



Fast Facts

Country: Kosovo

Duration: August 2000 to November 2003

Implementing UN Agencies: UNOPS; UNDP

Budget: \$20,448,626.03

Key Words: Post-conflict reconstruction; access to housing; energy services

BACKGROUND

The Kosovo conflict of 1998/99 cut off essential social services, disrupted economic development and compounded hardships faced by an already vulnerable and distressed population. In its aftermath, private housing, public buildings as well as electrical distribution networks were extensively damaged and destroyed. The situation was particularly dire in rural areas where many

families were living in tents or temporary shelters hoping to return to the homes they had once abandoned. As Kosovo took strides towards post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, restoring housing and electricity networks for conflict-affected populations was an essential component in its long-term strategy to ensure sustainable peace and stability.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to address post-conflict reconstruction in the districts of Peje Skenderal, Rahovec and Mitrovice by way of interventions in the housing and electrification sectors. To this end, the project set out to (i) rebuild damaged houses and restore electrical distribution

networks; and (ii) train inhabitants in technical and managerial aspects of housing and electrification work. Moreover, in an effort to promote inter-ethnic reconciliation, the project supported a work force of Kosovo Albanians and Kosovo Serbs

BENEFICIARIES

The project targeted 1,000 households through the housing component and 4,000 households through the reconstruction of electrical distribution

networks. In addition, the participating communities benefited from employment and a greater sense of social harmony.