

The Krajina Lives project aimed to help the minority population living in Croatia.

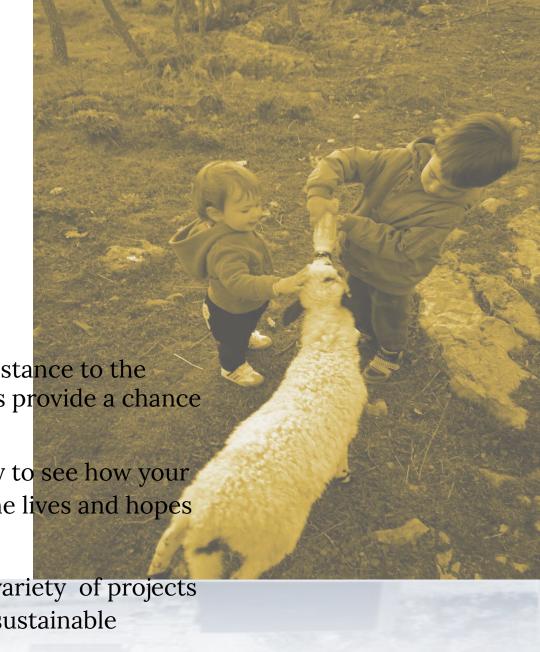
People belonging to these minorities often struggle to find work, raise children, and find hope and opportunities for the future.

Although outward progress seems inevitable, covert discrimination still occurs. Intercultural communication is scarce, making it difficult to find opportunities for work and progress.

This project has enabled our organizations to provide modest assistance to the people of the Krajina, to help sustain their lives, and in some cases provide a chance for a better tomorrow.

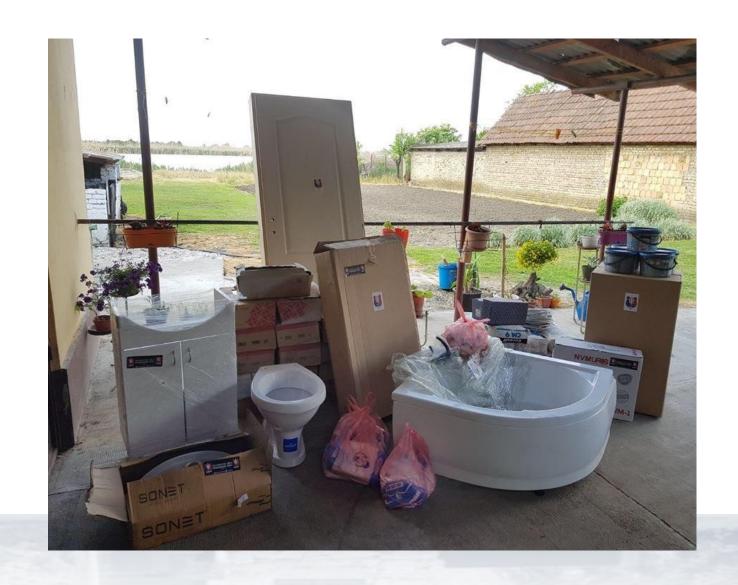
In the following pages of our report, you will have the opportunity to see how your donations have enabled our organizations to directly influence the lives and hopes of some families we have assisted and decided to share with you.

The families we selected to share in this report demonstrate the variety of projects we started to better educate the community of the necessity for sustainable development.



# Vujanic Family Backo Gradiste - April 2018

- Family of five
- Refugees from Krajina living in Backo Gradiste
- Two disabled children in wheelchairs
- Bathroom was fully renovated and appropriate disability access and equipment was installed



#### Vujanic Family Backo Gradiste Serbia

- Family of five
- Refugees from Krajina living in Backo Gradiste
- Two disabled children in wheelchairs
- We provided the family with a new roof for their house. We also did a complete bathroom renovation.



This family lived as refugees for 20 years, working day and night to collect the money to purchase a home. The house they purchased was in ruins. We renovated the bathroom first because of the disabled children, we wanted to provide them the disability access to the bathroom. We realised the deteriorating roof was in desperate need of replacement. There would be no point in continuing any further renovations until the roof was replaced. Any further renovations and investment into the house would of been a waste of money because of the threat of the roof collapsing and destroying it all.

### Bezbradica Family Kistanje Croatia - October 2018

- Family of 3, grandmother, mother and daughter
- Mother Snezana survivor of breast cancer
- Firewood was purchased for this family, providing them with enough firewood for the entire winter



Our investment may have been small compared to other projects, however providing them with the firewood for the entire winter gave them the ability to redirect the intended funds to other costs and expenses.



