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USAID SERBIA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

USAID has provided approximately \$4.3 million in COVID-19 assistance to Serbia as part of the US Government's overall \$4.7 million of support to Serbia's fight against COVID-19. This support helped to meet needs identified by the Government of Serbia. Through a wide range of partnerships, we supported Serbia's COVID response with everything from medical equipment and testing containers for hospitals to working with the Red Cross to help vulnerable families get through this crisis.

DETAILS

UNICEF (\$1,400,000): We supported UNICEF activities working with the Serbian Red Cross to help vulnerable families mitigate the effects of the COVID pandemic. Efforts included the provision of hygiene kits to support most-at-risk 10,000 families from the poorest households in Roma settlements, residential institutions and refugee and migrant centers; information about COVID-19 prevention measures and other relevant services to vulnerable populations; cash assistance to approximately 2,000 single-parent families and families with large number of children in 30 municipalities; Learn through Play kits for children to continue learning in a fun way during the lockdown; and, support to develop local solutions to the medical supply problem through the UNDP challenge call.

World Health Organization, WHO (\$1,045,000): We provided funding to the WHO to procure and deliver oxygen concentrators; 3,400 pulse oximeters; 6,000 test kits, 4 containers for triage (screening and taking test samples); 30 patient monitors; 3 mobile x-ray machines; training for newly hired health professionals, and an epidemiology study. The partnership also supported country-level coordination, planning, and monitoring; infection prevention and control; and case management.

“Together Against COVID” UNDP Grant (\$1,000,000): We helped the Institute for Public Health “Milan Jovanovic Batut” establish a Communications Hub/National Operative Center for Immunization; procured 11 ambulances; installed communications equipment in public centers for the elderly to help them to stay in touch with loved ones, and help manage waste from administering COVID-19 vaccines

Election COVID Safety Grant, CEPPS (\$300,000): We supported the Republic Electoral Commission (RIK) to develop and implement a COVID-19 and Elections Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy. This helped RIK to adopt operational procedures and protocols to combat the spread of COVID-19 and inform voters how to vote safely.

Energy Activity (\$230,000): We refurbished six substations for heating and sanitary hot water at the Pancevo Hospital complex, which was a designated COVID-19 regional hospital, and provided equipment and software to fully automate operations, thus enabling real time management and monitoring of its heating system.

Red Cross of Serbia grant (\$150,000): We partnered with the Red Cross to purchase and distribute food and sanitation kits for 4,000 families and provided support for mobile assistance teams.

ELISA Antibody Test Assessment (\$145,000): We assisted the Institute for the Application of Nuclear Technology in Agriculture (INEP) to receive third-party validation of its ELISA antibody test, be included on the WHO-approved list, and identify potential export markets for the test.

Rotary Hearts of Europe grant (\$74,040): We’re partnering with Rotary Clubs in Serbia and the U.S. to purchase disease testing and diagnostic equipment for the the Čačak Public Health Institute. The Institute will receive a U.S.-manufactured polymerase chain reaction (PCR) apparatus laboratory to improve SARS-CoV-2 diagnosis and provide community education on COVID-19 prevention. With the new equipment, the 200,000 residents of the Marovica District will also have improved access to testing for a wide range of other infections and life-threatening diseases.