



CROATIAN RED CROSS

# The Social Effects of the Economic Crisis in Croatia

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# Effects of crisis in Croatia

The crisis struck Croatia at the end of 2008.

Most affected vulnerable groups:

- the elderly retired people
- middle aged people who lost their jobs
- residents of smaller towns
- young population
- migrants

# Statistical data for 2013

Unemployment rate – 17,3%\*

- 50% are young people aged 15-24
- 16,2% people aged 25-49
- **29,9% of population lives under risk of poverty rate or social exclusion**

\*Croatia has a population of 4 256 000

# Social programmes

- Different humanitarian programs and community-based help programmes
- Public kitchens and/or meals on wheels – 24 RC branches
- In-house help – 51 RC branches
- Reception centre for homeless and other people in need – 4 RC branches
- Drop-in centre for refugees and migrants

# “Your gift for the right cause”

- Humanitarian relief parcels for 2 or 4 persons for 2 weeks
- The CRC defined the contents of humanitarian relief parcel – food, hygiene and disinfection items



# Social stores

- 9 Red Cross branches
- Criteria defined with local authorities and social welfare centres
- Financed by local authorities, through EU funds
- Rely on donations



# Possible new projects

**Projects aimed at fight against poverty and social exclusion (ministry of social welfare):**

- School meals for children from endangered families – 48
- Support to socially endangered families - 38
- Integration of socially vulnerable population - 13