



NATO PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE

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

Fact sheet – April 2009

Mr Željko Leskur (48), early retired Sergeant Major 1st Class, supported by the NTF grant in amount of €1,500 set up his own IT services company.



Statistics of achieved results for the period up to 30 April 2009

Beneficiaries referred to the NTF programme and targeted with outreach activities	8,612
Beneficiaries receiving individual counselling	4,578
Submitted requests for assistance	2,861
Approved requests / number of beneficiaries who received project funds:	2,794
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Micro and small business creation – 2,068 (74%) ▪ Expansion of existing micro and small business enterprises – 10 (0.4%) ▪ Employment regeneration through job placement – 378 (14%) ▪ Vocational training courses – 338 (12%) 	
Trainings 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	126

Donor: NATO PfP Trust Fund - Donor countries: Norway as the lead nation, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom.

Implementing Agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Partner institution: Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (MoD) – PRISMA Programme (Programme for Resettlement in the Serbian Army)

Duration: The project is designed for a period of five years. The third year of project implementation ongoing (1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009).

Target Group: Within the five year period, up to 5,100 discharged defence personnel categorized as "high risk" by the Ministry of Defence of Serbia, as well as their families and dependencies.

Target Area: The territory of the Republic of Serbia through three IOM/MoD regional resettlement centres (RRC) established in Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad as well as *Kraljevo* sub-office.

Overall Objective: Assistance to discharged defence personnel for sustainable reintegration into civilian life within the scope of defence sector reform in Serbia.

Strategic Objectives:

- Assistance to discharged defence personnel in the process of their reintegration into civilian life
- Increase capacity of PRISMA/MoD in providing reintegration assistance to discharged defence personnel
- Contribute to the implementation of defence sector reform process in Serbia