

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

12 YEARS AFTER DAYTON

**SEPTEMBER 2007** 



## **UNHCR** in BiH

- UNHCR's MANDATE IN BiH
- 1) to ensure the international protection of refugees and to seek solutions for refugees and other people of concern

2) to actively facilitate the return and reintegration of former BiH refugees and internally displaced persons

## **Total Return in BiH - summary**

- Out of the total number of 2,2 million displaced people, total number of returnees from 1996 to 2007 is 1,018,991 persons (returned refugees to BiH 443,859 persons and returned displaced persons within BiH 575,132 persons)
- ➤ Total number of **majority returnees** to BiH is 558,767 (out of which 463,767 to the Federation and 95,000 to Republika Srpska)
- ➤ Total number of **minority returnees** to BiH is 460,224 (out of which to the Federation 274,081, 164,761 to Republika Srpska and Brcko District 21,382))

# Re-registration of Displaced Persons in BiH – statistics (2006)

44,155 families (135,500 persons)
 confirmed their DP status in BiH: 45% in
 Federation BiH, 54% in Republika Srpska
 and 1% in Brcko District

## Repossession of Property in BiH

- Regulated by the Annex VII of the General Framework Agreement for Peace (GFAP):
  - "all refugees and displaced persons have the right for free return to their homes. Their rights are: to repossess the property that was taken away during the war conflict from 1991, and to get compensation for all the property that can not be returned..."

## Statistics on Repossession

- Number of Claims: 211,791 (115,786 in Federation, 89,016 in RS, 6,989 in Brcko District
  - Claims for socially owned property: 97,155 (In FBiH 69,808, in RS 25,311, in Brcko 2,036)
  - Claims for private property: 114,636 (in FBiH 45,978, in RS 63,705, in Brcko 4,953)
- Number of decisions: positive 197,815 (93.40 %), negative 12,642 (5.97 %)

## Reconstruction in BiH

- ➤ Approximately 445,000 housing units were partially or completely destroyed during the war, with additional 14,000 devastated housing units after the signing of GFAP. That is 37% of the pre-war housing assets of BiH
- So far, 260,000 housing units are reconstructed, out of which 170,000 by donations
- There is currently about 43,000 applications for reconstruction assistance, that should enable some 120,000 people to go home
- The estimated costs of the reconstruction in BiH are going up to 1.26 billion EUR

## Lessons observed (1)

- Structure of the post-conflict state and its impact on returns
- Country in transition (conflict + break-up of old social and economic system)
- Slow pace of measures to build confidence in return context such as prosecution of persons who committed serious crimes
- Repossession of property was successful due to the fact that it was part of the Peace Agreement, and it was enforced by the international community

## Lessons observed (2)

- Property Law Implementation Plan (PLIP) has proven to be a necessary condition for return, but it was not sufficient. In a number of instances it has not meant actual returns due to the constraints related to sustainability, and the fact that some people chose to stay in the areas where they constitute ethnic majority
- Slow pace of larger scale development efforts (in particular employment opportunities), have made negative impact on both, return and the sustainability of return
- > Returns delayed are returns denied time factor

# **Challenges for Durable Solutions in BiH**

#### Displaced Persons in BiH

- a sizeable number of vulnerable individuals cannot or are not able to return to their pre-war homes due to past trauma or other special protection concerns
- the housing / economic needs of those who are not able to return either for protection or humanitarian reasons have remain essentially unnoticed
- social protection system is insufficient or not functioning
- sustainability of return remains a problem, due largely to poor economic conditions and lack of employment opportunities in the return areas coupled with reversed migration trends
- despite impressive results achieved in returning a large number of displaced persons to their former houses, their situation remains fragile in many areas
- Some 7,000 displaced persons are still living in the Collective Centers and other types of collective accommodation in difficult circumstances

## **Priority areas for UNHCR**

- 1) Revision of the Strategy of BiH for the Implementation of Annex VII
- In order to define the way forward, in cooperation with the Government, organise a conference of all relevant national and international actors on finding solutions for displacement related issues
- 3) Support the effective functioning of the State Commission for Refugees and Displaced Persons (SCRDP)
- 4) Continue with the support to returns through: free legal aid, small sustainability measures, reconstruction of houses for the most vulnerable residents of the Collective Centers
- Advocacy and concrete interventions to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable displaced persons who are unable to return



