

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Implementation of activities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management in 2014 was for the considerable part of the year under the influence of the consequences which extreme weather conditions caused in the agriculture sector of the Republic of Srpska. Considering the extent of direct and indirect damage in the agricultural sector after floods and other natural disasters during 2014, a set of measures was adopted to mitigate the effects of floods, including emergency rehabilitation measures, short-term measures for the restoration of production in the flooded area and long-term development measures in the field of agriculture, water management and forestry.

The priority of the Ministry's activity after flooding was given to the immediate restoration of production in flooded area in order to maintain the level of production and the income of agricultural holdings, and provide conditions for the continuation of the production cycle in 2015.

The Ministry has also implemented a series of necessary actions in order to achieve a more realistic and objective recording of flood damage in agriculture; it has prescribed unified methodology and put all the available capacity at the disposal to local government units in the flooded area. After completing the data validation process on damage in agriculture, it was estimated that the total direct damage in crop and livestock production was around BAM 60 million, while the estimate of the total direct and indirect damage was about BAM 200 million and it was related to the damage caused by floods in May and August, but also to the damage caused by other weather disasters such as hail, excessive rainfall, diseases and pests.

Despite the challenges imposed by the emergency situation, the Ministry has implemented most of the activities planned under the Programme for 2014, it has regularly implemented measures of financial support to agricultural producers, completed all planned activities on the basis of international treaties and agreements, as well as activities on the adoption of legal acts and bylaws.

The Ministry has also prepared a draft of the Strategic Plan for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas of the Republic of Srpska until 2020 which continues activities in the strategic organization of the sector in the future period, defines the goals and directions of development of the sector until 2020, defines the proposal of a new financing model of agriculture of the Republic of Srpska and provides the basis for the Legal regulation of the implementation of incentive funds.

The following are the most important activities and implemented measures by fields:

Excerpt from the Report on implemented measures in the field of agriculture:

1. On the basis of the Investment-Development Bank funds, in 2014, BAM 38,188,934 was granted on behalf of agricultural support. Out of that:

- BAM 31.2 million provided for loans for agriculture, manufacturing industry and processing industry of agricultural products;

- BAM 6.9 million provided for loans for micro-business in agriculture and agricultural loans;

2. Another resource of special loan funds are funds from "**Partner fond**" – a revolving fund based on international donations and more favourable interest rates compared to the market's, as well as a **credit line from the revolving fund established by donation from the Government of Japan (with interest rate restriction at 6%)**. Total granted funds in 2014 on the basis of these two sources of funding amounted BAM 1 million from Partner fond and BAM 1.3 million from the Japanese donation fund.

3. Incentive funds totalling BAM 60 million planned for 2014, will be fully disbursed as of the first quarter of 2015;

4. An amendment was adopted to the Rules for Placement Under Credit Lines and Loans of The Republic of Srpska Investment-Development Bank, which allowed credit beneficiaries and loan users who were affected by the floods the granting of a special grace period up to 12 months, with the possibility of extending the repayment period for another 12 months;

5. On the basis of international projects for agriculture and irrigation, which shall be implemented in a multi-year period, around BAM 160 million is the disposal, out of which BAM 6 million was disbursed in 2014;

6. From irrigation development project, during 2014, the construction of irrigation systems was completed at locations Novo Selo - Bijeljina 622 ha and Pelagićevo 202 ha with a total value of over BAM 6 million and it continues on additional 1000 hectares in 2015.

7. A set of measures to ensure the conditions for the production was adopted:

- **Recourse for blue diesel** was introduced for spring and autumn works totalling BAM 7 million;

- **Milk subsidies** (0,30 BAM/litre) were paid as of September 2014, where the amount of the subsidy per litre was among the highest in the region;

- **Incentive for commercial wheat production** in 2013/2014, in the amount from BAM 250/ha, which cost a total of around BAM 1,320,000.

