













OFFICE FOR FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY

Republic of Serbia

RECOVERY – LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Government of the Republic of Serbia adopted the **National Recovery Plans** for the following sectors:

 Demolished family housing units	 Power and energy units	 Traffic
 Damaged family housing units	 Telecommunications	 Education
 Water management	 Agriculture	 Economy
 Financial assistance to sub-tenants	NB: Several more National Recovery Plans are currently being considered for the following sectors: mining and energy, healthcare, sports, social policy, etc.	

PROCESS OF STATE ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTION

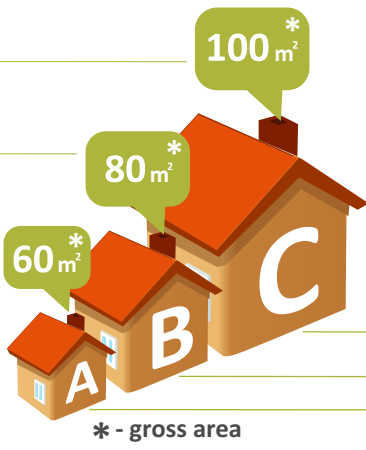
The process has been taking place based on the Recovery Programmes for the destroyed and damaged family housing units and in line with the legal procedure stipulated by the Law on General Administrative Procedure and *lex specialis*, i.e. the Law on Recovery of Flood Affected Areas in the Republic of Serbia:

The primary measure is the construction of standardised houses:

- Five and more members of household
- Up to four household members
- One-two members of household

Number of municipalities affected by May flooding:

119



In case the construction is not possible, financial assistance is disbursed:

- 3,000,000.00 RSD for type C houses
- 2,500,000.00 RSD for type B houses
- 2,000,000.00 RSD for type A houses

Five categories of damages are defined, i.e. the following amounts of financial assistance:

I 120,000.00 RSD	II 200,000.00 RSD	III 250,000.00 RSD	IV 350,000.00 RSD	V 600,000.00 RSD
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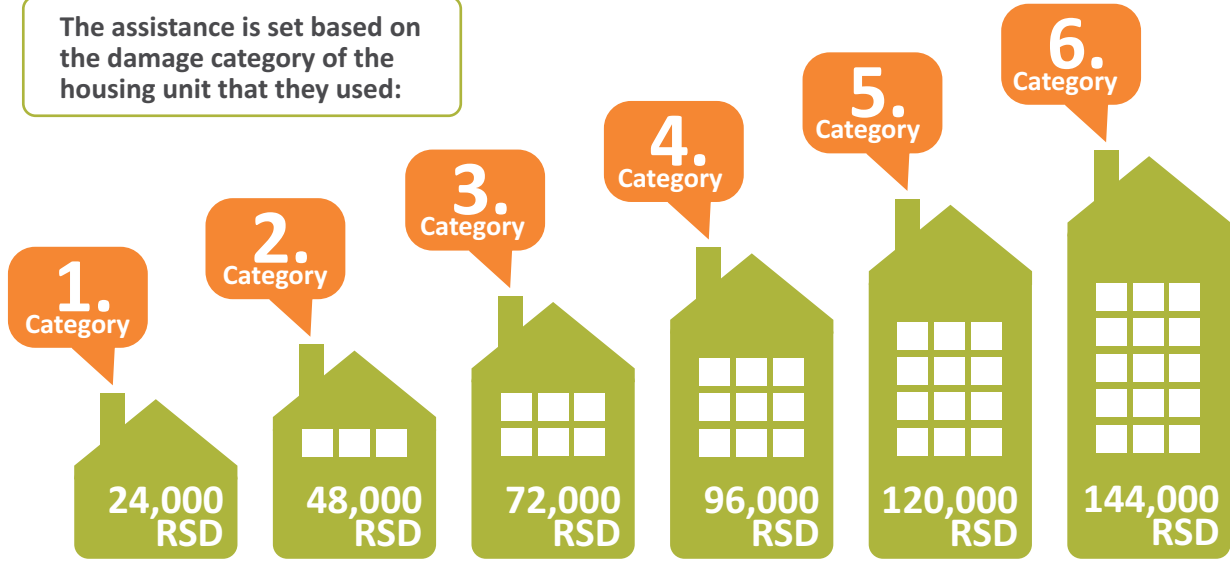
The criteria for the distribution of the state assistance are equal for all.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUB-TENANTS



Based on the National Recovery Programme for beneficiaries with damaged and destroyed family housing units, the level of financial assistance has been set for sub-tenants living in housing units that were damaged or destroyed during the floods.

