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appointment of the staff according to new documents and Decrees of the Government, and would pass system and status documents relating employees, continue realization of activities for the needs of the President and the entire Coordinating Body, all based on the existing principle of legality and rationality and in exclusive function of unhindered providing of material, legal-systematic and other appurtenances of municipalities, such as, primarily, planning and transfer of budgetary funds, routing of international donations and other.

Adoption done by the Decision of the Serbian Government No. 09.02.20, of the Program of Distribution and Use of Funds allocated for municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja for the year 2006, marked the beginning of the Service activities in implementation of projects.

PART I ACTIVITIES OF THE COORDINATING BODY'S SERVICE

1. 4. PROGRAM OF DISPOSAL AND USAGE OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2006

Program of Disposal and Usage of funds of the Coordinating Body of the Federal Government and the Government of Republic of Serbia, for municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja for the year 2006, allocated funds amounting 713,020,000.00 Dinars for realization of programs at the south of Central Serbia.

Out of totally allocated funds, the amount of 27,584,600.00 Dinars relates to operational costs of the Coordinating Body, 277,533,190.00 Dinars relate to projects with foreign donors and 407,902,210.00 Dinars, relate to projects financed by the Serbian Government independently

Program of Disposal and Usage of Funds is being made based on a request from mayors, consultations with representatives of CHF and UNDP, all that within the framework of totally allocated funds.

How the funds have been allocated per municipalities?

PROJECTS (THE PLAN)

MUNICIPALITIES	Projects with CHF	Projects with UNDP	Projects independently funded by the Government	TOTAL
Presevo	133,784,000.00	1,782,000.00	93,246,620.00	228,812,620.00
Bujanovac	83,333,790.00	1,935,000.00	159,655,590.00	244,924,380.00
Medvedja	18,000,000.00	480,600.00	155,000,000.00	173,480,600.00
Other municipalities	20,000,000.00	18,217,800.00		38,217,800.00

Other UNDP municipalities – 10 municipalities at the south of Serbia.

Realization of the Coordinating Body budget up to June 28, 2006 is 235,934,403.53 Dinars, whilst for the operation of the Service is spent 7,769,351.77 Dinars and for the projects, 228,165,051.76 Dinars.

We should stress out that funds used for the Service operation include also significant unpaid obligations from the year 2005, that the Coordinating Body had to take over, that the Service has been very economical in occurring costs, as well as the fact that we took over the initiated projects in these municipalities from previous years.

3. REALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM OF DISPOSAL AND USAGE OF FUNDS

FUNDS TRANSFERRED UP TO June 28, 2006

MUNICIPALITIES	Projects with CHF	Projects with UNDP	Projects independently funded by the Government	TOTAL
Presevo	33,784,000.00	0.00	33,313,930.00	67,097,930.00
Bujanovac	36,754,090.33	0.00	27,042,041.25	63,796,131.58
Medvedja	0.00	0.00	87,477,280.88	87,477,280.88
Other municipalities	9,793,709.30	0.00	0.00	9,793,709.30
TOTAL	80,331,799.63	0.00	147,833,252.13	228,165,051.76

Realization of the Bujanovac municipality also encompasses the amount of 880,785.65 Dinars, relating to the operational costs of the Coordinating Body office in Presevo and Bujanovac.

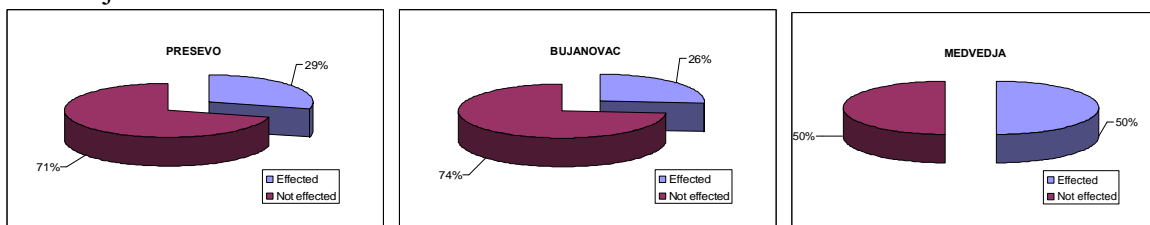
Presevo Municipality: - Projects taken over, 43,784,000.000 Din
 - New projects, 23,313,930.00 Dinars

Bujanovac Municipality: - Projects taken over, 27,708,788.99 Dinars
 - New projects, 36,087,341.59 Dinars

Medvedja Municipality: - Projects taken over, 177,210.44 Dinars
 - New projects, 87,306.88 Dinars

Percent of realization per municipality, in relation to the allocated budget of the respective municipality.