- **Subsidy for the wheat** purchased from the domestic agricultural producers (0.05 BAM/kg) was provided, totalling BAM 1.2 million, thus enabling a satisfactory redemption price from domestic processors and purchasers;
- **Support for the rehabilitation of damage caused by hail, stormy weather and wood borer**, amounting up to 250 BAM/ha depending on the degree of the damage to fruit and vineyard production, vegetable and crop production.
- **Subsidy for produced and sold fruit**, 15% from the average market price, the amount of funds is paid in the following ratio: 90% to producers and 10% to purchasers;
- **Subsidy for purchased fruit to processors** in the field of food industry for the purchase of domestic raw materials in the amount of 5% of the purchased product value;
- **a number of other regular support measures** to the current production and capital investments;

8. Activities undertaken in order to eliminate the damage from floods in 2014:

- **Expert teams have been formed** to evaluate and determine the damage and make recommendations for recovery of soil and crops after flooding;
- **70 consultants and associates have been mobilized** and divided into seven regional units of the Ministry for recording conditions, assessing damage and providing technical support to agricultural producers;
- **Veterinary and sanitary measures of protection which have been implemented:** Evacuation of live animals, safe disposal of dead animals, cleaning and disinfection of facilities for animal housing, permanent health control of live and subsequently cared for animals; mandatory vaccination measure has been implemented; control of miscarriage causes of all animals has been carried out;
- **A continuous supply of concentrated animal feed and hay has been organized;**

9. The Ministry has defined a set of short-term measures to mitigate the effects of floods, most of which have been implemented:

- **Production materials have been provided** for the restoration of production in the affected area (**all flooded area under maize (approximately 23,000 acres) has been resown**),
- **The necessary quantities of animal feed** have been provided, as well as funds for purchase of animal feed supplies and production materials for the conceiving of production in the autumn of 2014 and continuation of the production in 2015;

- **The decision has been made to write off the annual concession fee** and rent for the usage of the agricultural land owned by the Republic of Srpska for 2014, only for users in the affected areas;
- **Recourse for diesel fuel** has been increased in order to provide additional support for autumn agricultural works (for crop and vegetable production from 100 to 150 litres/ha, and for fruit and vineyard production from 80 to 120 litres/ha).
- **Support to producers of vegetables and fruit was provided** (subsidy for produced and sold fruit; Funds per unit area for the repair of damage caused by hail, stormy weather and wood borer; Recourse for diesel fuel; Subsidy to processors for purchased fruit, vegetables and mushrooms);
- **Resolution of the Government was adopted to write off the debt for fertilizer** for 2012 to all agricultural producers in the Republic of Srpska;
- **Sampling and quality and safety testing was carried out:** of animal feed supply (microbiological and mycotoxicological tests); of soil (assessment of potential pollution);
- **Funds to support the conceiving of new production in the autumn of 2014 were provided:** incentives per unit of growing area in the amount of 250 BAM/ha, recourse for diesel fuel for autumn works, subsidy for commercial wheat production in 2014/2015, and other incentives;

10. The model of commercial farms as production units was established: The objective is that those farms which produce and place their products on the market, we call them commercial farms, are defined as production units in agriculture and are given the social status they deserve.

11. Renewal of registration and classification of farms was launched: By the end of 2014, registration was renewed by a total of 24,243 subjects, out of which 19,758 were non-commercial, 4,007 commercial farms and 478 legal entities.

12. Measures to support the development of agricultural cooperative movement were implemented: 30 agronomists were employed in agricultural cooperatives; the inventarization of cooperatives was carried out; the Law on Amendments to the Law on Agricultural Cooperatives was determined, the programme "School of Cooperative Movement and the Role of Cooperatives in the Development of Women's Entrepreneurship and Organization in Agribusiness" took place.

13. Measures in the field of foreign trade and protection of domestic agricultural production were initiated: the operative team was formed for the continuous monitoring of the situation in the sphere of foreign trade and protection of domestic production, acts governing this

matter were created, cooperation was established between institutions of the Republic of Srpska (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Finance, etc.) and joint institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Agencies, Offices, etc. in Bosnia and Herzegovina), the Republic of Srpska Government has formed "Permanent body for support and promotion of foreign trade and protection of domestic production";

14. A series of measures was launched for revitalization of capacities in the food industry: HPK-Draksenić in Dubica, sugar refinery Šećerana in Bijeljina, dairy farm Mljekara in Banja Luka, meat industry Levita in Gradiška; **Measures for revitalization of the sugar refinery AD "Fabrika šećera Bijeljina" Velika Obarska were implemented:** the choice of temporary management bodies in the sugar refinery (Supervisory Board and Acting Director), a number of interviews were conducted with potential strategic partners, funds for the maintenance of plant and its current needs were provided in the amount of BAM 95,390.00 and additional BAM 30,000.

