



Fast Facts

Area: Kosovo

Duration: November 2000 to December 2002

Implementing UN Agencies: UNMIK; UNOPS

Other Implementing Partners: Kosovo Trust Agency

Budget: \$3,737,000

Key Words: Post-conflict reconstruction; economic security

BACKGROUND

One of the least developed provinces within the former Yugoslavia, the Kosovo conflict of 1998 and 1999 destroyed or severely damaged a vast number of homes and essential services, displacing many thousands of people and degrading the human security of all Kosovans. In the Skenderaj municipality, the problem was critical as 47 percent of the houses were determined to have suffered significant damage

rendering them uninhabitable, while a further 35 percent were completely destroyed. Skenderaj municipality, therefore, required a great number of bricks and roof tiles. However, the Perparimi brick factory in Skenderaj was not capable of meeting this demand. Its two buildings were severely damaged during the conflict and its machinery and fixtures had been looted or destroyed.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To reconstruct and rebuild damaged housing in Skenderaj municipality, the project sought to bring the Perparimi brick factory back into operation. This was to be achieved by repairing or replacing the physical structure and its machinery, and increasing the

availability of building materials in Skenderaj. At the same time, the project aimed to improve the economic security of the conflict affected communities by providing employment and contributing significantly to the local economy.

BENEFICIARIES

By June 2000 the factory was once again producing bricks, and by April 2003 was breaking production records. As a result, the project's beneficiaries were those conflict affected households whose homes were

reconstructed by the bricks produced as well as approximately 200 workers who received employment at the rehabilitated factory.