

Type of Project:	School	Country:	Kosovo
Approach:	Contracted works	Realisation: Year:	2003
Project name:	Sveti-Sava School in Mitrovica	Version 1	Date: 2004



### Initial Situation, Context

In the frame of the support to the minorities, SDC planned to support the Serb community in Kosovo, and since two years budgeted approx. 500,000 CHF for the KS school of Lipjan/Lipljan.

As the Municipality was not able to put a land plot on disposal for the school, the project had to be abandoned and the Coof decided to reallocate the funds to Northern Mitrovica where the needs are still big.

### Goals, Beneficiaries:

The aim is to relieve the school which is overcrowded and provide an additional space to extend it and in this manner improve the teaching for both children and professors.

### Approach:

The work was planned to include one extension to the existing building. Finally, due to plot limit constraints, the construction consisted in the partition of one internal gymnastic space into two classrooms, plus other smaller internal adjustments.

### Partner(s):

The following partners participated in this programme:

- FOR, for the financing of the project.
- The Ministry of Education Sciences and Technology in Pristina.
- The regional director of Education in Mitrovica.
- The School Director.
- The UNMIK administration in Northern Mitrovica.
- The Municipal department of reconstruction and planning, and the cadastre department.
- The architect Vlada Radulovic in Mitrovica for project and for supervision.
- The contractor TAK for the execution of the project.

**Implementation/Results:**

Construction of two classrooms in the existing gymnastic room of the Sveti-Sava School.  
Construction of one small classroom in the old entrance of the school.  
Construction of one library in one space in the first floor hall.

**Constructions:**

Year 2003. The construction of the partition walls is made with double Knauf panels. The floor is made with parquet on a thermo-insulated screed. Windows are of PVC with thermopan glass. The walls are plastered and painted. The rooms is connected to the central heating network of the school and equipped with new radiators.

**Cost, Financing:**

Financed by FOR.

Total cost: € 46'818 (CHF 70'227). Studies 4'900, Building works 41'918.

**Problems/Constraints:**

For this school, we had to wait and modify the project before getting the building permit.

We had some delays again, in signing the tripartite agreement with the MEST (signed on 03.09.2003). The contract with the contractor was then signed on the same day and the work started effectively.

As the works were mainly internal works, we could complete them on November 5, 2003.

Generally, the main difficulty for this project, as well as for other projects in the Northern part of Mitrovica is that I can only go there alone. I cannot send one of my architects, nor ask the architect from there to come to Pristina. The same is valid with the contractor. Except that, is very difficult and almost impossible to phone the numbers starting with 064. (Northern Mitrovica).

Furthermore, some documents have to be translated in Albanian and Serbian or from Serbian and I do not have the respective staff in Pristina, but had to employ people in Mitrovica.

**Lessons Learned:      What was useful in the approach?**

The contacts with the UNICEF office in Mitrovica, that helped us in the preliminary phase.

**Lessons learned:      What should be done different next time?**

Nothing particular!

**Preconditions and Limitations for this approach:**

- The first precondition was the general situation in the minority schools in Kosovo.
- Close Cooperation with local Authorities. (Education, Cadastre, Urbanism, etc.)
- Construction Office with administrative and technical capacity to implement the project.

**Evaluations:**

Not necessary; we saw that the new classes were used immediately after completion!

**For further information:**

<b>Recommended Contacts:</b>	Coof Pristina
<b>Recommended Institutions:</b>	SDC/SHA, desk Europe +CIS
<b>Recommended books/reports:</b>	SDC/SHA Fact Sheet June 2002: "The Swiss Contribution"
<b>Relevant other projects (links):</b>	Similar SDC/SHA Projects in Kosovo.

**Annex:** (technical drawings, schemata) see page: 3

**One new classroom in November 2003**