Presevo 29%
 Bujanovac 26%
 Medvedja 50%



More elaborate clarification:

Possibility of monthly drawing of funds per municipality (monthly quotas)

Presevo 19,067,718.00 Dinars for six months (114,406,309.98)
 Bujanovac 20,410,365.00 Dinars for six months (122,462,190.00)
 Medvedja 14,456,716.67 Dinars for six months (86,740,300.02)

Which amounts to total of 323,608,800.00 Dinars

Why this amount has not been realized?

Immediately after adoption of the Program, Mayors have been acquainted with the fact it was necessary to submit valid documentation (agreements) for each individual projects, in order to initiate the transfer of funds according to anticipated dynamics (in accordance with the monthly quotas), which has not been done due to different reasons (they have not had the agreements, the harmonization with CHF about the project has been underway, etc.).

As for implementation of the projects done with UNDP, we have received information for the representatives of this international organization that it can be expected in September.

In the meantime, Mayors of Presevo and Bujanovac municipalities addressed to the Coordinating Body Service with their requirement for reassignment of the funds for three projects. The requirement has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance for approval. Why the procedure looks like that?

4. PROCEDURES

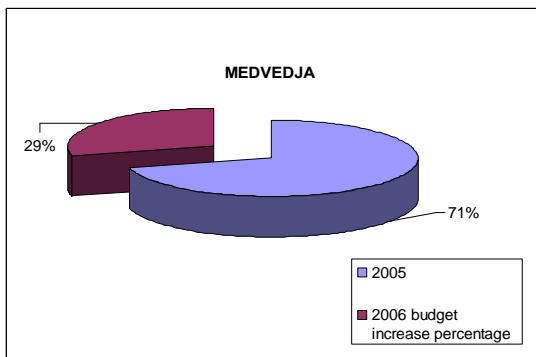
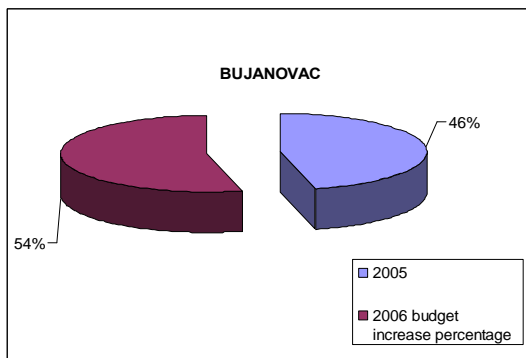
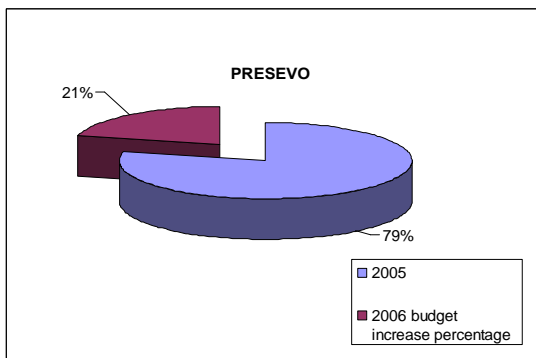
In previous years it happened that funds were transferred to a planned project, but agreements were not signed at all, or that more funds were transferred than envisaged by the agreement. Then we have situation that funds have to be returned to the budget. That is usually prolonged in attempts to engineer reassignment, which sometimes is not possible and all that complicates the situation.

We should, also, emphasize, that in our work so far, we have been acting within the approved quotas, that close attention is paid to positions and their move within their frameworks and that regularly, on

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Investments in the year 2005 compared to 2006.

Presevo 79%
Bujanovac 46%
Medvedja 71%
Overall budget 64%



Challenges that the Team faced in this work are that, apart from a number of members that are participating regularly at meetings and give their contribution, there is a problem of members that are not responding to meeting or whose community has not delegated members - as in the case of representatives of Roma ethnic community from all three municipalities, representatives of Serbian and Albanian community from Presevo – as well as a problem of resignation by representative of Albanian community from Bujanovac, Mr. Jonuz Musliu, instead of whom other representative has not been appointed and also sporadic attendance by representatives of Serbian national community from Bujanovac municipality. It can be assessed that the highest – hundred percent activity is present among representatives of Serbian and Albanian communities from Medvedja municipality, representatives of the Coordinating Body, of Police and the Army.

