

Type of Project:	<b>Housing</b>	Country:	<b>Kosovo</b>
Approach:	<b>Contracted works</b>	Realisation: Year:	<b>2004-2005</b>
Project name:	<b>Duso – Istog - Gurrakoc</b>	Version	1
		Date:	2004



### Initial Situation, Context

The lack of space for socially vulnerable persons remains a major problem in Kosovo. This concerns mainly mentally sick people, elderly and people still living on TCS (Temporary Community Shelters)

The objective of the HA/SHA programme remains the improvement of general living conditions by setting up necessary technical and social infrastructure framework. In 2003 SDC has allocated a budget with an amount of 1'050'000 CHF over two years, for people living on TCS in Istog and Mitrovica. We have started the 2004 programme in Istog Municipality, to continue it in Mitrovica next year.

### Goals, Beneficiaries:

Closing of the TCS and reducing the number of IDP and social cases.

The Municipality is also interested in closing the TCS for the following reasons:

- Municipality have the charge of these structures like running, maintaining, security, etc.
- Municipality would like to recover the occupied buildings
- Municipality would like to recover the land used.

### Approach:

The project was for building 20 new houses, all category 5.

During the work, the programme was extended for 5 houses more since we had balance in our budget. The construction work was done by contractors. For the families which didn't have a land, the municipality has given them a contract for using the land for 10 years, renewable on request.

### Partner(s):

The following partners participated in this programme:

- FOR, for the financing of the project.
- The Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning in Pristina
- The Department for Economy Development and Planning Istog.
- The Manager of the Gurrakoc camp.
- The contractors Kulla, Çeta, and Evropa for the execution of the project.

**Implementation/Results:**

Construction of 25 new build houses that were immediately occupied, except some because of the water and electricity connections.

**Constructions:**

Year 2004. The construction is traditional with blocks and horizontal and vertical concrete beams and pillars, with thermo-insulation on the ceiling, wooden roof structure with hydro isolation and covered with clay tiles; wooden windows. The floor is covered with ceramic tiles in the bathrooms that are completely equipped. The floors on the rooms are covered with wooden boards. The walls are plastered. The electrical installation is included.

**Cost, Financing:**

Financed by FOR.

Total cost: € 301'667.90.

Average cost per house : € 11'667.-

Average cost per m2 : € 186.-

**Problems/Constraints:**

In general there were no problems during the implementation of the project and as well no delays. The tripartite agreements for 20 families were signed on 11.05.2004. For the 5 reserved cases the tripartite agreements were signed almost two months later because the municipal authorities were late in supplying the lists for assessment of the families. The municipal authorities of Istog provided land to be used by the families which didn't have a land. We had difficulty for the connection of water and electricity in one village' because it was the responsibility of the municipal authorities and they were late. In another village, the problem was to fix up the limits of the plots and of the access road.

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

The improvement of the standards in houses was very much appreciated by the beneficiaries as well as the amount of one hundred euros that we gave them as return support. Due to that all the certificates of completion are signed by the beneficiaries.

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

Before we start in implementing the project we shall get from the Municipality in written form their engagement in providing land to social cases and in connecting those plots to infrastructure (electricity, water and sewerage).

The project was mainly for people living in the TCS, but we took some other cases that were living on tend or prefab hut. We noticed that the people living in the TCS are not always the ones with really big needs. Next time we should give more consideration to people living on very poor conditions no matter where that be.

**Preconditions and Limitations for this approach:**

- The first precondition was the request of Bern for closing of the TCS.
- Close Cooperation with local Authorities. (MESP, Cadastre, Urbanism, etc.)
- Construction Office with administrative and technical capacity to implement the project.

**Evaluations:**

The evaluation for housing programmes 2001 to 2004 is going to take place in 2005.

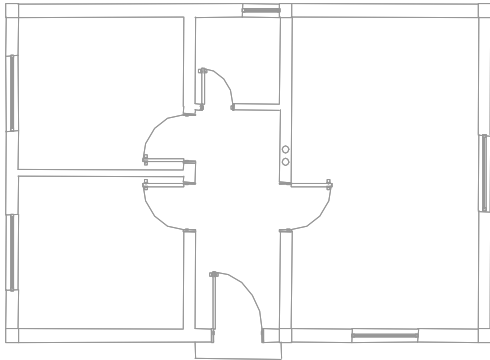
**For further information:**

<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.

