

News in Brief

- ✍ A one-year EAR/IOM programme “Fostering the Sustainable Return and Reintegration of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian (RAE) communities to Klinë/Klina municipality” reconstructed 30 houses for 30 families who have already moved therein. In addition, 30 income generation projects were implemented, including: ten production-based and 20 service-based, mostly oriented on wood and metal processing, locksmith services, craftsmanship and other construction services.
- ✍ During the 2007, 55 individuals have benefited directly and 95 indirectly from the 26 projects supported by the UK Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Programme. The assistance focused on: on-the-job training support through salary subsidies, activities related to construction, as well as jobs in the service sector and agriculture.. The greatest number of returnees from the UK has resettled in the Prishtinë/Priština and Mitrovicë/Mitrovica region.
- ✍ IOM pilot project “Reintegration Assistance for Separated Kosovo Protection Corps Members” concluded in September 2007. It managed to assist in the sustainable reintegration of over 86 KPC members separating from the KPC. The beneficiaries were provided with a dignified exit process mainly concentrated in creating opportunities for employment and self-employment through a variety of measures including: basic business skills training, referral to further training options, on-the-job training schemes through the provision of salary subsidies, and financial assistance for business development
- ✍ In December 2007, the Trust Fund (TF) Programme aiming to productively engage members of the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) in civic and humanitarian work was concluded. During the last phase of TF, ten infrastructure projects were implemented resulting in construction of three medical clinics, one sewage system, two bridges and four schools throughout Kosovo villages.
- ✍ A total of 11 trafficked persons from Kosovo identified and assisted by IOM and partners were provided with income generating support. Three cases were assisted through income-generating projects and eight cases through direct assistance, in order to improve their socio-economic conditions. Beneficiaries received support to establish poultry farms, to start milk production, a small coffee shop and to launch production of bakery and cookies. One of the beneficiaries has received hair-dressing vocational training
- ✍ Since its inception in January 2000, the Swedish Medical Programme, in cooperation with IOM, has evacuated 86 persons

with different medical problems, including 69 evacuations to Sweden and 17 to Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition the programme featured 165 visits by 43 Swedish doctors and nurses assisting in surgeries of 215 patients in Kosovo. During this period, as a part of this cooperation, 40 Kosovo health professionals attended medical trainings in Sweden.