15. Participation in the project "Danube-soya" which refers to the production of soy without the presence of GMOs, which will contribute to the improvement of the legislative framework, education of producers and the improvement of scientific research and professional work through the conduction of experiments.

16. The role of the Centre for Improvement of Agriculture in hilly and mountainous area of Sokolac was defined with the emphasis on the production of cereal seed, forage crops etc.; the transfer of the Centre ownership to the Republic of Srpska Government was completed; a proposal for the future organization of the Centre was outlined and it involves the merger of the Centre as an organizational unit to the Agricultural Institute of the Republic of Srpska;

17. Activities have been undertaken on the establishment of the Reproduction centre for breeding of fattening cattle in the Municipality of Kalinovik, at location Pavlovac, which will operate within the cooperative "Gvozno".

18. According to the estimates and analyses of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management; Advisory Services of the Ministry, as well as the Agricultural Institute of the Republic of Srpska, **a preliminary assessment was determined of the production volume in 2014** compared to the previous year, where:

- **A decrease in production volume** in 2014 was noticed when compared to 2013 in most production areas and it ranges from 1.38% in vegetable production to 30.35% in fruit production.

- Positive trends were noted in some areas of animal production, namely in the production of mutton and chicken meat, and a slight increase in the production of beef was also recorded.

- Despite the reduced production volume, in most areas **an increase of production value** was recorded, namely from 6.71% in crop production to 42.44% in vegetable production. The production value is higher due to higher yields per unit of production and the increase of product prices.

- An exception in that sense is the fruit production in which the production value in 2014 decreased by 47.79% when compared to 2013.

- **The total value of agricultural production in the Republic of Srpska in 2014 amounted to BAM 1.22 billion, and it was higher by 1.34% when compared to 2013.**

Extract from the Report on implemented measures in the field of veterinary medicine, forestry and water management

19. **In the framework of animal health care**, measures of prevention were continuously implemented, as well as of control and eradication of animal infectious and parasitic diseases, with special emphasis on zoonosis.

20. **By harmonizing regulations with the EU acquis** in the field of veterinary medicine, a series of activities was carried out on adaptation and implementation of the security requirements, thus creating conditions for unhindered international trade with food.

21. In the period from 20 January to 31 January 2014, **activities of the FVO (Food and Veterinary Office) mission were carried out** in order to include Bosnia and Herzegovina on the list of approved countries for export of milk and dairy products. After receiving recommendations from the FVO inspectors, the competent authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina drafted the Action plan for the Elimination of Defects, the implementation of which is still in progress.

22. **Implementation of the development of the Plan for Emergency Measures and Epidemiological Studies has been initiated together with the Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Serbia**, PI Veterinary Institute "Dr Vaso Butozan" Banja Luka, and Veterinary Institute from Belgrade. A workshop has also been organized on the topic of food hygiene and the organization of official controls for products and facilities that are in the process of registration/ approval for export of milk and milk products on the EU market.

23. **The Decision has been adopted on auditing official controls of subjects** dealing with milk and dairy products intended for export to the EU countries.

24. **Expert Team for primary production and food safety has been appointed**, which should with its proposals and work improve subordination within the Ministry's departments and coordination between ministries, inspection, research institutes and specialist services,

agricultural and veterinary services, agricultural cooperatives and producers themselves and other stakeholders.

25. Total funds allocated for the field of veterinary medicine in 2014, according to the planned grants within the regular incentive funds, as well as other grants in the budget, amount BAM 3,127,000.00;

26. A reimbursement was prescribed for the development of local communities which were the place of origin of sold forest wood assortments in the amount of 10% of the funds generated by selling forest wood assortments. During 2014 PFE “Forests of the Republic of Srpska” has paid local communities BAM 16,287,889 on this basis.

27. Due to gypsy moth outbreak in 2014, The Ministry in cooperation with PFE “Forests of the Republic of Srpska”, organized and funded dusting of gypsy moth in the most vulnerable area of 30,000 ha. Also, the Ministry has ensured ease functioning of the Centre for management of limestone areas using special purpose funds.

