**Austrian Assistance for BiH**

Austrian public commitments and effective help on financial support come to an amount of approximately **€ 5.000.000,--.** Data concerning volunteer structures like fire and water rescue departments, NGOs and private initiatives cannot completely be evaluated, especially because the amount in relation to the practical assistance including personnel and administrative expenses etc. is difficult to estimate. However, the Austrian humanitarian assistance for BiH is composed as follows:

-46 persons from the Firefighters Association and Water Rescue Department, 8 aluminum boats, 13 trucks and 7 trailers were deployed for life saving

-3 water purification elements with 20 persons and 8 vehicles from the Firefighters Association of Lower Austria were deployed to Orašje area

- EUR500.000 from the Relief Fund of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, being implemented by Caritas and World Vision

-Disaster relief unit of the Austrian Armed Forces was deployed – 76 solders (consisting of command and logistic cells, detection elements, decontamination elements, a medical element and three water purification elements as well as specialists on chemical and biological hazards) based in Orasje. This unit was able to produce 240.000 l potable water per day, serving up to 50.000 persons. The unit also transported the purified water to central distribution sites.

-“Hilfswerk Austria” distributed following aid:

. Sets of tools for cleaning of debris and sediment for 12 vulnerable families. Each set contained a construction trolley, rubber boots, shovel, pick, protective mask with filter and work gloves

. 27 sets of disinfection facilities. Each set contained a hand-sprayer of 20 liters capacity, two pairs of rubber gloves, a mask with filter and disinfectant

. 7 motor sprayers for disinfection and disinfectants were donated to professional services for the disinfection of affected areas;

. 45.000 EUR for support to Roma communities (distribution of food, potable water, hygienic tools, disinfection items)

. At least 12 families that were flood or landslides victims have been beneficiaries of a social housing project;

- From the beginning of the floods, Austrian Humanitarian Organizations and private donors were continuously sending humanitarian aid to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The “Arbeiter-Samariterbund Österreichs” sent 45.000 bottles of water and 600 t of food. The “CARITAS” cooperates with local partners and implements cash programs for the rural population.

-Approximately € 200.000,-- from the fund raising program „Nachbar in Not“ (“Neighbors in Need”)

- Federal State of Tyrol: € 150.000,-- for medication, food and cleaning products

- Federal State of Burgenland: € 10.000,--

- Federal State of Vorarlberg: € 100.000,--

- Federal State of Styria: Euro 100.000,--

- Diverse reconstruction programs

- 800 evacuations by Austrian helicopters of EUFOR (additional to the EUR 5.000.000 mentioned above)