The assistance is set based on the damage category of the housing unit that they used:

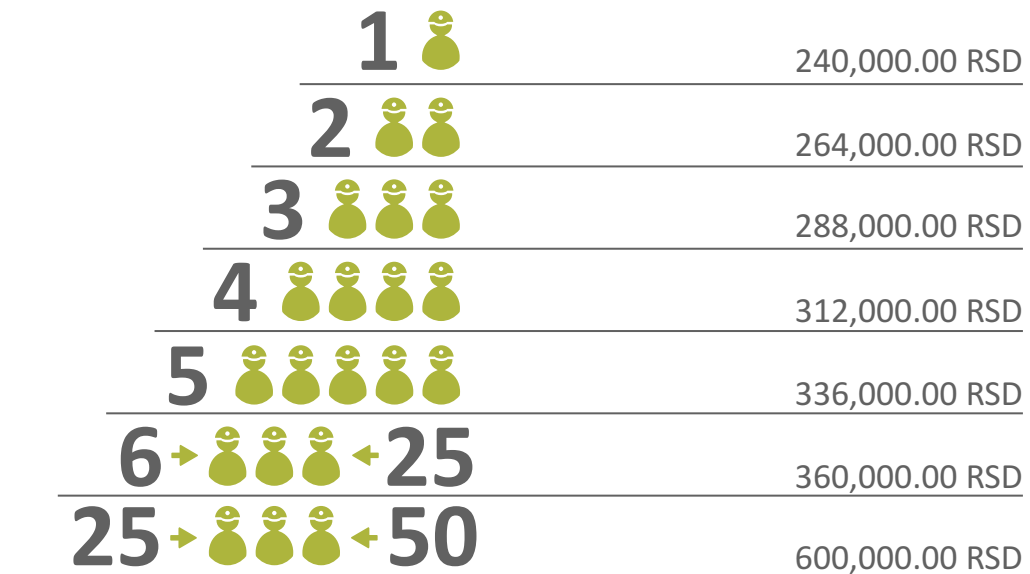


ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME TO BUSINESSES



600 million dinars were allocated from the state budget for non-refundable assistance to businesses.

Based on the National Recovery Programme for economic activity within the flooded areas, the financial assistance has been set for the businesses that employ less than 50 employees. The amount of the non-refundable aid is determined based on the number of employees and may vary between 240,000 and 600,000 RSD. As of 31 December 2016, **2012 businesses** received assistance totaling in **567 million dinars**.



TRANSPARENCY IN MONEY DISBURSEMENT

For the first time in Serbia:

- All decisions are made public on notice boards in municipality and city administration buildings
- The lists of all interventions and all state assistance beneficiaries together with the type and the amount of assistance distributed are published on the Office's website - www.obnova.gov.rs
- Open public procurement in all cases related to the elimination of natural hazard impact
- Information on all public procurements are published on the Office's webpage - www.obnova.gov.rs
- **Transparency Serbia** carried out an oversight of the implementation of public procurement procedures in flood relief. Among other things, this organisation's report indicates that the established public procurement mechanism based on the Law on Recovery of Flood Affected Areas in the Republic of Serbia gave positive results. It also states that the rules which govern the flood-related public procurement as well as practises from flood relief related public procurement can be used to improve the regular public procurement mechanism in Serbia.
- **The State Ombudsperson's** report indicates that thousands of citizens were gravely affected by the floods and that citizens' solidarity, activities of state institutions, and in particular the **transparent work of the Government of Serbia's Office for Reconstruction and Flood Relief (FAARO)** and international assistance helped mitigate the flood consequences.

