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Promotion & Protection of Property Rights
of IDPs, Refugees & Returnees upon
Readmission Agreements

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The project is implemented by the Consortium led by the European Consulting Group.



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
OFFICE FOR KOSOVO AND METOHIJA



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DURING AND AFTER CONFLICT IN KOSOVO AND METOHIJA
AND 1999 NATO BOMBING CAMPAIGN, **230.000**
SERBS AND NON-ALBANIANS WERE DISPLACED
FROM KOSOVO AND METOHIJA ¹

OUT OF TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPs IN SERBIA,
OUTSIDE KOSOVO AND METOHIJA, IT WAS IDENTIFIED THAT
97.286 PERSONS WERE AFFECTED BY MULTIPLE ISSUES
AND NEED ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING EXISTENTIAL PROBLEMS ²

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **SEVERAL MILLIONS**
OF PEOPLE HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES DURING WARS
IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

AFTER THE END OF CONFLICT IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA,
537.937 REFUGEES AND **79.791**
WAR-AFFECTED PERSONS WERE REGISTERED IN SERBIA;
THERE ARE **29.457** REFUGEES IN SERBIA TODAY

DURING WAR CONFLICTS APPROXIMATELY **100.000**
PEOPLE FLED TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND
ABOUT **40.000** PEOPLE RETURNED TO SERBIA

THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POTENTIAL
PROJECT USERS IN ROMA, ASHKALI AND
EGYPTIAN COMMUNITIES

PROBLEMS AFFECTING INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE, REFUGEES AND RETURNEES UPON READMISSION AGREEMENTS

Usurped, destroyed or damaged property in place of origin
which prevents them from returning or investing in their future
in their places of residence.

**Inability to exercise employment rights (severance pay,
pensions, unpaid salaries and contributions...).**

Institutional obstacles when trying to obtain documents necessary
for exercising basic rights (birth certificate, health insurance, citizenship,
recognition of diplomas, years of service, pension, title deeds...).

Lack of security in place of origin.

Difficult integration in social, cultural and commercial life
at temporary place of residence.

HOW DO WE HELP?

We provide support to those who, due to lack of funds,
safety or other reasons, are incapable of exercising their
property rights and other rights.

**Support is provided by six legal teams, mobile teams,
project website and free telephone line.**

Teams consists of highly qualified lawyers which can provide:

- **necessary information** about legal rights of IDPs, refugees
and returnees upon readmission agreements
- **free legal aid**
- **free legal representation** of competent lawyers in order to protect
rights, in particular property rights, and provide assistance regarding
return of usurped, damaged or destroyed property.

¹ <http://www.kirs.gov.rs/docs/Nacionalna%20strategija%20za%20zb%20r%20f%202015-2020.pdf>

² IDP Needs Assessment in Serbia, UNHCR, March 2011, <http://www.unhcr.org/dokumenti/istrazivanja/procena-potreba-interno-raseljenih-lica-srbiji.html>