

ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTION OF IT, CULTURE AND COEXISTENCE

*In the area affected by the earthquake on 29th of December, 2020, most civic initiatives and civil society organizations, which are vital for supporting vulnerable groups, strengthening democratic culture and civic engagement, were left without room for action. Among them is the Local Volunteer Center Association IKS from Petrinja. Valuable projects to empower the local community, through volunteer activities, are now vitally threatened. Although there is a great interest of volunteers outside the Banovina area to contribute to the revitalization, there is a big problem of accommodation and nutrition of volunteers who would be engaged in specific jobs (psychosocial support, learning assistance). In this situation, it is necessary to organize this form of support. Despite the help of volunteers from all over Croatia, this form of support is the least represented because it requires good organization and ensuring minimum conditions for its implementation. Objective: to organize professional volunteer support for primary school children and their parents through learning assistance and psychosocial support.*

Activities:

1. Mapping support needs;
2. Engaging volunteers and making a work plan;
3. Direct work of volunteers with children and parents.

*The beneficiaries of the project are 20 children of primary school age and parents. Due to the pandemic and the earthquake, children were unable to attend classes, and many were left without basic means of learning. Online teaching makes it even more difficult to follow classes and significantly affects the continuity of education. Parents burdened with daily problems around existence, do not have enough time for greater support for their children. These activities will reduce the feeling of helplessness, will help children and parents in the process of establishing family dynamics and will reduce the feeling of failure.*