RECONSTRUCTION IN NUMBERS

DESTROYED HOUSING UNITS

From 4 August 2014 until 9 March 2017

490 FAMILIES

WHOSE HOUSES WERE
DESTROYED IN FLOODS
HAVE BEEN ASSISTED

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE ASSISTANCE FOR DESTROYED BUILDINGS



266

HOUSES NEWLY BUILT

214

FAMILIES RECEIVED
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

332 HOUSES

PROVIDED AS
DONATIONS



161 houses donated by the European Union - in 27 municipalities in 28 municipalities and building for 32 socially vulnerable families

35 houses donated by The United Arab Emirates - in Obrenovac, Valjevo and Krupanj via UNDP as the Implementing Partner

25 houses donated by Kuwait - in Obrenovac

11 houses donated by Pazova Foundation for the most affected - in Bajina Bašta

11 houses donated by France - in Obrenovac and Kladovo

10 houses donated by Dragica Nikolić Foundation - in Ub and Bajina Bašta

10 houses donated by Blic Foundation and TV Prva - in Obrenovac

4 houses donated by UNITAS Foundation - in Obrenovac and Krupanj

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE DAMAGED AND DESTROYED HOUSING UNITS

SO FAR, THE STATE ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN DISBURSED



All details about the beneficiaries of the disbursed state assistance for the damaged and destroyed housing units are listed on the Office's webpage - www.obnova.gov.rs

FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION

are provided in line with the Law on Recovery of Flood Affected Areas (from the Republic of Serbia budget, the budget of the Autonomous Province and budgets of local self-government, donations, contributions and gifts, acceptances from loans, financial assets sales, European Union financial assistance, public enterprises' funds, and other organisations founded by the Republic of Serbia, Autonomous Province or the local self-government, and other sources).

The total damage (including losses) is estimated at > 1.7 billion Euros

42.5 million EUR

Individual donations

Individuals and businesses from Serbia and abroad

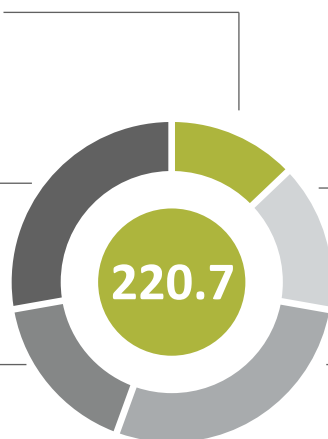
60.2 million EUR

Solidarity Fund

30 million EUR

2012 IPA funds -

Available and implemented
The funds will be managed by the EU as per agreement with the Government



220.7 million EUR of grants

26 million EUR

Bilateral donors

62 million EUR

2014 IPA funds -

Available in the first quarter of 2015
The funds will be managed by the EU as per agreement with the Government

≈ 300 million USD in loans:

300 million USD

World Bank loan -

The Bank has approved the loan in October 2014



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Overview of Activities

ENERGY

30
million
USD

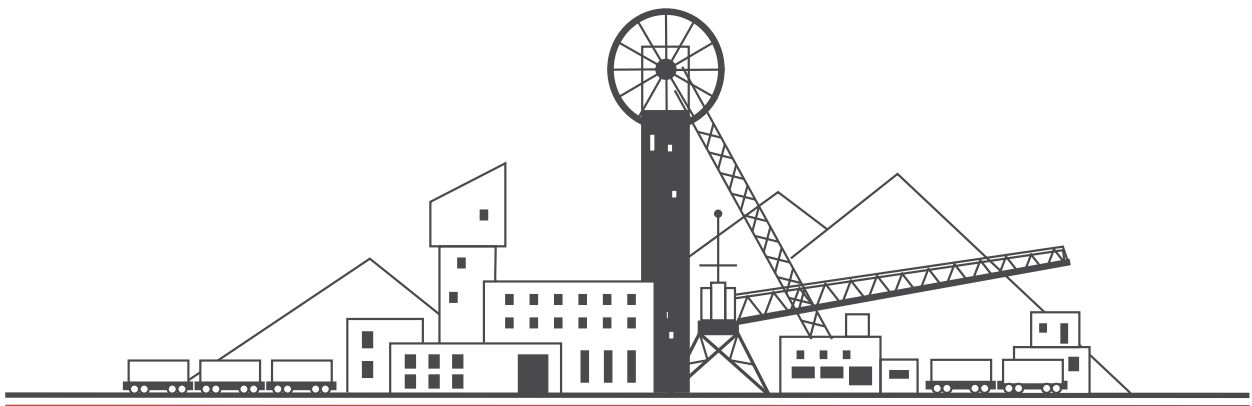
Funding for the project of pumping out water from the Kolubara open pit mine Tamnava Zapadno Polje was secured in cooperation with the World Bank. A total of 30 million USD were provided for this purpose.

150
million
USD

Funding for purchase/import of electricity for the period of 2014-2016 was secured in an agreement with the World Bank. The total funds allocated for this purpose shall amount to almost 150 million USD. Owing to these funds, THERE WERE NO POWER CUTS in Serbia.