As for specific implementation of the Action Plan, apart from planned activities that have been completely realized – such as monitoring and analysis of safety situation, monitoring of Municipal Security Councils – one cannot be satisfied with initiatives and insistence on projects that are in function of security and better safety conditions, such as implementation of the project of opening all border crossings, initiative for modernizing administrative check points to Kosovo and Metohija, final damage compensation that was determined as the state obligation by the competent commission, to all those citizens of Albanian and Serbian nationalities

Of course, initiatives and documents for these projects are dispatched to competent state bodies, but the contribution of the Group should not stop there, it should rather advance into urgencies, creation of appropriate elaborates, expertise and proposals for projects that would be for the benefit of all citizens and thus ease the functioning of the system of authority and mutual obligations.

In the forthcoming period, it is proposed that the Team continues with regular meetings, at least once a month, or more frequent if necessary; then, attendance and participation of respective members of the Team at activities of Municipal Security Councils; to insist on delegation and participation of all representatives coming from all municipalities within the Team; initiating projects that are in function of security; visits to local communities, areas and citizens and other activities that might appear as necessary or prescribed by representatives of the Coordinating Body or other subjects.

2. COORDINATION TEAM FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND JURISDICTION

Coordinating Team for Public Institutions and Jurisdiction for municipalities Bujanovac, Presevo and Medvedja kept two meetings during the year 2006. in premises of the Coordinating Body for these three municipalities in Presevo. During that period, regular telephone communication with the Team members and the Coordinator of the Expert Team has also been kept.

The meeting was attended by the members of the Coordinating Group, Coordinator of the Expert Team, Mr. Branko Delibasic and representatives of OSCE for the South of Serbia.

The items of the agenda were the following: Agreement about realization of priorities from the Action Plan of the Coordinating Team and Other.

At the first meeting, **held on February 16, 2006**, the following was concluded:

The work of the Coordinating Group for Public Institutions and Jurisdiction was evaluated as satisfactory in its engagement in implementation, i.e. inclusion of Albanian national minority into public and judiciary institutions and that trend should be kept in future;

In the form of recommendation and suggestion and through competent ministries to point out to the local bodies the following:

To complete, as soon as possible, the procedure of recruiting new employees in the Municipal Court in Presevo;

To conclude in reasonable time limit the issue of accommodating judiciary bodies in Presevo, in accordance with the Law and also to improve the housing of judiciary bodies in Bujanovac;

To use the President of the Coordinating Body for Bujanovac, Presevo and Medvedja municipalities to convey to the Minister of Justice the concern of the local government about intention to cancel, i.e. reorganize the Presevo Municipal misdemeanor body, and also to reassess that intention, with the suggestion to keep this Presevo Municipal body.

To examine possibilities to fill the vacant post of a judge in the Municipal misdemeanor body in Medvedja and appoint one judge - Albanian.

To do the inspection survey and find out whether the public bodies in municipality of Medvedja applies the principle of bilingualism.

To accelerate and close as soon as possible all the cases before the Municipal Court in Bujanovac related to procedures for determining death occurrence, which is important for erasing such individuals from lists of constituency.

Through Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Waterworks, to envisage possibilities to recruit in each of three municipalities one Forest and Veterinary inspector respectively.

To inform competent ministries about the above given conclusions.

By **April 18, 2006**, when the second meeting was held, **the following was realized:**

Competition in the Municipal Court in Presevo was closed and **nine newly recruited** started to work on **April 3, 2006**, - three interpreters and typists and one IT technician, caterer and a worker in the restaurant, all of them Albanians, except for the worker in the Court restaurant.

A Judge, Albanian, has been appointed in the Misdemeanor body in Presevo, **in the early March of this year**.

Coordinating Group intervened in the Ministry of Justice through the President of the Coordinating Body, and thanks to that, the idea to transform the **Municipal Misdemeanor body in Presevo** to a department of the Municipal Misdemeanor body in Bujanovac was abandoned and thus the aforesaid **stays** in Presevo. As a result, the **Municipal Misdemeanor body in Medvedja remained** and even has got two new departments, in Lebane and in Bojnik.

In the Municipal Court in Bujanovac **accelerated were** procedures for determining death occurrence, and decisions were made in about ten cases on the first day of procedure (early April).

