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About the project:

- 2 year project to address the needs of people affected by forced migration in Serbia towards self determined futures and quality of life.
- Funded by the European Commission and the Balkan Trust for Democracy and managed by the CDRSEE, in partnership with the Novi Sad Humanitarian Center and the Center for Peace and Democracy Development
- Based on the belief that refugees are human capital, not a burden on society.
- Direct, immediate support for all those groups affected by forced migration, through 10 help desks in 9 locations in Serbia.
- Thorough demographic and economic research and application of the research into practical models.
- International and local teams of experts from the NGO sector, government, business, industry and refugee groups will work over 4 months to develop sustainable strategies and solutions.

Fast Facts:

- A total of 379,135 refugees were registered during the 2002 census in Serbia – 192,672 (50.8%) in Central Serbia and 186,463 (49.2%) in Vojvodina. According to UNHCR data, 206,000 Kosovo IDPs lived in Serbia in 2002.
- Between 40-50% of refugees and IDPs in Serbia live below the poverty line.
- 25-28% of refugees and IDPs have sufficient income to cover their basic needs.
- Migrant populations are far less likely than the domestic population to be given bank loans or credit.
- Migrant populations are far less likely to own their own homes or land than the domestic population.
- Unemployment rates of refugees and IDPs exceed those of the domestic population.
- Serbia & Montenegro was the leading country of origin of asylum seekers and migrants to the EU in 2004-6 (UNHCR statistics)
- Remarkably less young people in the migrant populations are unemployed in comparison to the domestic population.
- Far fewer young people in the migrant populations are in education than those in the domestic population.
- Women in migrant populations are particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable.
- Psychological factors are a huge barrier to vulnerable groups seeking employment or accessing rights and benefits, even where services are available.

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