



Fast Facts

Area: Kosovo

Duration: October 2000 to January 2001

Implementing UN Agencies: UNMIK; UNOPS

Other Implementing Partners: European Broadcasting Union

Budget: \$440,650.88

Key Words: Post-conflict reconstruction; access to information

BACKGROUND

As a result of the civil strife in Kosovo in the late 1990s, media and broadcasting facilities were severely disrupted. The principal broadcasting body in Kosovo, Radio and Television of Kosovo, lacked the basic equipment required for its normal operations and was unable to provide the conflict-affected population with access to necessary information. As part of its ongoing support to Radio and Television of Kosovo, the United

Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), together with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) identified the need for this equipment to be installed in time for journalists to be able to cover the run-up to the elections of October 2000, which would be the first elections held in Kosovo since the end of the hostilities.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to rehabilitate and build the capacity of broadcast media in Kosovo in order to provide the necessary coverage of the municipal elections in 2000. This was to be achieved through

providing technical assistance to journalists and installing equipment for electronic information gathering, editing, and broadcasting at the newly established media center in Pristina.

BENEFICIARIES

The equipment procured was transferred to Radio and Television Kosovo in time for its journalists to use them to cover the Kosovo elections of October 2000. The direct beneficiaries of the project were journalists

of Radio and Television Kosovo who received the upgraded equipment, while the people of Kosovo as a whole benefitted from the improved access to information and coverage of the elections.