credible candidates for NATO membership by improving governance, security and stability, education, economic competitiveness, financial management, and much more.

Once in the Alliance, countries continue to benefit from such reforms, and they also benefit from being part of NATO's political and military structure – the “security umbrella – including NATO's collaborative, cost-sharing approach to defense and security issues. As well, NATO membership is a sign that a country has attained a level of governance and security that is commensurate with Euro-Atlantic expectations, and thus a sign that a country is ready for investment and economic growth.

I believe that preparation for NATO membership, and membership itself, is crucial for you, the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and so I believe that it is vital that you understand what NATO actually means for your country. During the past year my team has engaged intensely in round tables all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which we have listened to people's views of NATO. Regardless of whether those views are positive or negative, we have realized that there is a lack of information and understanding of the Alliance. We are working to improve this, and I would like to use this opportunity to address one concern that I have heard repeatedly.

Many people believe that moving closer to NATO or becoming a NATO member would cause Bosnia and Herzegovina to be forced into actions that it does not support. This is simply not true. The fundamental and founding principle of

the Alliance is consensus: “one country, one vote”, whether we are talking about the United States of America with 311 million inhabitants, or Slovenia with 2 million. The principle of consensus means that each NATO member country contributes equally to the work and decision-making processes within NATO, at every level from technical committees to the senior decision-making level. A decision reached by consensus is a decision that is accepted by each member country, thus as a NATO member BiH would retain full control over its actions.

There is a lot of work to be done before Bosnia and Herzegovina could be invited to join NATO, but it can be done. Given the benefits of NATO membership for your country, I believe that this work *must* be done. It is essential to maintain the momentum that has been built up to date and to move beyond current political and technical challenges.

I am confident that your political leaders, in whose hands you have placed your future, will find a way to resolve the most immediate challenge – registration of ownership of immovable defence property to the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina – so that you can begin working within your NATO Membership Action Plan. The Membership Action Plan is the last phase of preparation for NATO membership, but for Bosnia and Herzegovina, as for all prospective new Allies, it will be a long, complex and difficult process. The sooner you begin it, the sooner you will have the country and the life that you deserve.



NATO HEADQUARTERS
SARAJEVO



NATO Perspektiva for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

As a former member of the Armed Forces of BiH, you are entitled to use the services of the *PERSPEKTIVA Programme of the Ministry of Defence (MoD)*, which includes access to financial assistance of up to 3,000 KM, offered by the NATO-PERSPEKTIVA Programme and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Are you looking for employment?

Employers can receive up to 3,000 KM (the exact amount will be based on your eligibility criteria) of NATO-PERSPEKTIVA funds, as an incentive to hire you.

Are you thinking of starting your own business or agricultural activity?

NATO-PERSPEKTIVA funds of up to 3,000 KM (the exact amount will be based on your eligibility criteria) can be used to buy equipment and tools that are necessary for your business.

Are you looking for employment or thinking of starting your own business but do not possess the required skills and expertise?

NATO-PERSPEKTIVA funds of up to 3,000 KM (the exact amount will be based on your eligibility criteria) can be used to cover the fees of specialised training/vocational courses or additional education.

Are you thinking of expanding your existing business?

NATO-PERSPEKTIVA funds of up to 3,000 KM (the exact amount will be based on your eligibility criteria) can be provided to purchase equipment or access services that would further develop your business.

Over the past number of years, nearly 3,000 personnel discharged from the Armed Forces, like you, have received financial assistance offered by similar projects implemented by MoD and IOM. 500 discharged personnel are registered and in the process of accessing financial assistance through this NATO-PERSPEKTIVA Programme.

You are eligible to receive those funds. If you are interested in receiving more information about the NATO-PERSPEKTIVA Programme and/or discussing ways to access the funds, fill in the enclosed registration form and bring it in person or send it by mail/e-mail/fax to the nearest regional centre.

REGISTRATION DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR RIGHT TO ACCESS RETIREMENT SCHEMES in accordance with applicable regulations.

The programme staff in each centre is ready to provide you all necessary information and can be also contacted by phone.

Regionalni tranzicijski centar BANJA LUKA
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PERSPEKTIVA office:
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IOM office:

036 351 255 or
036 352 761

Further info is available at:

Web site of the Ministry of Defence

<http://www.mod.gov.ba>

Web site of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

<http://www.iom.ba>

Info-line of the Ministry of Defence

033 / 286 694

www.perspektiva-program.ba

Donor countries