28. Extensive activities on establishing hunting grounds in the Republic of Srpska **have been initiated**, and it is also necessary to point out that the damage from protected species of game in 2014 was compensated.

29. Implementation of the Sustainable Forest and Landscape Management Project has begun and it is to be realized in the period from 2014 to 2019, and the total amount of funding for the Republic of Srpska is 2,787,879 dollars (GEF Grant).

30. A continuous growth of production in forestry, wood processing and furniture manufacturing has been ensured; products are primarily sold to domestic wood industry enterprises, with a higher degree of processing, then to export-oriented companies as well as to those which meet the provisions on minimum technical requirements for the operation of facilities for primary processing of wood; prices of forest wood assortments are in line with prices of wood assortments in the neighbouring countries.

31. Activities on the registration of property rights over forests and forest land on the Republic of Srpska are conducted in cooperation with the Republic Administration for Geodetic and Property Affairs, PFE “Forests of the Republic of Srpska” and Office of Attorney General of the Republic of Srpska. So far, the registration of the Republic of Srpska into real property was done on about 90% of the area under forests and forest land.

32. A proposal of the Strategy for Integrated Water Management in the Republic of Srpska from 2014 to 2024 was created. A public hearing on the draft of the Strategy was organized and conducted. The proposal was adopted by the Republic of Srpska Government and submitted to the National Assembly for approval.

33. **Loan funds from the revolving fund** in the field of water supply and utility infrastructure were awarded to municipalities in the amount of BAM 50,000.00 in 2013 and BAM 350,000 in 2014.

34. **Within the Programme "Water Supply and Sanitation in the Republic of Srpska" (European Investment Bank, EIB) whose approximate value is 100 million euros**, the investment value of works has been so far estimated to about 115 million euros.

35. **The Project "Emergency Measures and Flood Protection" (European Investment Bank, EIB) Phase I** in the amount of 55,000,000.00 euros. In 2014, 23 contracts in total were signed for 39 individual projects from the first and second component. The total value of the signed contracts is 18,525,813.57 euros.

36. **Drina Flood Protection Project.** The project is fully funded by the IDA approved loans in the amount of \$13.8 million. The cost of land expropriation will be financed by the City of Bijeljina and it is estimated to \$3.8 million.

37. **Regional initiatives for water resources management in the Drina River Basin:** The Ministry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has provided grant funds of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) in the amount of 1,200,000.00 euros, which will be spend on the technical assistance for the development of the Plan for Management of the Drina River Basin for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro.

38. **Reports on flooded areas have been made**, as well as a proposal for emergency response addressed to the Republican Headquarters for Emergency Situations. Republican Headquarters for Emergency Situations issued a series of Orders for the rehabilitation of dykes which included 38 measures whose total value was BAM 6,259,000.

39. **Master plans were developed in cooperation with the Department for Water Management:** Reconstruction and upgrading of the system of protection from the harmful effects of water in Semberija after the catastrophic floods in 2014 and the Reconstruction and upgrading of facilities and systems of protection from the harmful effects of water of the Bosna River from Doboј to Šamac and protected area of "Central Posavina".

40. **According to the programme of measures for the rehabilitation of damage in the field of water management in 2014 the following was done:** reconstruction of a part of the existing Sava River dyke in the area of Semberija in Batkovića-Visoč in Bijeljina in the length of 1.5 km; rehabilitation of the Drina River dyke in the length of 100m in Blatuna; the bridge was repaired on the canal Drina-Dašnica, that is, the banks of the canal that were carried away by the overflowing water; reconstruction of the dyke in Modriča along the right bank of the Bosna

River which protects the refugee settlement Dobar; landslides on the Sava River dyke in Brod were repaired.

EXCERPT FROM THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015

In the programme of activities for 2015, the Ministry will proceed with the continuity in the implementation of the development concept in the field of agricultural and rural development policy which is based on the following principles:

1. **Stabilize and improve funding model** of agrarian economy which will be based on three main pillars:

- Use of a special credit line (working capital) from the Investment-Development Bank as **revolving funds, means available for 2015 are BAM 25 million;**

- **A credit line from the Investment-Development Bank** for long-term and short-term investments in agriculture, **means available for 2015 are BAM 40 million** and

- **The Ministry's incentives** for co-financing of current needs and long-term development projects of beneficiaries (legal person and natural person), **means available for 2015 are BAM 60 million.**

- In addition to these three pillars of support, for the financing of agricultural and rural development one must also use funds from commercial banks, donor funds, **international funding resources** such as the World Bank, the European Investment Development Bank - IFAD, credit and micro-credit organizations etc., **means available for 2015 are BAM 10 million.**

2. **The focus in the realization of budget financing resources** will be placed on the encouragement of market-oriented primary agricultural production and processing of agricultural raw materials, in order to ensure the growth of GDP.