#### Statistical Summary

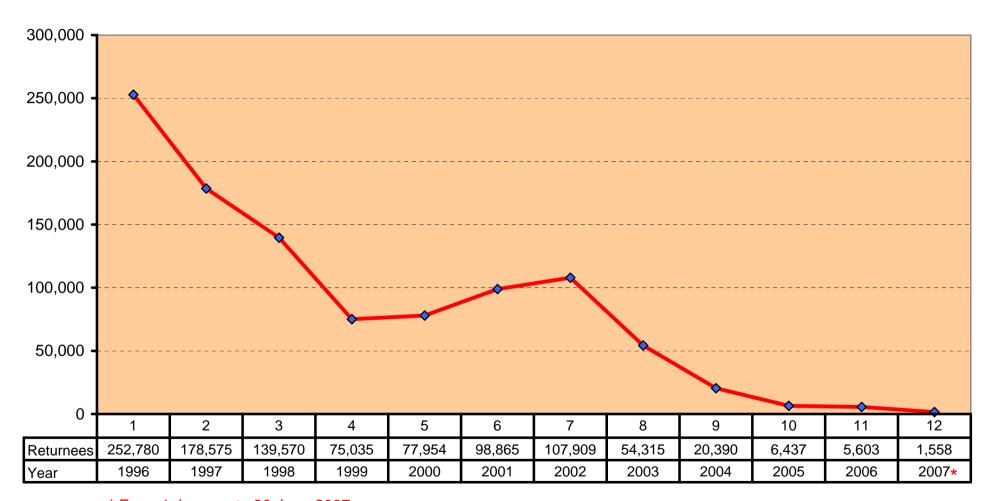
as at 30 June 2007

## I. Total Number of Refugees and Displaced Persons who Returned to/within Bosnia and Herzegovina\*

	Total to date	Current year		
A. Returns from Abroad	443,859	310		
B. Returns of Displaced Persons	575,132	1,248		
Total Number of Returnees :	1,018,991	1,558		
II. Total Number of Minority Returns (Refugees and DPs) who Returned to their Place of Origin in BiH*				
	Total to date	Current year		
A. Federation of BiH	274,081	715		
B. Republika Srpska	164,761	693		
C. Brcko District	21,382			
Total Number of Minority Returns :	460,224	1,408		
II. Total Number of Majority Returns (Refugees and DPs) who Returned to their Place of Origin in BiH*				
	Total to date	Current year		
A. Federation of BiH	463,767	130		
B. Republika Srpska	95,000	20		
Total Number of Majority Returns :	558,767	150		

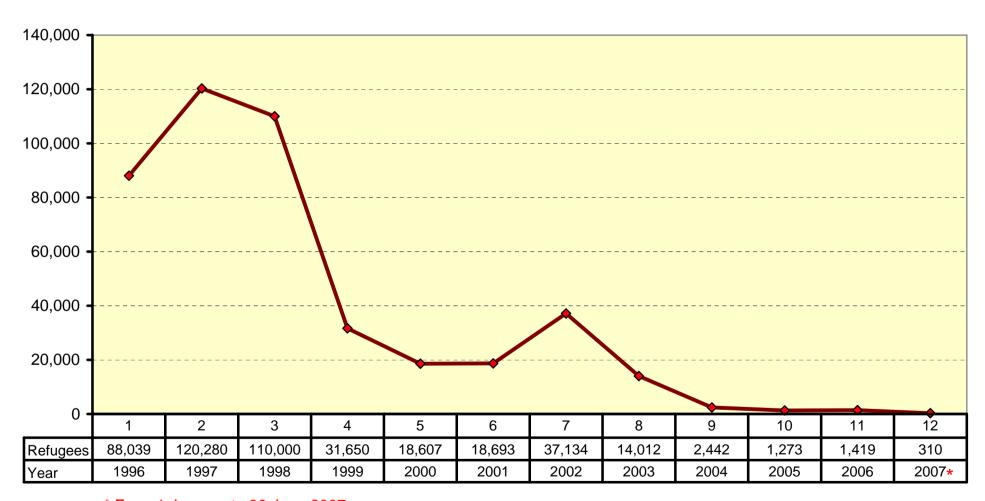
<sup>\*</sup> Since GFAP - General Framework Agreement for Peace in BiH

