

Project title: SOIL AND HUMANS

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Link to relevant internet pages: <https://dobrobrim.com/>

Project summary:

Following the earthquake on December 29, 2020, the Association has been providing continuous support to the population of the rural areas of Glina and Petrinja, including Croats and national minorities (Roma, Serbs, Muslims), to secure basic living conditions in this devastated region. Fieldwork revealed a need for further assistance in restoring and strengthening agricultural economic activities, the primary source of income for most residents. The earthquake's aftermath has placed many in a position of poverty risk, while official policies fail to prioritize the region's economy.

The project aims to empower the local population through education and information, enabling them to develop skills and knowledge for sustainable economic activities and to influence public policies related to rural development and human security.

Key activities include:

- Information workshops on human security, focusing on freedom from poverty and influencing public policies.
- Educational workshops to enhance the skills of the target group, based on the needs assessment conducted via surveys.
- Support for establishing cooperatives and education on good governance practices.
- Production of a short documentary film and organization of round tables to raise awareness on social justice, food sovereignty, and human rights.

Expected Outcomes:

- Development of sustainable economies on local lands.
- Prevention of emigration from earthquake-affected areas.
- Enhanced cooperation among the local population.
- Revitalization of the local economy.
- Broader public awareness of social justice, freedom from poverty, and human security issues.

The project will ensure the dissemination of results through the establishment of an advocacy network addressing official policies on rural development and food sovereignty. The need to tackle these issues has been further highlighted by the war in Ukraine and global economic-political events, emphasizing the importance of food and economic security.