Underway is the insight of the Managing Inspector of the Ministry for Public Administration and Local Self-Government into introduction of bilingualism into public bodies in municipality of Medvedja, and the competent department in the municipal administrative body in Bujanovac is at field for verifying whether the procedure of recording death occurrences is going on in accordance with the law and regularly.

As for the positions of inspection posts for forestry and veterinary service, Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Waterworks has been contacted again with the request to inquire possibilities of filling the posts with the said inspectors in each of the three municipalities.

As for the housing of judiciary bodies in Presevo, Ministry of Justice has given a consent to the executive of the Misdemeanor Body in Presevo to sign a contract for leasing the offices.

At the **second** meeting, it was **concluded** that the part of conclusions from the previous meeting of the Coordinating Team relating to inclusion of Albanians into state structures had been realized, and to

continue the Coordinating Group's engagement in further implementation and inclusion of Albanians into public structures, through recommendations and where there are legal conditions for that.

However, it was noted that the project for improving housing conditions of judiciary bodies in Presevo had not been realized. This problem is being solved, or better yet, has not been solved for a long period of time. Second option is now at hand – to construct an annex of one floor at the existing building of judicial bodies, and this issue has to be closed as soon as possible, in accordance with the law, because resolution of this issue will enable recruitment of new employees in the judicial bodies.

To intensify the inspection activities even more and in cooperation with competent service of municipal administrative bodies, to envisage the situation of update of electoral lists in all three municipalities.

To give priority to all the cases before the Municipal Court in Bujanovac related to procedures for determining death occurrence, in order to conclude them as soon as possible.

Final Observations

Inspection Service of the Ministry for Public Administration and Local Self Government, with the help of competent bodies within municipal administration, especially in municipality of Bujanovac helped a lot in **updating the electoral lists** before closing the electoral lists. In the Municipal Court managed to **finalize procedures in all cases** for determining death occurrence, and those decisions were base for erasing names of those persons that are dead, but still listed in electoral lists.

Municipal Court in Presevo hired **nine** employees, Albanians since the beginning of the year; a **judge, Albanian** has been appointed in the Municipal Misdemeanor body in Presevo; Municipal Public Prosecution in Bujanovac hired a practitioner, Albanian; and the Municipal Court in Bujanovac recruited **five new employees**, Albanians - one bookkeeper, in March, and one record keeper, one certification officer, one translator (who left the court after one month), and judicial practitioner. This

(Bujanovac) has been hired by the municipality for judicial practitioners and one eoThiunic (A) Tj0.12408 Tc (l) Tj0.57 Tc (

APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSIDIES 2006	Required	Approved
BUJANOVAC TOTAL:		15,000,000,
Tobacco Industry Bujanovac	5,000,000,	
"Svetlost"	6,900,000,	4,000,000,
PE "Prolece"	10,000,000,	1,500,000,
"Integral" Bujanovac	15,000,000,	1,500,000,
"Feldspat" Bujanovac	15,000,000,	4,000,000,
"Vrelo", Bujanovacka Banja		1,000,000,
"Megal"	3,000,000,	3,000,000,
PRESEVO TOTAL:		8,500,000,
"Kristal"	2,300,000,	500,000,
"Elektrokontakt"	1,800,000,	1,000,000,
Printing. "Grafofleks"	3,826,920,	
Tobacco "Presevo"	15,000,000,	
" 7. July"	3,541,336,	3,500,000,
"Buducnost" Presevo		3,500,000,
MEDVEDJA TOTAL:		6,500,000,
DP RiF "Lece"	11,900,000,	1,500,000,
"Sijarinska Banja"	4,300,000,	3,000,000,
ZP "Termovent Medvedja"	3,000,000,	2,000,000,
TOTAL:		30,000,000,

A part of approved funds for subsidies has been used for payment of debts for electricity consumed in previous years, as follows: The amount of 2,168,084 Dinars for Electro-distribution "Jugoistok", amount of 350,000 Dinars for communal services and the amount of 1,197,564 for debts to "Kolubara", Vreoci.

Coordinating Body prepared a proposal for the enterprises from these municipalities to be released from paying unpaid electricity until the day December 31, 2005. which slowed down payment of debts related to this.

3.2 For the purpose of successful carrying out of privatization process, three companies submitted to the Ministry of Economy, in accordance with the prescribed procedure, their programs of consolidation for carrying out the **social program**. Ministry of Economy gave positive opinion for programs of "Progres-Prom", Medvedja for 28 employees), and of DP "Svetlost", Bujanovac for restructuring (for 129 employees). Assessment is still underway for the company "Alatnica", Bujanovac.