#### Total number of Returnees to/within BiH



<sup>\*</sup> From 1 January to 30 June 2007

### Return of Refugees to Bosnia and Herzegovina



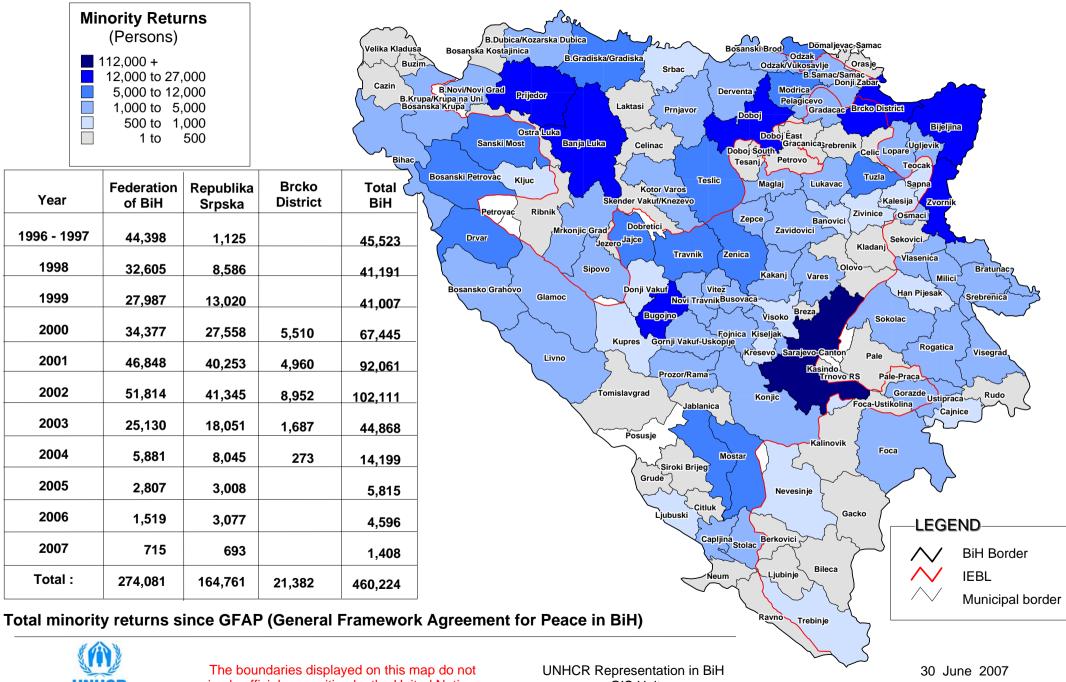
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#### Return of Displaced Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina



