

PROBLEM WE SOUGHT TO ADDRESS

Grabovac, a village in Trstenik municipality with over 3.000 inhabitants, was severely hit by the floods. The flooded rivers caused damaged to two bridges: a wooden pedestrian bridge within the village itself and a concrete vehicle bridge on the Trstenik-Kraljevo road. The bridges were not completely demolished, but rather needed some repairs to strengthen them. The wooden bridge needed to be returned to its original position. The concrete bridge required a new supporting wall and reinforcement bar.

During the June 2014 DobroČiniTi event, we raised a total of 321,448 RSD together to repair both bridges. Trag Foundation contributed an additional 17,000 RSD enabling the full cost of repair to be covered.

WHAT WAS ACHIEVED THANKS TO OUR ASSISTANCE?

AFTER THE FLOOD



DURING THE WORKS



AFTER RECOVERY



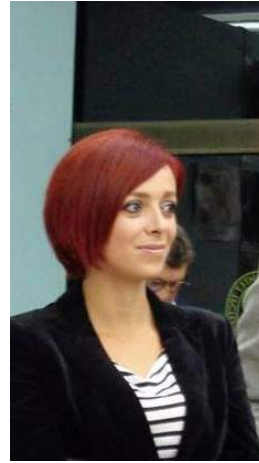
Outputs:

- The wooden pedestrian bridge was renewed. Reinforced wooden pillars set into concrete foundations were built for the bridge and the bridge was leveled.
- A 14 m² load-bearing retaining wall was built of reinforced concrete. The wall was built in such way to make water run under the concrete road bridge rather than towards its sides, which should help prevent damages in case of future floods.
- A 30 m² stone wall was additionally built. The wall will protect not only the concrete road bridge but the street which runs along the river.



Branislav Blagojević, a villager whose house was seriously threatened by the damaged street and whose front yard was completely underwater.

“Building of a retaining wall will protect our street from a total collapse into the river that would otherwise occur during the next serious rainfall. Personally, I am very pleased to have participated in the renewal of our village after the flood.”



Jelena Savić, mother of two children - ages 8 and 4, whose family lives next to the river

“The renewal of the wooden bridge is particularly important to both children and to us parents because the damaged bridge as it was posed a significant threat. Children often use that road to go to school since by going that way they avoid the regional road with a large number of vehicles.”

WHAT HAS DOBROČINI TI FUNDING HAS MEANT FOR JERININ GRAD?



Our cooperation with the DobročiniTi was a fair one. We have always received information on time and answers to our every question that would arise during project implementation. The fundraising itself was very interesting to us as an organization from a small community. We were pleased to see all those celebrities taking part in the fundraising activity for the works on the bridges in Grabovac damaged by the May floods. The entire initiative has inspired us to begin a similar fundraising activity in our local community. We plan to invite local politicians, representatives of the business sector, athletes and wealthy individuals to take part. We would like to sincerely recommend DobročiniTi and Catalyst to all CSOs.

Aleksandar Kandić, President of the Jerinin grad Citizens' Association

FINANCIAL REPORT

Purpose	Planned Total	Spent by DOBROČINI TI	Spent by TRAG	Documents
Construction of a load-bearing wall with reinforcement	180,000.00	180,000.00		Statements, invoices
Earth works – removal of rubble	30,000.00	30,000.00		Statements, invoices
Masonry works on the wooden bridge foundation	12,000.00	12,000.00		Statements, invoices
Replacement of damaged parts on the wooden bridge	20,000.00	20,000.00		Statements, invoices
Costs of local transport	18,000.00	949.38	17,000.61	Statements, invoices
Equipment for volunteers' work (wheelbarrows, shovels, hacks, gloves)	30,500.00	32,950.00		Statements, invoices
Refreshments for volunteers	15,000.00	15,000.00		Statements, invoices
Bookkeeping, communication, bank fees	33,000.00	30,549.12		Statements, invoices
Total	338,500.00	321,448.50	17,000.61	0.5 RSD surplus

Catalyst staff has verified invoices and statements, The Jerinin Grad Association asked and obtained the permission to amend certain line items (somewhat higher invoice for equipment, additional invoice for transport and reduced costs of communication, bookkeeping and banking services). The 0.5 RSD surplus came from the interest rate, revenue that Dobročiniti received for keeping the funds in the bank. Copies of invoices and statements are an integral part of the financial report and are available for review.