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Trust Fund Project for Assistance to discharged defence personnel in the Republic of Serbia

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Donor:	NATO PFP Trust Fund - Donor countries: Norway as the lead nation, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom.	
Implementing Agency:	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	
Partners:	Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (MoD)	
Duration:	Five years: two years (July 1 st 2006 – Jun 30 th 2008) with the possibility of additional 3 years	
Target Group:	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.	
Target Area:	The whole territory of the Republic of Serbia through three IOM/MoD regional resettlement centres (RRC) established in Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad.	
Overall Objective:	Assistance to discharged defence personnel for sustainable reintegration into civilian life within the scope of defence sector reform in Serbia.	
Project Purposes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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; ○ 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. 	
Statistics of achieved results for the period up to 30 June 2008:	Project beneficiaries referred to the NTF programme and targeted with outreach activities	7,813
	Project beneficiaries receiving individual counselling at the NTF offices	3,156
	Beneficiaries who have submitted a request for assistance	1,631
	Approved requests / number of beneficiaries who received project funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Micro and small business creation – 1,096 (68%) ○ Expansion of existing micro and small business enterprises – 5 (0.3%) ○ Employment regeneration through job placement – 279 (17%) ○ Vocational training courses – 228 (14%) 	1,608
	Training courses for increasing the capacity of MoD staff to run future downsizing activities	5
	Outreach activities: Field presentations to potential beneficiaries, Seminars for local communities, Workshops for IOM-NTF staff and partner institutions	105