

Croatia

Programme Title:	Closing the Chapter: Social Inclusion and Conflict Transformation in War-Affected Areas of Croatia
Programme number & MPTF ref:	MDGF-1975-F-HRV Closing the Ch (67230)
Window:	Conflict Prevention & Peacebuilding
Approved Budget by NSC (US\$):	3 million
Participating Organizations:	UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, IOM
Dates of First /Second /Third installments:	12-May-2009 / 26-May-2010
Status :	End of project narrative report received

ACHIEVEMENTS

Expected results (Outcome)	Summary of Joint Programme Achievements
<p><u>Outcome 1:</u> National policy coordination on conflict prevention, reconciliation and recovery strengthened</p>	<p>This outcome would primarily be achieved by providing support to the Vice Prime Minister’s office to organize quarterly coordination meetings among government institutions providing support and social-services to the ASSCs. Rule of Law activities, namely UNHCR’s support to free legal aid and UNDP’s witness victim support, were included. In spite of a setback due to Cabinet changes, sustainable improvements to access to justice represented by the completion of the UNHCR free legal aid output and UNDP WVS output were accomplished.</p>
<p><u>Outcome 2:</u> Enhanced community integration, safety and social cohesion</p>	<p>Under UNDP’s component, a total of 10 safe-community plans were developed by local crime prevention councils and implemented. Four studies, 12 workshops for war veteran’s associations and 10 trainings and workshops for women’s NGOs were completed by IOM.</p> <p>UNICEF’s violence free schools initiatives taught youth the necessary skills to prevent conflict and violence. In total, 25 schools and communities were engaged resulting in 14 new schools in the ASSC and 157 schools nationwide adopting violence prevention standards and 14 new schools from the ASSC joining the National Network of Violence-free schools.</p> <p>UNHCR’s organized two 4-day peace building forums and 3 leadership trainings for participants from the 20 targeted communities. 20 small-scale development projects were implemented.</p>

<p>Outcome 3: Enhanced socio-economic recovery of areas of Special State Concern</p>	<p>5 out of 8 planned trainings for local authorities, communities and regional development agencies in project development management implementation and fundraising for EU funds were organized. The trainings also targeted individuals involved in implementing or benefitting from other MDG-F activities. The initial target was not met due to increased costs and reduced parallel funding. The trainings benefitted 46 men and 35 women from 23 national institutions and 39 local institutions including NGOs, county and municipal administrations and the private sector. The vast majority of beneficiaries expressed satisfaction and ranked the training as high quality. UNHCR worked with County Social Services and the Croatian Red Cross to provide immediate support and provisions of services to refugees, returnees and vulnerable populations in remote areas of the ASSC in order to include them in the national social protection schemes. An estimated 12,000 beneficiaries received assistance through the Croatian Red Cross mobile teams. Working jointly with the line ministry, UNHCR organized County Social Planning exercises in 4 counties in the ASSC with high rates of returns and poor social infrastructure. County Plans were delivered for 2011- 2014 to ensure sustainability.</p> <p>50 cooperatives, associations and family farms in the ASSC improved their business processes and access to market and 10 micro-projects were implemented to improve business and community infrastructure.</p> <p>12 new infrastructure sub-projects were implemented in conflict affected communities. 13 sets of technical documentation and preparatory documents for infrastructure project proposals were developed in order to enable local communities, municipalities and counties in the ASSC to apply for additional funding.</p>
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LESSONS LEARNED

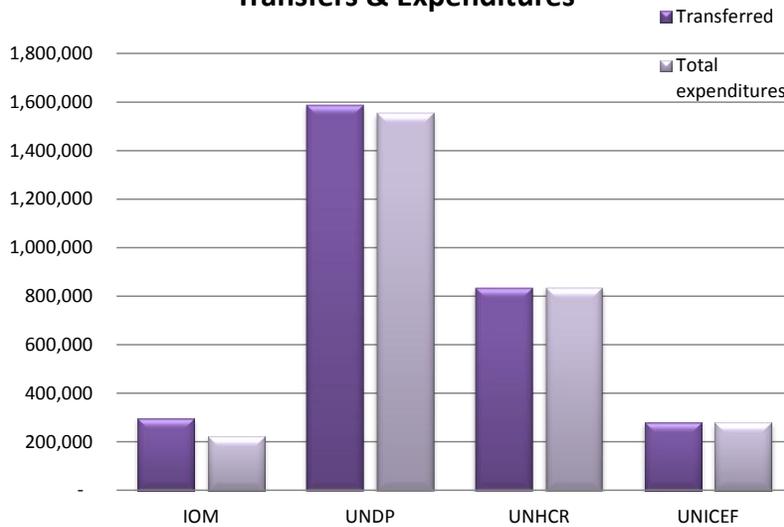
Indicators (e.g. successful applications for EU funds, reduced unemployment and increased absorption of EU funds in the ASSCs) to measure the programme’s effectiveness in outcome 3 will only be seen in the next year or two after the programme’s closure when decisions on project proposals to the EU are made. Furthermore, the economic crisis made it unlikely that employment would improve during the programme cycle, but it is hoped that the seeds were sown to enable improved employment in the ASSCs once the Croatian economy begins to grow again. Despite the limitations in available data and the challenges caused by the global economic downturn, the joint programme and government partners feel the objectives of this outcome were fully achieved.

The programme has communications strategy in place: No

CHARTS & FIGURES
As of 31 December 2011

Organization	Approved Budget	Transferred	Exp rate	Total Expenditure	Supplies, equipmt & transport	Personnel	Training of counter	Contracts	Other direct costs	Indirect costs
IOM	297,900	297,900	75%	223,858	10,612	96,960	44,410	41,669	15,562	14,645
UNDP	1,587,090	1,587,090	98%	1,553,301	245,271	681,687	3,440	464,948	56,394	101,561
UNHCR	834,110	834,110	100%	834,110	99,099	405,953	2,596	67,728	204,166	54,568
UNICEF	280,900	280,900	100%	280,900	19,008	93,461		4,990	145,064	18,377
Grand total	3,000,000	3,000,000	96%	2,892,169	373,991	1,278,060	50,446	579,335	421,186	189,151

Transfers & Expenditures



Expenditure by category