3. **Separate the development aspect from the social aspect** of improving the situation in the field of agriculture and rural development. **Significant financial support will be granted to registered farms which are market-oriented** (business entities and commercial family farms) and which represent the basic units of production in agriculture, generate employment and create a new value.

4. Support funding for long-term development will be directed to the **more emphasized support to investments in the development of intensive livestock production**, vegetable and fruit production, and in accordance with the multi-annual programmes of development of the mentioned sector, which will be adopted in the coming year. **Special attention will be given to**

the introduction of new technologies in the agricultural sector on all levels, as well as to increasing of the finalization degree of domestic raw materials;

5. **Establish the linking mechanisms of primary production and food industry** through support to investments in the production, purchase, processing and placement of agricultural products, and in that respect define programmes to attract foreign investments;

6. **Fully master the concept of farm registration** including the regulation of health and pension and disability insurance;

7. **Support all forms of associations** and linking of agricultural producers and other entities that contribute to improving the organization of production, purchase, processing and placement of agricultural products, such as clusters, agricultural cooperatives and other forms of associations. In doing so, one will **insist on a more precise definition of the status of agricultural producer associations**, as well as on the formation of a modern cooperative movement based on the international cooperative principles;

8. **Ensure the establishment of a more functional agricultural system** through systematic networking and coordination of all institutions working in the field of agriculture. In order to intensify the application of knowledge in the field of agricultural production in the future one will strengthen the function of providing professional services through consultative work, forecasting and reporting, and control work, as well as breeding and selection work in livestock farming.

9. **Improve the cooperation** between the institutions of the Republic of Srpska and joint institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina **in the field of foreign trade and protection of domestic production** through initiating and proposing solutions, and in particular through the activation of protective measures available under the CEFTA and agreements with the EU.

10. **The adoption of new legislation**, and only in the first half of 2015 it is planned to adopt 11 Laws and Laws on Amendments to the Laws:

- Law on Spirit Drinks;
- Law on Wine;
- Law on Amendments to the Law on Agricultural Cooperatives;
- Law on Amendments to the Law on Food;
- Law on Livestock Farming;
- Law on Amendments to the Law on Veterinary Medicine;
- Law on Amendments to the Law on Agriculture;
- Law on Amendments to the Law on Tobacco;
- Law on Amendments to the Law on Agricultural Land;

- Law on Amendments to the Law on Veterinary and Medicinal Products;
- Law on Provision and Allocation of Funds for Stimulating Agricultural and Rural Development;

11. **Adoption of two strategic documents:** Strategy for Integrated Water Management and the Strategic Plan for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas for the Period from 2015 to 2020.

12. **Conduct an inventory of agricultural land**, establish a database on agricultural land with an adequate software solution, including data on land plots owned by the Republic of Srpska and natural persons and data on the usage of land cover of the Republic of Srpska;

13. **In the field of plant protection**, harmonize the legislation with the EU directives, and **take measures on further implementation of the procedures and methods of recognition and registration of varieties and hybrids** of seeds and planting materials in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as create opportunities for import and trading of foreign varieties in order to achieve higher yields and better quality compared to currently available varieties and hybrids.

14. Given the important role of the veterinary profession **in animal health protection**, welfare, public veterinary health and veterinary protection of the environment, the Ministry will together with the Veterinary Chamber of the Republic of Srpska draw up the Codex of good veterinary practice, which represents the European veterinary ethics and principles of conduct, compliant with ISO 9001:2008.

15. **In order to improve the health status of animals** and protect humans from zoonosis, and to raise the level of safety of food of animal origin on the market of the Republic of Srpska and facilitate export to other markets, Veterinary Department will by adopting and controlling the Plan for Carrying Out of Official Controls provide identical standards to the ones in the EU.

