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Trust Fund Project for Assistance to discharged defence personnel in the Republic of Serbia

Fact sheet – June 2011

Mr. Zoran Knežević (45) was working in the Army for more than 19 years.

Supported by the NTF business creation assistance he registered an agricultural household and started a vegetable production.



Statistical data for the period 1 July 2006 – 30 June 2011

Beneficiaries referred to the NTF programme and targeted with outreach activities **10,259**

Beneficiaries receiving individual counselling **6,025**

Submitted requests for assistance **4,596***

Approved requests / number of beneficiaries who received project funds: **4,547***

- Micro and small business creation – **3,586** (79%)
- Expansion of existing micro and small business enterprises – **10** (0.2%)
- Employment regeneration through job placement – **442** (10%)
- Vocational training courses – **509** (11%)

Trainings for increasing the capacity of MoD staff to run future downsizing activities **23**

Outreach activities: Field presentations to potential beneficiaries, Seminars for local communities, Workshops for IOM-NTF staff and partner institutions **212**

* Including 232 beneficiaries who received interest-free micro-loans, self-sustainability, stimulative or development grants.

Donor: NATO PfP Trust Fund - Donor countries: Norway as the lead nation, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom as well as Switzerland as external donor.

Implementing Agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Partner institution: Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (MoD) – PRISMA Programme (Programme for Resettlement in the Serbian Ministry of Defence and Army)

Duration: Five-year period from 1 July 2006 – 30 June 2011.
Pending decision on no cost extension

Target Group: Within the five year period, up to 5,100 discharged defence personnel categorized as "high risk" by the Ministry of Defence of Serbia, as well as their families and dependencies.

Target Area: The territory of the Republic of Serbia through four IOM/MoD regional offices established in Belgrade, Niš, Novi Sad and Kraljevo.
In line with the exit strategy NTF presence in the field terminated on 30 April 2011

Overall Objective: Assistance to discharged defence personnel for sustainable reintegration into civilian life within the scope of defence sector reform in Serbia.

Strategic Objectives:

- Assistance to discharged defence personnel in the process of their reintegration into civilian life
- Increase capacity of PRISMA/MoD in providing reintegration assistance to discharged defence personnel
- Contribute to the implementation of defence sector reform process in Serbia