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#### TOTAL MINORITY RETURNS IN/TO BIH FROM 1996 TO 30 JUNE 2007



### Displaced Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina



<sup>\*</sup> Figures provided by MHRR as of November 2006

#### RE-REGISTERED DPs BY MUNICIPALITY OF DISPLACEMENT (TOP TWENTY)

#### Bosanski Brod Domaljevac-Samac Odzak Orasje Odzak/Vukosavlje Orasje B.Dubica/Kozarska Dubica Bosanska Kostajinica **MUNICIPALITY No of DPs** B.Gradiska/Gradiska Buzim Srbac Cazin B.Novi/Novi Grad Prijedor Pelagi, Gradaca BRCKO DISTRICT **Banja Luka** 11,356 Laktasi Prnjavor Doboj East Gracanica Srebreni Sarajevo 10,200 elic Lopare Ugljevik7 Sanski Most Bania Luka Celinac **Tuzla** 6,351 Tesanj Petrovo 5,550 Bijeljina Bosanski Petrovac Kljuc Lukavac Doboj 5,062 Skender Vakuf/Knezevo Kalesija Zvorn Petrova Ribnik Zivinice Osmaci} Zepce Banovici **Zvornik** 4,577 Dobretici Zavidovici Drvar **Prijedor** 4,416 Travnik Zenica **Modrica** 4,076 Sipovo Vares Donji Vakuf Bosansko Grahovo Vitez Gorazde 3,613 Srebrenica Glamoc Breza **Zivinice** 3,175 Visoko Sokolac Gornji Vakuf-Uskopije Kiseljak **Trebinje** 2,528 Rogatica Livno Mostar 2,402 Visegrad Kasindo rozor/Rama~ 2,354 Kalesiia Gorazde omislavgrad Jablanica 2,312 **Nevesinje Visegrad** 2,292 Posusie Foca **Bratunac** 2,237 Mostar Siroki Brijeg **Gradiska** 2,022 Nevesinje 1,770 **Vlasenica** Gacko jubuski **LEGEND Gracanica** 1,697 Capljina Stolac Berkovici Lukavac 1,677 BiH Border Bileca Ljubinje **IEBL** Municipal border Trebinje December 2006 The boundaries displayed on this map do not **UNHCR Representation in BiH**

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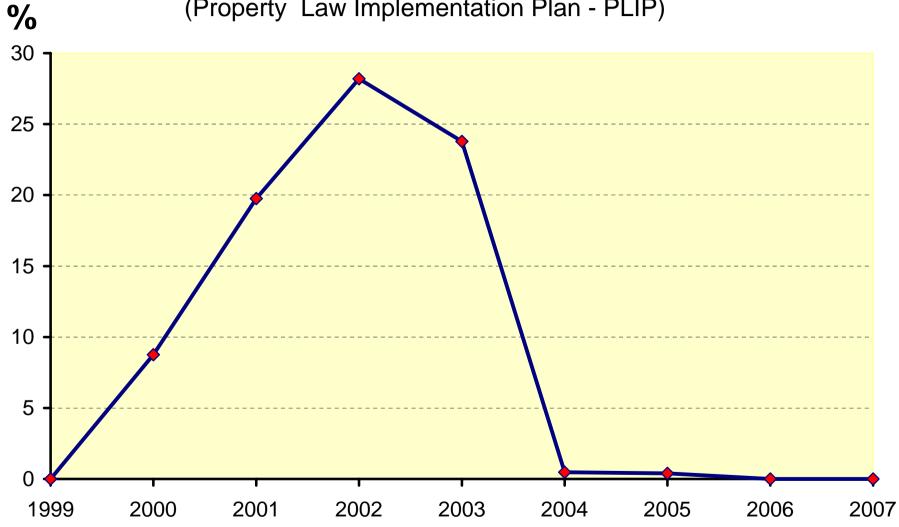
#### **RE-REGISTERED DPs BY MUNICIPALITY OF ORIGIN (TOP TWENTY)**

#### Bosanski Brod Domaljevac Samac Odzak Odzak Orasje Orasje BrSamac/Samac Bosanska Kostajinica **MUNICIPALITY No of DPs** B:Gradiska/Gradiska Srbac Cazin B.Novi/Novi Grad Derventa Prijedor Sarajevo 9,752 Pelagic Gradaca CRCKO DISTRICT Laktasi Prnjavor **Srebrenica** 6,860 Doboj East Gracanica rebrenik Sanski Most Celic Lopare Sugljevik Banja Luka Celinac Doboj South Petrovo **Zvornik** 6,497 Bihac Mostar 5,568 Bosanski Petrovac Kljuc Maglai Lukavac 4,397 **Bratunac** Skender Vakuf/Knezevo Kalesija Zvornik Petrovac Ribnik Osmaci Zavidovici 4,025 Banovici Dobretici Drvar JezeroJajce Sekovici Donji Vakuf 3,843 Zenica Bratunac Sanski Most 3,824 Sipovo Vares Donji Vakul **Travnik** 3,181 Bosansko Grahovo Glamoc Srebrenica 3,048 Visoko Breza Maglai Sokolac Gornji Vakuf-Uskopije Kiseljak Gorazde 2.856 Rogatica Livno **Jaice** 2,817 Visegrad Kasindo Prozor/Rama **Bosanska Krupa** 2,782 Gorazde omislavgrad Foca-Ustikolina **Foca** 2,687 **Kljuc** 2,614 Posusje Foca **Bihac** 2,588 Mostar Siroki Brijeg Lukavac 2,521 Nevesinje Vlasenica 2,290 Ljubuski Gacko **Glamoc** 2,111 **LEGEND** Capljina Stolac Berkovici Konjic 1,979 BiH Border Bileca Ljubinje **IEBL** Municipal border Ravno. Trebinje The boundaries displayed on this map do not UNHCR Representation in BiH December 2006