16. **In the forestry sector**, the focus should be placed on development of organizational and economic aspects of production in forestry, with a special emphasis on the operation and profitability of the PFE "Forests of the Republic of Srpska", as well as on investments in the forestry sector. One of the priorities will be further improvement of business relations of forestry and wood industry, with the aim of strengthening the degree of product finalization and their placement on foreign markets.

17. **In the water management sector**, activities should be directed towards the adoption of the Strategy for Integrated Water Management in the Republic of Srpska from 2014 to 2024 and intensifying works on the projects: "Emergency Assistance and Flood Protection"; "Drina Flood Protection" and the implementation of measures under orders from the Republican Headquarters for Emergency Situations.

18. Strengthen the system of agricultural payments in order to make the use of budgetary resources more efficient, and ensure the quality of payment system.

19. Increase dynamics of activities on implementation of projects with international funding and work intensively on securing new projects and funding resources in agriculture, in addition to those already being implemented.

The following is a list of **major projects and measures which will be implemented in 2015**:

1. Support to the implementation of capital investments:

- Construction of irrigation systems;
- Growing of perennial plants;
- Construction of facilities in the protected area;
- Construction of new and reconstruction of existing facilities in animal farming;
- Modernisation of agricultural holdings regarding agricultural mechanization and other equipment;
- Construction of new facilities for processing and revitalization of facilities for processing which do not work;
- Creation of new and reconstruction of existing fishponds;
- Production of seed and planting material;
- Formation of clusters;
- Development of reproduction centres in cattle breeding, pig farming, etc.;
- Regional connecting of the agrarian sector with the regions of Europe in order to apply modern technology, attract new investments and expand the market, construct agro-shopping mall, etc.;
- Implementation of international projects through the Project Implementation Unit;
- Development of meat production projects in the hilly and mountainous areas;

2. Implementation of the Programme for Increasing Competitiveness and Attracting Investment in the Value Chains of Milk and Dairy Products, Fruits and Vegetables and their Products;

3. Implementation of the Programme for Improvement of Capacity in Seed Production;

4. Starting production in the "Centre for Improvement of Agriculture in the Hilly and Mountainous Area";

5. Adoption of the Programme for Establishment of Forecasting and Reporting Service;

6. Establish test stations in animal husbandry;

7. Establish Associations of Breeders of Breeding Cattle;
8. Develop the fishing basics of the Republic of Srpska;
9. Resolve the status of "Vučijak" AD stud farm;
10. Create conditions for the implementation of the Programme for Procurement of Quality Breeding Materials in Livestock Farming;
11. Define reproduction centres in livestock farming;
12. Improve the system of fresh raw milk quality control;
13. Implement the conclusions of the Government in terms of resolving the situation in the sphere of land policy;
14. Implement the Programme for Pedological Soil Analysis;
15. Develop a programme for continuous monitoring of agricultural land;
16. Develop a programme for identifying and conforming to designated use of abandoned agricultural land;
17. Revitalize existing capacities in the food industry;
18. Implement projects for modernization and upgrading of the existing capacities in the food industry;
19. Initiate connecting of primary and food industries;
20. Identify balance of the need for raw materials in the food industry;
21. Taking measures for the eradication of infectious diseases;
22. Providing conditions for the export of animal products to the EU market;
23. Implementation of the measures under the project "Emergency Assistance and Flood Protection";
24. Implementation of the Project for Mapping of Flood Risk using WBIF funds;
25. Implementation of the Drina River Flood Project;
26. Implementation of the measures under the project "Water Supply and Sanitation";

27. On-going monitoring and analysing of the implementation of the Programme for Successful Business Operation of PFE “Forests of the Republic of Srpska”;
28. Adoption of the plan for expenditure of funds for forests;
29. Improvement of diagnosis, reporting and forecasting services work;
30. Improvement of the established long-term business relationships between forestry and wood industry;
31. Continuation of works concerning the registration of property rights over forests and forest land;
32. Approval of plans for expenditure of fees from the sale of forest wood assortments;

In addition to all these activities, a significant segment of the Ministry’s work is the resolution of cases in administrative proceedings and taking all legal means to protect property rights and interests of the Republic of Srpska in the management of agricultural resources.

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