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SUCCESFUL STORIES

Numerous families covered by the programme have pointed out that it was the very programme which enabled them to stand on their own feet and start agricultural production and then market the product.

ANA AND VLADE DIVAC WITH BENEFICIARIES

Our kids will go to school and it really matters to me that they will have some support if they have trouble finding a job someday. They will be able to make a living from our business. This, indeed, was very important to us, in every sense, spiritual as well. This has saved us, said Sanja Milić, a refugee from Croatia, who now lives in the village of Grabovac near Obrenovac and who has been granted a rural household and a greenhouse for vegetable production as part of the project.



FILIP MATOVIĆ, THE VILLAGE OF JEŽEVICA.

Filip and his older brother decided to devote themselves to developing a family hold where they raise cows and calves and sell milk. They are dedicated to this business acknowledging the perspective of it. Filip has prepared an excellent business plan and has been approved to purchase a feed mixer for animal feed that makes it far easier for them to prepare their feed.

Miloš is involved in agriculture with his family and has decided to start a new production - a mini farm of laying hens. He was approved to procure 220 laving hens with accessories and Miloš started the business very quickly. The family lives in one of the settlements in Ruma and all the eggs they produce are easily sold, producing about 200 eggs a day.



MILOŠ BULOVIĆ. RUMA



PAVLE AVRAMOVIĆ. RUMA

In the next two to three years, I have a chance to develop the capacity of livestock, bearing in mind a small number of farmers in Vojvodina opting for stock farming. It's just that no one is going to keep livestock anymore, because they think it's a big obligation and they mostly leave the villages, while I think that one can make a living from it," Pavle Avramović (19) from Neradin is convinced.



Ranisaljević from Mišljenovac (Požarevac area) has a new greenhouse where she has already started growing cabbage and peppers. I will be producing a variety of vegetables and sell at local markets. Her family is planning to set up a stove to keep the greenhouse in operation throughout the year, and they expect the main profits from propagation material of various vegetables and flowers, says Ana.



JOVANA PETRIĆ FROM OSANICA

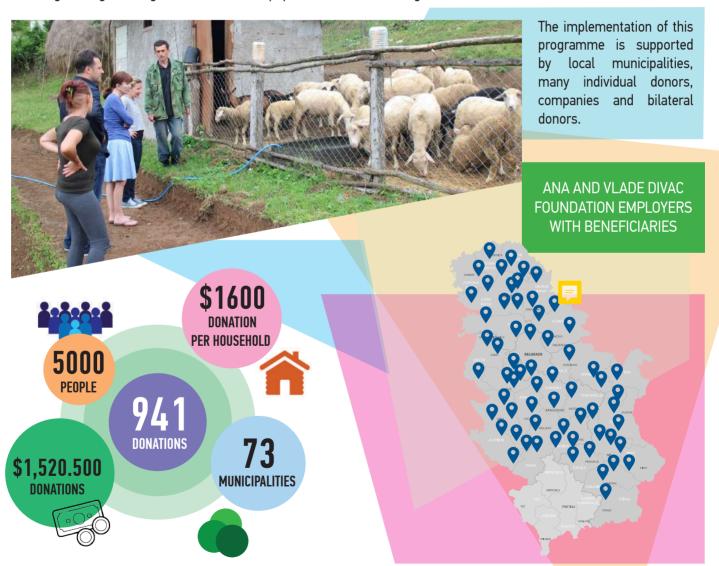


TRADITION AND FUTURE — IN AGRICULTURE —



DIVAC AGRICULTURE FUNDS

The Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation launched Divac Agricultural Funds Program in 2009. In order to address Serbia's high unemployment rate on one hand, while recognizing a huge potential for development of agriculture on the other, program aims to support income generation, and economic empowerment of people living in rural areas. Besides assisting individual farmers and their families, program is contributing to the development of remote and deprived areas of the country, while reducing the negative migration trends and depopulation of Serbian villages.





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In 2018 in cooperation with local governments and bilateral donors, Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation has launched a programme for young farmers, students of the final year of secondary agricultural schools in Serbia. The programme aims to support building of future careers in agriculture and motivating young people to opt for professions in rural development. Programme provide capacity building for young farmers in creation of business plans, towards raising their capacities to apply for subsidies and/or grants at local and/or national level, along with tailor-made mentorship support, and grant giving.

This program is a unique example of multi-stakeholder partnership developed in support of rural youth. It has gathered three agricultural secondary schools, 21 local municipalities, regional development agencies, bilateral donors, and civil society in a sustainable mechanism for better livelihood of young people in rural Serbia.