3.3 For the purpose of linkage of years of service, and upon proposal of the Ministry of Economy, the Government brought conclusions based on which the linkage of years of service is possible:

- Companies in the privatization process, that by the Decision of the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Policy became users of funds for one-time severance pay for carrying out the social programs, with the consent given by the Ministry of Economy and through Agreement on Cession of Liabilities - Change of Fulfillment, but with the fact that the obligation occurred with the Development Fund of the Republic of Serbia is to be regulated within 90 days from privatization;

- Companies with majority of shareholders capital, with the Agreement on Cession of Debt, by approving the long-term loan taken from the Development Fund of the Republic of Serbia, under the conditions of this Fund;
- Privatized companies from the day January 1, 2005 to the day of privatization, with the consent of the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Finance, by the Agreement on Cession of Debt and by approving the long-term loan from the Development Fund of the Republic of Serbia, upon the conditions of this Fund.

3.4 Advisory assistance in the sense of their operation, privatization, creation of social programs, linkage of years of service of employees, ways and possibilities of competing for funds from loans etc. has been offered to companies from territories of these municipalities

3.5 Based on development programs, Serbian Development Fund has approved:

- Long-term loans in the amount of 38.5 million Dinars, as follows: In Bujanovac – 12 million Dinars, in Medvedja – 21.5 million Dinars, and in Presevo – 5 million Dinars.
- Short-term loan in the amount of 38 million Dinars, for Bujanovac.

3.6 With the aim of raising employment, and according to the Program for employing staff that was redundant during transition process, a competition for micro-loans has been opened. Deadline for submitting applications was April 26, 2006. Based on this, the Development Fund of Republic of Serbia allocated funds as follows: To Bujanovac – the amount of 12 million Dinars for 32 employees, to Medvedja – the amount of 450,000 Dinars for 2 employees, and to Presevo – the amount of 5.04 million Dinars for 13 employees.

3.7 Energy Sector: On March 14, 2006, the meeting was held in the Coordinating Body of the Council of Ministers and of the Serbian Government for municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, in Belgrade, between the representative of the Coordinating Body, Mr. Rasim Ljajic, Minister of Mining and Energy, Mr. Radomir M. Naumov, and the General Manager of Public Enterprise "Elektroprivreda" of Serbia, Mr. Vladimir Djordjevic, and also representatives of social enterprises from the above said municipalities. The meeting was about overcoming of debts problems of these enterprises for the consumed electricity (161.3 million Dinars on February 28, 2006). It was proposed at the meeting to submit this information to the Government for its adoption and its conclusion about subsidies for the occurred debt from the current budget reserves.

3.8 In the area of agriculture, short-term loans have been approved as follows:

- In Medvedja municipality, in the amounts of 360,000.00 Dinars
- In Bujanovac municipality, in the amounts of 552,000.00 Dinars

3.9 Within the activities of the Republic Agency for SME Development and Entrepreneurship, permanent activities have continued as follows:

- Assistance and support in the work of offices in Medvedja and Bujanovac;
- Assistance and support through work with members of the Regieows: c() Tj0.(t) Tj0 Tc (he occuc (the

and visits to entrepreneurs, workshops, participating in motivating entrepreneurs to participate at the contest for the most successful entrepreneur in Bujanovac, Presevo and Medvedja, introduction of national program ENTARNSE for creating business incubators.

3.10 Situation in Privatization Process:

Enterprises privatized by auction method

	Enterprise	Municipality	Activity	No. of employees	Method decision date	Date of privatization
1	SE "7 July"	Presevo	Production of package from plastic mass	67	08 Dec.2004	July 6, 2006
2	SE "BUDUCNOST"	Presevo	Lime production	94	22 Jun.2005	Sold on July 6, 2006
3	SE "INTEGRAL"	Bujanovac	Construction work	181	24 Feb.2006	Sold on July 6, 2006

3	SE "PROLECE"	Bujanovac	Hotels & motels with catering	53	19 Sep.2005	Agency for Privatization hired a consultant who should create the program and assessment of the capital value
4	SE for trade "PROGRES PR OM"	Medvedja	Other retail – job lot	37	23 Jun.2003	Case is in pre- verification phase. Lot of documents missing for completing Privatization Program. Company is informed and supplement is pending
5	SE "SVETLOST"	Bujanovac	Batteries production	150		Privatization interrupted for three months

