

Project promoter: ADRA Croatia

Project title: Strengthening emergency preparedness of the humanitarian community through standardization and unification of practice for inter-agency needs-assessment

Project implementation period: December 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022

Partners:

- Croatian Red Cross (CRC)
- ADRA Norway

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Project summary:

End of 2020, devastating earthquakes affected Sisak-Moslavina County (SMC) causing damages to the extent that a national state of emergency was proclaimed. The COVID-19 pandemic halted the development progress of the already deprived SMC area.

The NGO and local community lack adequate capacity and tools to ensure a needs-based humanitarian response and enable readiness for an early response. Digitization would allow for a more effective humanitarian response and efficient allocation of resources.

Public and donor interest have been declining, and the SMC falls risk of becoming a protracted forgotten crisis. There is a unique window of opportunity with Government and civil society working closely together in the context of the Humanitarian Coordination Forum SMC, and to take advantage of the current momentum.

The goal is to develop a unified, digitized needs assessment tool and procedures based on best practice and lessons learnt in the earthquake in SMC. A needs-based approach will contribute to rapid response and targeting of vulnerable populations. The final beneficiaries of the project are affected populations in the deprived, earthquake affected area of SMC.

Expected results of the projects are the following:

- 1. Rapid response to needs of vulnerable populations affected by crisis due to a faster, coordinated humanitarian action*
- 2. Strengthen evidence-based decision-making allowing efficient allocation of resources and rapid identification of needs of vulnerable populations.*

The project partner, the Croatian Red Cross (CRC), and the project applicant, ADRA Croatia, complement each other in terms of knowledge and value added. ADRA Croatia positioned itself as an experienced NGO in information management, while the CRC spearheads the Humanitarian Coordination Forum SMC, which enables collective humanitarian action, and has the potential to replicate project results to other regions of Croatia. ADRA Norway is the partner for sharing lessons learnt across countries.