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WEBG SOCIAL INVESTMENT PLAN - PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL INITIATIVES

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1. Introduction

The Program for supporting local community initiatives (Social Investment Plan - SIP), implemented by WEBG (Wind Energy Balkan Group), was primarily focused on fostering cooperation with both the Local Communities (MZs) where the project "Čibuk 1" will be implemented and the representatives of their local governments with objective to support local economic and social development of the four villages: Bavanište, Dolovo, Mramorak and Vladimirovac and two towns: Kovin and Alibunar. The program is actively promoting the following principles and core values: sustainable development, transparency, cultural diversity, human rights, social freedoms and antidiscrimination in all personal and social aspects.

2. Background and rationale

From the very beginning of its activities in Serbia, WEBG has been directing all its socially responsible efforts through the Local Communities and local governments. WEBG has so far been supporting numerous local initiatives, festivals, sport clubs and events, competitions and other activities.

As of 2013, WEBG has been carrying out the Program for support of social initiatives in a systematic and organized manner. In 2015, Bavanište was added as the fourth local community (in addition to Mramorak, Dolovo and Vladimirovac) to the SIP as the project is nearing the start of construction and Bavanište will be the community most heavily exposed to works on interconnection (grid construction). SIP 2016 was focusing on:

- Small projects for development of infrastructure;
- Improving quality of local public services in villages;
- Education and sport;
- Support to vulnerable groups (old people, disabled persons, youth and children);
- Promotion of renewable energy sources;
- Preservation of environment;
- Promotion of local customs and tradition.

WEBG allocated and adopted the annual budget of €24,000 for funding the local initiatives in 2016. The budget was divided into four parts to be allocated depending on the

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expected effects of the “Čibuk 1” project on each of the four local communities during 2016. Thus, the funds were allocated as follows:

- Local community Vladimirovac – €10,000
- Local community Dolovo – €6,000
- Local community Mramorak – €5,000
- Local community Bavanište – €3,000

3. Selection Process

Initially, in February 2016, WEBG representatives informed Local Community and local government officials in Vladimirovac, Dolovo, Mramorak, Bavanište, Alibunar and Kovin about the Social Investment Plan basic principles, values and process, and provided information on the total amount that each community would receive. On March 9th, 10th and 15th and 16th 2016 WEBG organized meetings in respective local community offices for all interested citizens, associations and organizations giving them opportunity to submit their proposals and suggestions about the activities that are nominated to be supported.

The meetings were held in the following order:

Local Community of Mramorak – Meeting held on March 9th. In addition to local community and municipality representatives Milka Novosel and Goran Vujović, and WEBG representatives Slobodan Perović and Aleksandar Andjić, the following local associations and organizations were present:

1. Scout organization “Beli bor” – Mr. Steva Bela
2. Volunteer Firefighting Association “Mramorak” – Mr. Milutin Novosel
3. Football club “Proleter” – Mr. Darko Novičić
4. Special Nature Reserve “SRP Kraljevac” – Ms. Karolina Petrović
5. Artistic Association “Mramorak” – Mr. Goran Vujović
6. Horse club “Mramor” – Mr. Sava Jovanov
7. Elementary school “Sava Maksimović” – Ms. Brankica Savić
8. Civil Society Organization “ORA Deliblatski pesak” – Mr. Sava Truja.

Local Community of Dolovo – Meeting held on March 10th. In addition to local community and municipality representatives Lidija Božić Ankucić and Vladimir Puzović, and WEBG representatives Slobodan Perović and Aleksandar Andjić, the following local associations and organizations were present:

1. Domestic Economy “Vojnov” – Mr. Djurica Vojnov
2. Volunteer Firefighting Association “Dolovo” – Mr. Goran Ilić

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3. Buying Station for Cereals "Aleksić" – Mr. Nikica Aleksić
4. Women's Association "Dolovke" – Ms. Dragana Marić
5. Association of Wine Producers "St. Trifun" – Mr. Bogdan Ankucić
6. Cultural Centre "25. maj" – Mr. Miroslav Prvulj
7. Elementary school "Aksentije Maksimović" – Mr. Predrag Bogatinčević
8. Domestic Economy "Brzovan" – Mr. Mirče Brzovan
9. Civil Society Organization "Pančevački ratari" – Mr. Jovan Negovan
10. Woman's Handball club "Dolovo" – Mr. Nikola Radonjin
11. Local Community Office Dolovo – Mr. Vladimir Puzović
12. Agricultural Farm "Stoiljković" – Mr. Radosav Stoilković

Local Community of Bavanište – Meeting held on March 15th. In addition to local community and municipality representatives Djurica Crepajski and Slobodan Stojanov, and WEBG representatives Slobodan Perović and Aleksandar Andjić, the following local associations and organizations were present:

1. Society for Preservation and Fostering of National Tradition "Bećarac" – Mr. Zoran Živanov
2. Farmers Association "Bavanište" – Mr. Djurica Crepajski
3. Local Community Office Bavanište – Mr. Djurica Crepajski

