



NATO PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE

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

Fact sheet – October 2009

Mr Branislav Katić (48), ex Sergeant Major, worked for more than 25 years in the Army. Supported by the NTF grant in amount of €1,500, he established a tailor workshop.



Statistics of achieved results for the period up to 31 October 2009	
Beneficiaries referred to the NTF programme and targeted with outreach activities	9,553
Beneficiaries receiving individual counselling	5,024
Submitted requests for assistance	3,320*
Approved requests / number of beneficiaries who received project funds:	3,257*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Micro and small business creation – 2,499 (76.7%) ▪ Expansion of existing micro and small business enterprises – 10 (0.3%) ▪ Employment regeneration through job placement – 390 (12%) ▪ Vocational training courses – 358 (11%) 	
Trainings for increasing the capacity of MoD staff to run future downsizing activities	7
Outreach activities: Field presentations to potential beneficiaries, Seminars for local communities, Workshops for IOM-NTF staff and partner institutions	151

* Including 85 beneficiaries who received interest-free micro-loans, self-sustainability or stimulative grants.

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 fourth year of project implementation ongoing (1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010).

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, Novi Sad and Kraljevo.

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