

Project title: Networking and increasing the preparedness of CSOs for crisis situations in eastern Croatia

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Project summary:

In recent years, we have frequently witnessed crisis situations caused by unpredictable weather disasters (floods, earthquakes), highlighting the need for better preparedness of CSOs and public and private entities in organizing responses to crises. Currently, there is no disaster response plan. Responses to crises are slow, impulsive, and poorly coordinated because organizations do not collaborate and are unaware of each other's activities. As a result, activities are duplicated or there is a complete lack of assistance in more remote areas, directly threatening the human rights of affected populations.

This project aims to improve the networking of organizations through a CSO platform, as well as other entities, for the purpose of mapping human and material resources of each member, raising capacities through education on tools and working methods, and defining the roles of members in responding to field needs. ADRA Croatia, based on its experience during the humanitarian crisis caused by the 2020 earthquake in Banija, will develop and share a digital tool for more effective resource management of CSOs, while partner ADRA Norway, with experience in crisis preparedness projects in various countries, will share its knowledge with CSO members.

The target groups of the project are CSOs, local government bodies, the private sector, and indirectly, residents of counties with a lower standard of living who have recently experienced humanitarian crises. These counties include Sisak-Moslavina (earthquake in Banija 2020), Brod-Posavina (flood risk), and Vukovar-Srijem (flood in Gunja 2014). The project can be expanded to other counties and crisis scenarios by distributing preparedness resources and utilizing methodologies for creating inter-organizational cooperation to improve response in crisis situations.