



## I O M - N A T O T R U S T F U N D P R O J E C T

Assistance to discharged defence personnel within the scope of defence sector reform in Serbia

### Fact sheet September 2007

<b>Donor:</b>	NATO PFP Trust Fund - Donor countries: Norway as the lead nation, Denmark, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, Finland, Slovenia, Luxemburg, Iceland, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Poland.	
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	
<b>Partners:</b>	Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (MoD)	
<b>Duration:</b>	Five years: two years (July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2006 – Jun 30 <sup>th</sup> 2008) with the possibility of additional 3 years	
<b>Target Group:</b>	During the first two years up to 1,850 discharged defence personnel categorized as “high risk” by the Ministry of Defence of Serbia, as well as their families and dependencies, with a view to enlarge that initial target group to 5,100 people by the end of the five years.	
<b>Target Area:</b>	The whole territory of the Republic of Serbia through three IOM/MoD regional resettlement centres (RRC) established in Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad.	
<b>Overall Objective:</b>	Assistance to discharged defence personnel for sustainable reintegration into civilian life within the scope of defence sector reform in Serbia.	
<b>Project Purposes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To provide technical and financial support mechanisms to expand and complement the existing MoD PRISMA Programme (Programme for Resettlement in Serbia Armed Forces) as well as enhance the socio-economic reintegration prospects of discharged defence personnel in Serbia;</li> <li>○ To provide direct reintegration assistance up to 5,100 (up to 1,850 over the first two years) discharged defence personnel in the form of grants and/or micro-credits for setting up or expanding existing micro, small and medium size business activities, developing income generation projects as well as enhanced support activities, providing assistance in employment generation, referral services and where appropriate vocational skills training.</li> </ul>	
<b>Specific outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Up to 5,100 discharged defence personnel (up to 1,850 over the first two years) integrated into civilian life as a result of strengthening and reinforcing reintegration initiatives through employment generation, capacity building and business support initiatives resulting in sustainable income generating activities;</li> <li>○ Communities of resettlement, indirectly benefit from the reintegration process by way of services provided and increased business activity at the micro-level;</li> <li>○ Capacity of the MoD to organise and manage reintegration activities as part of downsizing processes increased.</li> </ul>	
<b>Statistics of achieved results for the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007:</b>	Project beneficiaries referred to the NTF programme and targeted with outreach activities	3,912
	Project beneficiaries visiting the IOM offices	1,638
	Beneficiaries receiving counselling at the IOM offices (in the process of accessing assistance)	1,559
	Beneficiaries who have submitted a request for assistance	570
	Beneficiaries whose request has been approved and are receiving the project assistance	548