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PLIP - Increase of implementation ratio in percentages (Property Law Implementation Plan - PLIP)





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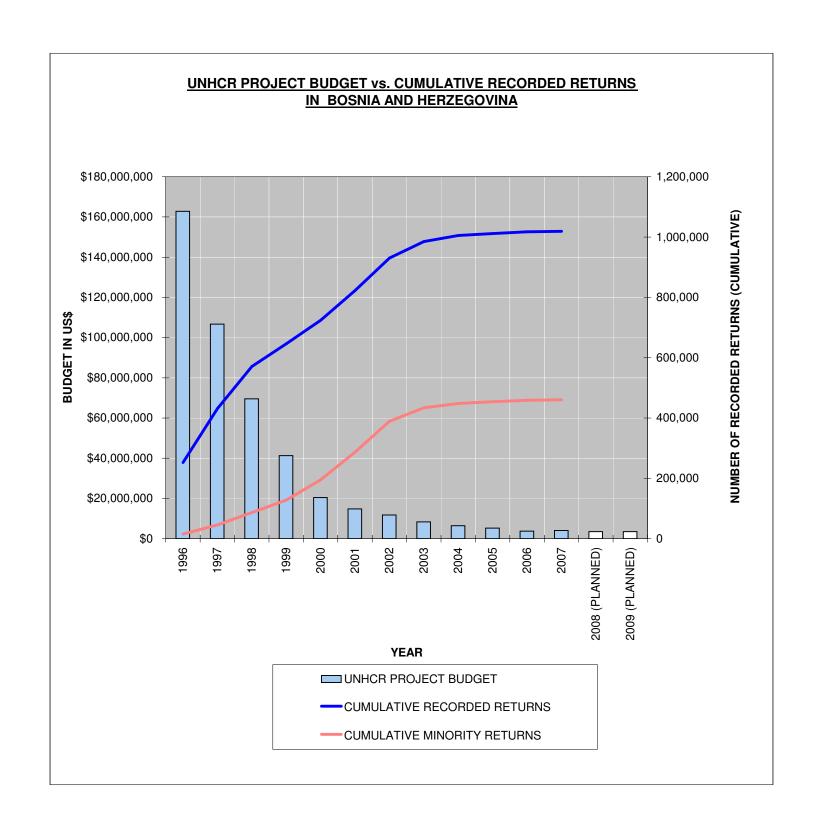
#### **UNHCR PROGRAMME IN THE PERIOD 1996-2009**

September 2007

YEAR	TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET*	CUMULATIVE RECORDED RETURNS	CUMULATIVE MINORITY RETURNS
1996	\$162,836,767	252,780	15,123
1997	\$106,686,422	431,355	45,523
1998	\$69,533,497	570,925	86,714
1999	\$41,294,470	645,960	127,721
2000	\$20,489,324	723,914	195,166
2001	\$14,814,652	822,779	287,227
2002	\$11,753,052	930,688	389,338
2003	\$8,356,512	985,003	434,206
2004	\$6,427,226	1,005,393	448,405
2005	\$5,230,875	1,011,830	454,220
2006	\$3,763,939	1,017,433	458,816
2007	\$4,024,414	1,018,991**	460,224**
2008 (PLANNED)	\$3,500,000		
2009 (PLANNED)	\$3,500,000		

#### \*) NOT INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFFING COSTS

\*\*) RETURNS RECORDED BY 30/06/2007



## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA POLITICAL STRUCTURE

