

## PRESS RELEASE

The Romanian National Red Cross Society-Bacău Branch implements the project "Equity for health, equity for a better life!", between 01.02.2022 and 30.09.2023, in partnership with Blăgești City Hall, Comănești City Hall and the European Roma Association for Progress and Intercultural Promotion and in collaboration with the County Council and the Institution of the Prefect-Bacău County.

This project is funded through the EEA Grants 2014-2021, within the "Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Increasing Roma Inclusion" Program, administered by the Romanian Social Development Fund, as Program Operator.

The "Equity for health, equity for a better life!" project has as an overall objective the increase of social inclusion and empowerment of 1400 Roma from rural and urban marginalized areas of Bacau County: Buda-Șipote and Poiana Negustorului villages from Blăgești commune and Șupan district from Comănești city. To achieve the general objective, a package of health services and health education will be provided, while organizing joint actions, to encourage the active participation of Roma in the decision-making process and to promote the fight against discrimination.

The project activities include: trainings on health education topics for 540 Roma adults and for 865 pupils (of which 440 Are Roma), students of the targeted communities schools; providing medical services through at-home medical check-ups for 200 elderly Roma people and 50 chronic patients and free dental check-ups for 90 Roma children; training a number of 40 young Roma / young Roma (of which at least 75% are women) as volunteers of the Bacau Red Cross Branch, after obtaining certification by completing and graduating the first-aid course; conducting basic first-aid workshops and demonstrations with the participation of 180 mothers, accompanied by young children; conducting social-supportive counseling and legal counseling; non-formal and cultural-artistic educational actions to promote the customs and traditions of the Roma ethnicity. All the project's activities participants will benefit from material support, as appropriate: food packages and packages with hygiene products, fully equipped school bags for students, oral hygiene kits.

Also, within the project, three basic first aid points will be set up, properly equipped, in the homes of three families, one in the village of Buda-Șipote, the second in the village of Poiana Negustorului in Blăgești commune and the third in Șupan neighborhood in Comănești. Families of "community rescuers" will be trained through an intensive basic first aid course, and will have the role of solving minor emergencies in the community and preventing the aggravation of the situation in case of major emergencies.

The overall value of the Project is 2.972.333,25 RON, of which the 2.912.558,75 RON grant.

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