Enterprises which are not cooperating with the Privatization Agency

	Enterprise	Municipality	Activity	No. of empl.	Method decision date	Status
1	SE for tobacco production and processing "PRESEVO"	PRESEVO	Fermentation of tobacco	60	11/172004	Enterprise annexed due to lack of cooperation with the consultant. Unsolved property issues, immovable property rented (in the center of the city)
2	Social Trade Enterprise "BRATSTVO"	PRESEVO	Other retail – job lot	49	05/09/2003	Enterprise annexed due to lack of cooperation with the consultant. Unsolved property issues, immovable property rented (in the center of the city)
3	SE "FELDSPAT"	BUJANOVAC	Extraction of other ore and stone	68	05/27/2003	Due to non-cooperation with the consultant, enterprise taken from his list by an annex of the Agreement.
4	Social Textile Enterprise "TULARKA"	MEDVEDJA	Production of other garment	35	12/16/2003	Enterprise taken from the consultant's list due to inability to create Privatization Program and assessment of the capital value, further privatization unknown.

SE “RiF LECE”, Medvedja is in the bankruptcy procedure, and some of the reasons are obligations from joint responsibility.

4. COORDINATION TEAM FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

In the period January-Jun 2006, there were no field meetings. With the representatives of the local government of all three municipalities, individual meetings were held in Belgrade.

In the give period, the work of the Coordinating Group primarily reflected in the following activities:

1. In Albanian schools at the territory of Presevo, organized and carried out exams for teachers of Albanian language for obtaining licenses;
2. Continued activities with the aim of opening the Teachers Faculty in Albanian, within the University of Nis;
3. Continued activities in initiated investment projects, that is, in maintaining and equipping pre-school and school institutions and in reconstruction of sport facilities and terrains, in accordance with the flow of funds from the Republic budget and according to terms anticipated for their realization;
4. In cooperation with the Ministry of Finance, continued activities to import text books in Albanian and thus enable the same criteria, methods and means as it was the case in the previous school year;
5. Reached the Agreement on carrying out the exams for secretaries of institutions, as well as further carrying out of exams for teachers licenses;
6. Collected programs and reports of local governments about financial, technical and professional needs, with indicated priorities for each municipality;

5. COORDINATION TEAM FOR CULTURE AND MEDIA

I would like to inform you that, in accordance with the Action Plan submitted to the Coordinating Body, the Coordinating Group for Culture and Media, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of Serbia, has done the following:

In the sphere of media, the following projects have been supported;\:

1. PE Radio Medvedja, the project “Serial of life stories of displaced on both sides of the line”, 80,000.00 Dinars;
2. PE Radio Medvedja, the project “Sijarinska Banja – link of two nationalities in frontier zone”, 250,000.00 Dinars;
3. PE RTV Radio Bujanovac, the project “RTB – multiethnic medium, purchase of equipment”, 325,935.60 Dinars;
4. NGO Perspektiva, Bujanovac, publication of a journal in Albanian, "Perspektiva", 4,300,000 Dinars;
5. “M” KD Medvedja, the project “Life on the border”, 200,000.00 Dinars;

By realization of these projects, plans envisaged in the Action Plan for 2006 are accomplished in the sense of defining needs for equipment in media, which further leads to provision of impartial and quick information resources. The journal "Perspektiva" has become, with the consent of all relevant institutions, a representative journal of Albanian people at the territory of three municipalities, and the Ministry of Culture took over the obligation of co-financing the publication of this newspaper, as well as equipping the editorial office.

In the sphere of culture, realization of a competition that was opened in march 2006, for programs/projects that would considerably contribute to development of culture in Republic of Serbia is underway. According to preliminary results, the following projects/programs from the area of Bujanovac, Presevo and Medvedja municipalities will be co-financed:

1. Artistic Group, Cultural Center, Medv () Tj0.12408 Tc (t) Tj0 Tc2 (march) Tj5.01 Tc () Tj0 Tc (on) Tj4.89

▲ A problem of organizational structure in the system of health protection was singled out and it should be raised to a higher level. In that sense the necessity of realizing the **Project of Outpatient Maternity Center in Presevo** has been emphasized so far, with the tendency of this unit to grow into a hospital, as a final aim.

Attitude of the Ministry of Health is that organization of maternity center and a stationary for diagnostics and treatment of acute and chronic gynecological and obstetric diseases assumes fulfillment of standards that are applying the Health Center in Presevo, and also to any other health institution in Republic of Serbia.

