

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS (REELIH) ENERGIJSKA EFIKASNOST STAMBENIH ZGRADA ZA KUĆANSTVA MANJIH PRIMANJA

Based on a cooperative agreement between USAID Washington DC and Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), who is an implementing entity of the REELIH project, the two parties agreed to provide joint funds for the implementation of the REELIH project in BiH.

HFHI has a vision of world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that safe and affordable housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat has helped more than 3 million people worldwide to construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976. Habitat also advocates for fair and just housing policies and provides training and access to resources to help more families improve their shelter conditions.

In the first phase, REELIH will seek solutions for financing, through a combination of subsidies and commercial loans, at least one demonstration building in each partner municipality in BiH. The buildings will be selected based on clear selection criteria that are developed jointly by local financial partners, local governments and HFHI. Most important for those buildings is that the homeowners reach a consensus not only on the energy efficiency renovations that they would like to implement in their individual apartments and common spaces, but also on readiness to co-finance these renovations, if necessary through taking an individual or a collective loan.

The REELIH program will facilitate this process by providing all necessary information and a tailor-made training program to homeowner associations and apartment owners on residential energy efficiency. The program will also facilitate homeowners associations in selecting the construction companies they want to work with, independent works supervisors and energy audit companies.

Through this project REELIH wants to demonstrate a market solution for bringing residential energy efficiency to low income households in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

To date, the U.S. Government, primarily through the United States Agency for International Development, has provided \$1.6 billion in assistance to support economic, democratic and social progress in BiH.

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