20
million
EUR

In cooperation with the World Bank, approximately 20 million Euros have been secured to fund the renewal of destroyed and damaged equipment by floods in Belgrade Power Distribution Enterprise ("Elektrodistribucija Beograd" – EDB)

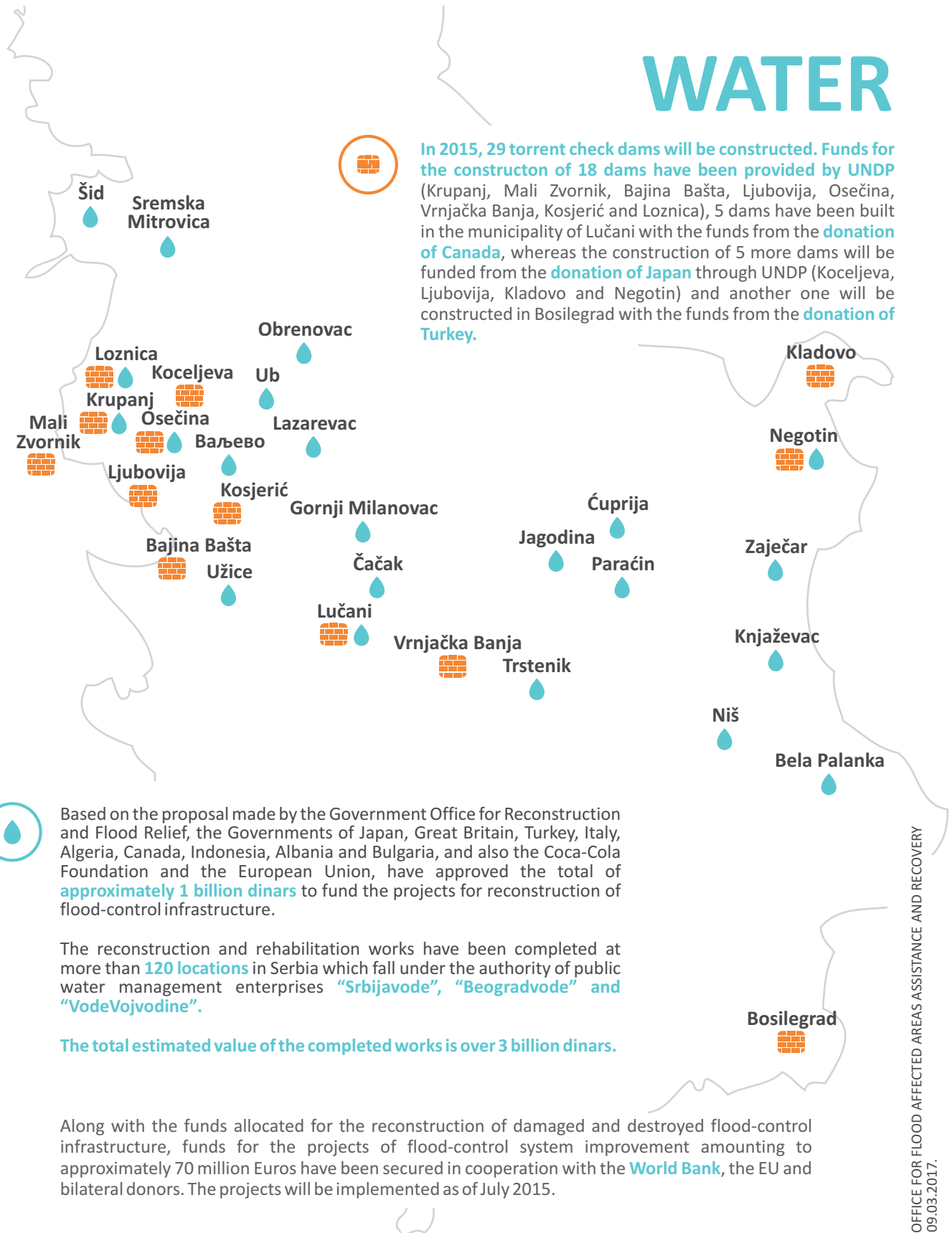




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WATER



Based on the proposal made by the Government Office for Reconstruction and Flood Relief, the Governments of Japan, Great Britain, Turkey, Italy, Algeria, Canada, Indonesia, Albania and Bulgaria, and also the Coca-Cola Foundation and the European Union, have approved the total of **approximately 1 billion dinars** to fund the projects for reconstruction of flood-control infrastructure.