Local Community of Vladimirovac – Meeting held on March 16th. In addition to local community and municipality representatives Zoran Srdić and Zoran Maksimović, and WEBG representatives Slobodan Perović and Aleksandar Andjić, the following local associations and organizations were present:

1. Association of refugees and settlers "Alibunar" – Mr. Zoran Srdić
2. Local Community Office Vladimirovac – Mr. Zoran Maksimović
3. Football club "Vladimirovac" – Mr. Igor Petrović
4. Elementary school "Prvi maj" – Mr. Petar Glanda
5. Artistic Association "Bunari" – Mr. Marćel Rošu
6. Volunteer Firefighting Association "Vladimirovac" – Mr. Ilija Rošu
7. Women's Association "Vredne ruke Banata" – Ms. Viktorija Sekešan
8. Association of pensioners – Mr. Viktor Jovanović
9. Hunting Association "Fazan" – Mr. Bogdan Borković

In line with the SIP Application Form, all submitted project proposals to be supported by the WEBG Social Investment Plan included the following:

1. Name of local community that proposes activity and necessary contacts;
2. Description of the proposed activity;
3. Duration of activity and the period of realization;

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4. Budget per item;
5. Reasons why the proposed activity would contribute to local development and/or other desirable social objectives;
6. Other relevant information.

Following these public meetings, WEBG, Local Community Councils and local government officials met on April 10th (Dolovo), April 11th (Vladimirovac) and April 14th (Mramorak and Bavanište) to evaluate received proposals and decide on the list of project to be supported.

The final decision on projects to be financially supported was made in accordance with the principles stated in the Social Investment Plan and on the basis of the past experience acquired during cooperation in the previous years (for example, if a project was sponsored during previous years and the organization which implemented the project failed to submit final report on costs and results of the project, that organization was not taken into consideration for the ongoing year).

The entire selection process, step-by-step was publicized on the project website and on the local communities' noticeboards in order to ensure transparency and participatory approach. The lists of successful project proposals containing short description of activities with name, location, expected period of implementation and budget was also published on the website of the "Čibuk 1" project and on the public noticeboards of all four local communities.

4. Outputs and Results

In total, 22 projects were supported in 2016 and the funds were allocated as follows:

- 7 projects in Vladimirovac in total value of 1.230.000,00 dinars (cca €10,000)
- 5 projects in Dolovo in total value of 628.000,00 dinars (cca €5,105)
- 5 projects in Mramorak in total value of 570.000,00 dinars (cca €5,000).
- 5 projects in Bavanište in total value of 324.000,00 dinars (cca €3,000).

All projects were implemented during 2016 and all final reports and financial statements were provided to WEBG in a timely manner. Local community staff provided support during the implementation of these projects and WEBG representatives were present at most of these events.



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VLADIMIROVAC

Project Title	Organization	Timeframe	Total Budget: 1.230.000 RSD
Making of national costumes	Women's Association „Vredne ruke Banata“	May 2016 / October 2016	Requested: 50.000 Approved: 50.000
Concert for Easter and Slava Duhovi	Artistic Association “Armonia”	April 2016 / June 2016	Requested: 60.000 Approved: 50.000
Refugee support – children's playground	Association of refugees and settlers “Alibunar”	April 2016 / October 2016	Requested: 240.000 Approved: 240.000
Fencing of football field	Football club “Vladimirovac”	April 2016 / October 2016	Requested: 861.000 Approved: 609.000
Purchase of book case	Local Library “Dositej Obradovic”	April 2016 / October 2016	Requested: 43.000 Approved: 43.000
Facades repairing	Cultural Centre “Vladimirovac”	April 2016 / October 2016	Requested: 180.000 Approved: 180.000
Repairing of toilet's in Local Office building	Local Community Office Vladimirovac	April 2016 / October 2016	Requested: 60.000 Approved: 58.000

Total Approved: RSD 1.230.000



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DOLOVO

Project Title	Organization	Timeframe	Total Budget: 738.000 RSD
Printing of school magazine "Svici"	Elementary school "Aksentije Maksimović"	May 2016 / June 2016	Requested: 24.200 Approved: 24.000
XVI Strudel festival	Women's Association "Dolovke"	August 2016 / September 2016	Requested: 80.000 Approved: 55.000
Fencing of outdoor Sport Centre	Local Community Office Dolovo	March 2016 / December 2016	Requested: 504.000 Approved: 459.000
Cultural Centre program	Cultural Centre "25.maj"	April 2016 / December 2016	Requested: 40.000 Approved: 40.000
Folk costumes purchase	Artistic Association "Banatski vez"	April 2016 / September 2016	Requested: 50.000 Approved: 50.000

