

## **Improvement of electric network for 7 Kosovo Serbian villages in Gjilan/Gnjilane area**



New extensions of the long distance power line

Recently IOM's Community Stabilization Programme – supported by the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) -- concluded its community project to improve the electrical network in seven villages (Stanišor, Straža, Melce, Draganac, Gornji Makreš and Donji Makreš) in the Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality. Moreover, this project has provided a sustainable power supply for the water supply system in the village of Gornje Kusce, thereby normalizing the water supply through the recently constructed water supply system in this village. This project has created a stable source of electricity, which is much easier to access in case of emergency. This improvement was realized through making new extensions of the long distance power line (new wiring, consoles, insulators and poles in the system). The length of this new line is two times shorter than the previous one in this predominately Kosovo Serb populated area of the municipality.

The project was co-funded by the Serbian Government's Coordination Center for Kosovo and Metohija (CCK), which provided 50% of the costs, and the other half was ensured through the EAR/IOM CSP programme and the Municipal Community Office in Gjilan/Gnjilane.