The reconstruction and rehabilitation works have been completed at more than **120 locations** in Serbia which fall under the authority of public water management enterprises **“Srbijavode”, “Beogradvode” and “VodeVojvodine”**.

The total estimated value of the completed works is over 3 billion dinars.

Along with the funds allocated for the reconstruction of damaged and destroyed flood-control infrastructure, funds for the projects of flood-control system improvement amounting to approximately 70 million Euros have been secured in cooperation with the **World Bank**, the EU and bilateral donors. The projects will be implemented as of July 2015.



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DIRECT AID

Over
15,000
households
in Serbia

Apart from the direct aid coming from the state, over 15,000 households throughout Serbia received aid for the reconstruction of houses in money, construction material and/or labour coming from the donations by the **European Union** (EU), Austria, USA and Switzerland through the following organisations: the Serbian Red Cross, Caritas, Mercy Corps, ADRA etc.

financial aid
210
Euros

Financial aid in the amount of 210 Euros was secured through the **Serbian Red Cross** for over 15,000 households that were issued decisions on state aid. This programme is implemented in cooperation with the Office.

reconstructions for
1,000
socially vulnerable

An EU donation secured house reconstructions for 1,000 socially vulnerable households afflicted with the floods; among these are **ALL** houses damaged in Braće Jugović Settlement in Obrenovac and **ALL** damaged houses in Krupanj.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The process of reconstruction, implemented owing to various donors, includes 65 public buildings (some of them are funded by several donors).

Sixty-five public facilities have been reconstructed, including primary schools, secondary schools, kindergartens, health, cultural and sports centers.

2 | **21**
million | public
Euros | buildings

The funds to reconstruct 21 public buildings in Obrenovac, Šabac, Trstenik, Ljubovija, Paraćin and Svilajnac have been secured solely by the EU, in cooperation with the Office. As a part of the donation, the schools have also been equipped, mainly with furniture. The approximate value of the investment is 2 million Euros.

4 | **35**
million | public
Euros | buildings

Four million Euros in donations received from the Government of Norway has been used to fund the reconstruction and outfitting of buildings at 25 public facilities in total.

19
public
buildings

From other donors – So far, the reconstruction of 19 public facilities has been funded using donations received from Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation, Novak Đoković Foundation, the B92 Fund and various French foundations.

The following projects have been financed from the Solidarity Fund:

- Construction of 73 completely new bridges in 28 LSGs;
- Implementation of 64 projects for the reconstruction and improvement of local infrastructure at 36 LSGs, which includes road infrastructure, regulation of local watercourses, water supply and sewerage and landslide rehabilitation.
- Implementation of 59 projects to reconstruct public facilities in healthcare and education sectors in 23 LSGs;



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PREVENTION

The Government of Serbia adopted the **National Plan for Natural Disaster Risk Management** in December 2014, which is to be implemented in cooperation with the World Bank, the UN and EU.

Over 70 million EUR have so far been secured to implement prevention measures programme.

AGRICULTURE

So far, the total amount of allocated and provided assistance has reached 13 million Euros.

9.5 million Euros | **29** municipalities

An EU-funded agriculture relief program worth 9.5 million Euros implemented by the FAO in cooperation with the Office. As part of this program, aid packages (saplings, domestic animals, animal feed, equipment, etc.) are donated for over 34,000 agricultural households on the territory of 29 municipalities which suffered damage due to the floods.

34,415 agricultural households

16,000 hectares | **10,000** small farmers

In cooperation with the **Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection**, the Office set up seed distribution for sowing nearly 16,000 hectares of land owned by approximately 10,000 small farmers.

fuel | fertiliser
65 | **61**
million RSD

The households were provided with the assistance in fuel worth almost 65 million dinars (430 tonnes of fuel) as well as 61 million dinars of financial assistance to purchase fertilizer for 8,872 agricultural households.

900.000€

of additional relief to farmers through two new national programmes:

500.000€

through the National Recovery Program for Flood-Affected Agricultural Land – **Two hundred Euros per hectare for remediation of nearly 3,000 hectares of agricultural land**

400.000€

through an assistance program for cattle breeders whose livestock perished in the floods to recover 5,000 head of cattle