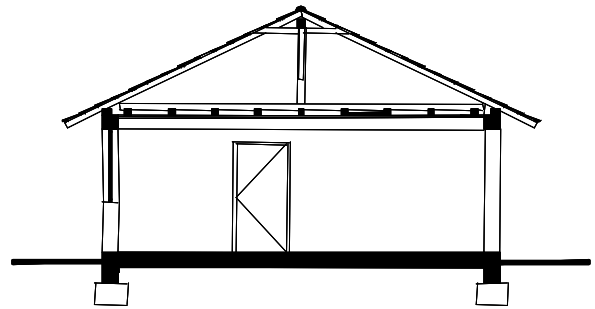
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## Plan of the project (Type 65m2)

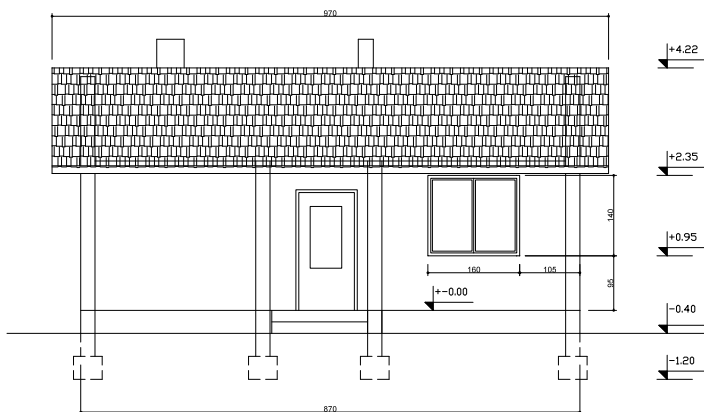
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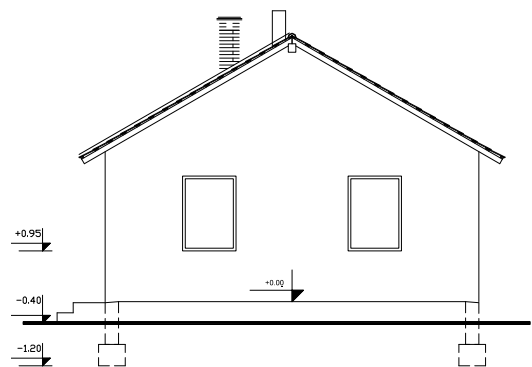
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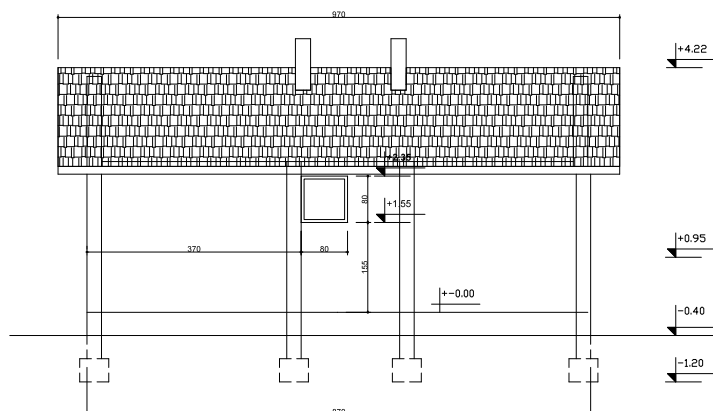
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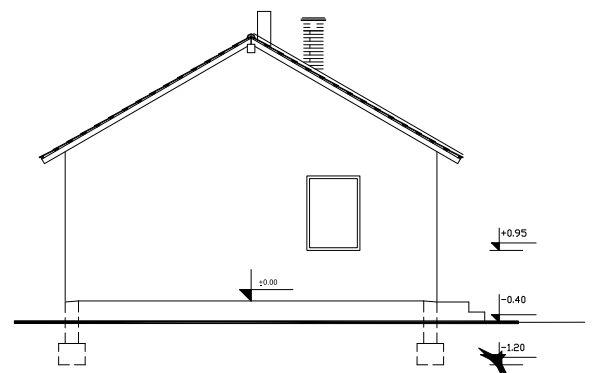
Entrance façade.



Side façade 1



Back façade.



Side façade 2