▲ Solving the personnel problems is being intensified, and it will be conceived in accordance with standards, all to an end of strengthened accessibility of health protection.

To that end, collected are all the data from health institutions and the Institute for Health Protection, on the number of doctors and medical staff needed in comparison to standards. Thus the basic criteria for employment have been formed. According to those, hiring of 4 medical doctors and two nurses in the Health Center in Presevo has been approved.

Evident lack of representation of multiethnic concept has to be taken into account when recruiting new staff.

We must note that in the previous year, there were 17 employees hired in the Health Center in Bujanovac, and 10 in the Health Center in Presevo.

▲ Proposals for **taking over founding rights by local self-government** will be inserted in the Change and Amendment of the Network Plan in September. Forming of the Commission that will perform the divisional balances is underway.

Decentralization in organization and in management in health service at the primary level is the most important aspect of the health protection system, and it is considered as justifiable because of improved provision of health protection, better distribution of resources according to needs, as well as because of inclusion of local government in decision making about priorities in health protection system.

At the same time, there are elements of health protection system that are not centralized, and which represent the national level's responsibility such as: Determination of the basic level of health policy; follow-up, evaluation, review and provision of health situation; passing the strategic decisions for developing necessary resources, especially those relating to health system infrastructure (Networks Plan), as well as to human resources (number and type of employees, number and type of specializations and sub-specializations); providing financial resources for taking care of general interest; inspection and supervision of pharmaceutical health services.

- Bodies of health institutions, such as: Director, Steering and Supervising Board are appointed and removed by the founder (municipality, or the city);
- Director of the health institution is appointed on the basis of public competition which is opened by the Steering Board of the health institution; Director is appointed on the basis of the proposal of the Steering Board of the founder (municipality, or the city);
- Health institution has the Statute which regulates activity, internal organization, management, requirements and appointment and removal of managing bodies and other issues;
- Approval of the Statute is given by the founder;

- Health institution in state ownership has to acquire previously the opinion of the Ministry of Health for provisions of the Statute which regulates area of health protection, that is specializations that it performs, internal organization, requirements and appointment and removal of director.

▲ Dental protection personnel, as well as auxiliary medical personnel that numerically is not in accordance to standards, will have possibility to receive **severance pay** under same conditions as in previous round of rationalization of personnel.

▲ In accordance with the current **epidemic situation** at the south of Serbia, that is with the appearance of Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome, all anti-epidemic and prophylactic measures have been taken, and their realization assumes general and specific measures.

The given activities that have a character of regular and irregular, are carried out by the Institute for Health Protection in Vranje.

▲ During discussions, ever more frequent are remarks related to **inadequate and insufficient existing available space for functional health services in Health Center in Bujanovac**.

▲ Discrepancy of received specializations and available specialists will be solved by contracts with residents, in which the working post after completed specialization should be emphasized and occupying that post limited.

▲ Cooperation with representatives of **nongovernmental organizations** is active in the sense of their inclusion in next planned activities of the Group for Health, Social Protection and Humanitarian Aid.

▲ After submitting **Report on Status of Roma Population**, especially concerning Romas displaced from the territory of Kosovo and Metohija,, underway are the planned activities encompassing the following: Monitoring of health condition (vaccine status, morbidity, mortality...), and activities in the sense of improving their current status, all that in cooperation with the local government.

Public Call is underway, for submitting projects for participating in funds from the budget, the financial support aimed to preserve and improve the health of Roma population in 2006, all that within the Decade of Roma (2005-2015).

Advantage in financing will be given to institutions/organizations in whose applications the cooperation with NGOs is clearly visible.

Each project will be given 500,000 Dinars, and after the first year from the allocation of funds, an analysis of performance and achieved results will be done. Based on that, new 500,000 Dinars will be allocated. Projects have to be submitted by filling the Web-application that can be found at the site of the Ministry of Health.

7. COORDINATION TEAM FOR RELIGIOUS, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Coordination Group for Religious, Historical and Cultural Heritage held a meeting of March 9. Consideration was given to the Report of the work done so far and the Proposal of the Program of Activities for 2006. It has been agreed to hold the next meeting within one month and then to verify the

Program of Activities for 2006, but the agreed deadline has not been met. Program of Activities has been successfully implemented and the following has been done:

Activities of the Ministry of Religions

- Good cooperation has been established with councils of Islamic community in Presevo and Bujanovac;
- Acting according to instructions, they submitted precise and clear programs for religious education and culture, to be financed by the Ministry of Religions;
- Voiced requirements of the Council in Presevo for all programs, without scholarships for students of Islamic theology, are in total amount of 385,000.00 Dinars.
- Voiced requirements of the Council in Bujanovac for all programs, without scholarships for students of Islamic theology, are in total amount of 950,000.00 Dinars.
- Council of Islamic community in Presevo expressed their request that the number of scholarships for students of Islamic theology raise from three to six.
- Council of Islamic community in Bujanovac submitted their request that the number of given scholarships for students of Islamic theology raise from two to five.
- Both Councils expressed requests for financing their regular work, supply of computer equipment and other resources.