Total Approved: RSD 628.000



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MRAMORAK

Project Title	Organization	Timeframe	Total Budget: 615.000 RSD
Construction works on the building	Volunteer Firefighting Association "Mramorak"	March 2016 / December 2016	Requested: 160.000 Approved: 160.000
Folk costumes purchase	Artistic Association "Mramorak"	April 2016 / May 2016	Requested: 98.400 Approved: 61.500
Reconstruction of locker rooms, cabins and toilets	Football club "Proleter"	April 2016 / September 2016	Requested: 123.000 Approved: 123.000
Purchase of new doors for locker rooms and gym	Elementary school "Sava Maksimović"	June 2016 / August 2016	Requested: 221.400 Approved: 221.000
Getting to know nature of Kraljevac lake	Civil Society Organization "Green Link"	May 2016 / September 2016	Requested: 72.570 Approved: 49.500

Total Approved: RSD 615.000



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BAVANIŠTE

Project Title	Organization	Timeframe	Total Budget: 369.000 RSD
Reconstruction and setting of old fountain	Local Community Office Bavanište	May 2016 / December 2016	Requested: 209.100 Approved: 185.000
Monographs of Bavaniste	Local Community Office Bavanište	May 2016 / December 2016	Requested: 104.550 Approved: 80.000
Jazz & Blues festival	Artavlija Bavanište	April 2016	Requested: 24.000 Approved: 24.000
Instalation of wall mirrors	Civil Society Association "Becarac"	April 2016 / December 2016	Requested: 29.520 Approved: 29.500
Getting to know nature of Kraljevac lake	Civil Society Organization "Green Link"	May 2016 / September 2016	Requested: 72.570 Approved: 50.500

Total Approved: RSD 369.000

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5. Impact

The representatives of four local communities were included in monitoring the implementation of each activity and timely submission of short reports on the project. Project implementers were collecting press clippings from the local media and reactions of the local community. WEBG used the collected data to estimate a short, medium and longtime effect of the project on the community.

The following areas were impacted by the projects implementation during 2016:

- a. Village infrastructure development - **high impact, six projects**
- b. Education, experience exchange and training – **medium impact, three projects**
- c. Sport and promotion of healthy life styles – **low impact, one project**
- d. Fire and traffic safety – **low impact, one project**
- e. Support to vulnerable groups (old people, disabled persons, youth and children) - **low impact, one project**
- f. Environmental protection - **low impact, two projects**
- g. Tourist promotion of local customs and tradition – **low impact, two projects**
- h. Support to local culture and arts – **high impact, six projects**

5.1. Short term impact – one year

Although very high in scale, impact on local culture and arts can be considered as short term one, as it enabled local festivals and traditions to survive under severe financial conditions at the local level. The same can be said for the support for vulnerable groups and environmental protection projects as the Social Investment Plan provided support in order to prevent these activities from vanishing as a result of the lack of state/local funding.

5.2. Mid-term impact – two to five years

This impact level was in the very focus of the Social Investment Plan as it laid ground for the economic development during the wind farm construction timeframe, especially in the field of rural tourism and improved communities' capacities to prepare for, and respond to, fire and traffic accidents. Heavy input in local culture and arts recorded high impact through six projects and reinforced position of the promotion and income generating events improving the overall tourist offer of the wider "Čibuk" area. A few thousand people in total visited these events, and reaffirmed Bavanište, Dolovo, Vladimirovac and Mramorak as future tourist destinations. With the new wind farm, it is expected that these villages may be in a position to offer its capacities to construction companies' staff during the constructing phase, and after to become attractive for domestic tourists, especially for elementary and high school pupils.

5.3. Long-term impact – from five years on

The rest of the supported projects which generally dealt with education, training, capacity building or promoting values and principles are considered to generate the long lasting

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effects, bringing new quality to the community social dynamics. Additionally, significant funds were invested this year in small infrastructure projects, with very high impact through the six projects, and education, with the goal of improving education for schoolchildren in the longer run (“Getting to know nature of Kraljevac lake” project) and assisting local government in providing better quality services for the inhabitants of Bavanište, Vladimirovac, Mramorak and Dolovo.

Finally, the major positive impact in all four communities was made in the field of promoting the standards in corporate social responsibility and creating the sense of partnership with the Project among the citizens over the Social Investment Plan implementation and success.

6. Next Steps and Recommendation

WEBG Social Investment Plan will continue to be constantly modified and upgraded in accordance with the local needs and project’s progress. Comments were gathered from the local communities and incorporated in the proposal for 2017 Social Investment Plan Call for Proposals. It was highly recommended both by Kovin and Alibunar town officials and by the local community leaders to continue the joint efforts under the Social Investment Plan during 2017. Proposed 2017 annual budget for implementation of the Program aims to stay at least within the same amount as in 2016 and is to be allocated to four local communities’ in accordance with the assessment to be done by WEBG.

7. Annexes

This annual report is produced in English and published on WEBG project web site www.wpc.rs along with final individual Project Reports (in Serbian) containing project description, financial reports, photos, press clipping and all supporting documents.