Achieved in first quarter:

- Accepted the request of the **Islamic Community Council in Presevo** to allocate three scholarships for pupils and students of Islamic theology; Proposed two pupils of Islamic school – medresa and one student of theology at the Islamic Theological Faculty in Pristina; Approved the pupil's monthly scholarship of 10,000 Dinars, and the student of theology in Cairo approved of 15,000 Dinars;
- Scholarships for the first quarter in the amount of 105,000 Dinars, paid in on January 24; 2006. године. The same amount for the second quarter was paid on April 5, 2006; **For that purpose, totally paid in 210,000.00 Dinars.**
- Accepted the request of the **Islamic Community Council in Bujanovac** to allocate two scholarships for pupils and students of Islamic theology; One pupil of Islamic school – medresa in Pristina proposed, as well as and one student of theology in Cairo; Approved the pupil's monthly scholarship of 10,000 Dinars, and the student of theology in Cairo approved of 20,000 Dinars; Scholarships for the first quarter in the amount of 90,000 Dinars, paid in on January 24, 2006
- ..The same amount for the second quarter was paid on April 5, 2006; **For that purpose, totally paid in 180,000.00 Dinars.**

Achieved in the second quarter:

- Since the session of the Coordinating Group has not been held to adopt the definite Program of Activities for 2006, Ministry of Religions paid to the Islamic Community Council in Presevo 150,000.00 Dinars, for realization of cultural programs in the first half of the year.
- Identical sum of money was paid to the Council of Islamic community in Bujanovac for the same purpose;
- Accepted was the request of the Islamic Community Council in Presevo to increase number of scholarships for pupils and students of Islamic theology from three to six, and the Council in

Bujanovac, from two to five; The new increased number of scholarships will be paid from the beginning of the school and academic year, i.e. for September and October, 2006. Other requirements will be considered and after the agreement with the Minister of Religions, they will be included in the Team's Program of Activities.

Total amount of funds paid to councils of Islamic Community in Presevo and Bujanovac for scholarships and realization of cultural programs, in the first half of 2006 – 690,000.00 Dinars.

Activities of the Ministry of Culture

- Since last year the process of determining cultural monuments was not completed, this year we allocated million Dinars for three municipalities respectively;
- The above mentioned funds are being realized through the Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments in Nis;
- There are also programs for protection of museum exhibits, revitalization of cinema theaters and renovation of libraries; therefore all those activities will be included in the Program of Activities of the Team.

Identified problems:

- Coordinating Team has no representative of Roma population from Bujanovac;
- Incorporated member of the Serbian community from the same city, moved to Belgrade;
- There is large number of requests for construction and reconstruction of religious buildings, but due to high amount of needed funds, they cannot be realized through Program of Activities of the Team;
- Serbian community has not yet completely voiced its requirements.

8. COORDINATION TEAM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNAL SERVICES

Through a number of contacts with the colleagues Tatjana Matic and Branko Delibasic, I have suggested not to create Program for 2006 for construction of roads and infrastructure in Bujanovac, Presevo and Medvedja municipalities until funds aimed for these activities are defined. My opinion is that through dialogue with the Primeminister, with Minister Velimir Ilic, Branko Joci, with Director of Public Enterprise "Putevi Srbije" and with Minister of Finance, Mladjan Dinkic and through detailed information about needs of the South of Serbia, we could come up to the general sum that is needed for road construction and infrastructure at the South of Serbia.

Without defined funds for South of Serbia, it is not possible to create a realistic program of works.

Two years ago we defined the needs. In this year, it would be necessary to have about 1.2 billion Dinars.

I propose that we direct 70% of allocated funds to state roads, and 30% to local ones, since the local road network is in extremely bad condition.

Through strengthened surveillance and inspection services, we could control the spending of financial resources. It has been proven that the invested funds so far, have been spent without "solid" adjustment and agreement with the Coordinating Body.