#### Nonkovic Family Zagrovic Croatia - December 2018

- Family of six living In the village of Zagrovic near Knin,
- Materials were purchased necessary for the extension of a stable/barn for their cattle.
- Ilija is unemployed, as is his wife Branka, so livestock and agriculture are their only source of income, and the only way to provide for their children, Vuk (4) and Theodora (2)

We donated to help them build a stable for existing livestock, as well as help to expand the conditions for increasing the number of cattle. Nonkovic family have 5 cows, and with our donation they can expand their capacity now to facilitate another 10 cows.



#### Pamucar Family Ostrovica Croatia - March 2019

- In Ostrovica near Skradin, we visited the Pamučar family.
- Specifically, we provided them with a system for supplying water from the cistern to the house, both the pump and the pipes, and also did all the installations for electricity throughout the house.
- In this way, this family finally arrived in the 21st century, as they now have both electricity and water.

Also, with this action we wanted to show that we do not forget the elderly, as well as the disabled.

# Majstorovic Family Zminjak Serbia - January 2019

- Family of 4
- Refugees for 24 years from Croatia living in Serbia, moved 11 times
- We purchased this family a house in Zminjak



Purchasing this house enables the family self sustainability through the son's mechanic's shop. If our investment is \$11,000 and he no longer has to pay 100 euros per month in rent & his son earns 300 euros per month working on his own, that's a 4800 euro net effect per year & our investment pays for itself in 2 years.

#### Christmas gifts Djevrske Croatia - January 2019

- On the eve of the biggest Christian holiday, in the village of Djevrske, we distributed New Year's and Christmas presents to the youngest members of the community there.
- Children from Djevrske, Varivode, Zechevo, Bribir, Macure, and Nunic did not hide their enthusiasm for receiving these humble yet rich gifts



The pleasure of receiving Christmas presents was visible on the faces of both priest Đorđe Veselinović and all locals of Djevrske and surrounding places, and in particular thirty children of this small but proud community.

#### Christmas Gifts Biskupija Croatia - January 2019

- In the municipality of Biskupija is eighty girls and boys between the ages of 1 and 15 have received humble gifts from our Christmas project.
- Smiles have become a frequent occurrence on the faces of children from Krajina during these holidays, and it is the responsibility of our organization to make sure that it remains so.



#### Family Macak Kistanje Croatia - April 2019

- Family of 3
- Single mother Some time ago, we helped single mother Nada Mačak who lives with her two daughters Lara (12) and Lana (4).
- Help came at the recommendation of Nada"s good neighbors and friends.
- A cow was purchased



The amount set aside for this family was \$1,750, with which we bought a impregnated cow that produced one calf. The point of buying this cow is for the family to have milk to use for their own needs, as well as making cheese. If they decide to sell the calf, they will receive \$500 as earnings, and if they decide to keep it, they will have another cow or bull in a few months.

# Family Tica Markovac Croatia - May 2019

- Family of 7
- Nikola Tica, a young farmer from the village of Markovac, Biskupija municipality, who lives with his wife Anamarija, son Ilija and daughter Nikolina, with father Jova, mother Snezana and grandfather.
- Only Nikola works in the whole family. They produce cheese and milk, keep chickens and grow vineyards.
- Our organization helped the Tica family by buying one cow.



Buying a cow for this family will provide milk and cheese for their own needs, while the surplus could be sold.

#### Family Kalember Gradina Croatia - June 2019

- Family of 6
- Marina lives with her husband, two children and grandparents.
- No one is the family is employed
- We purchased 48 female sheep and 2 rams



#### Slavica Travica Knin Croatia - June 2019

- Family of 3
- Mother Slavica living with a son and daughter
- Cancer patient
- A new laptop was purchased for her son which he required for school
- A school field trip was paid for her daughter

We assisted Ms. Slavica with buying a laptop for her son, as well as paying for her daughter's field trip, and in doing so Ms Slavica is able to focus on her recovery and her treatment. not only financially but emotionally.



## Family Prijic Gracac Croatia - August 2019

- Family of 4
- Dragana lives with her husband and two children
- They needed the material for the facade of the house, to help with moisture throughout the house and overall isolation.



Since this family lives in a territory where the heating season lasts up to 7 months, with this donation we have given the adequate isolation for the house therefore an approximate 35% less firewood would be consumed during the winter, saving up to \$600 a year. This investment pays for itself in 3 years.

#### Serbian Language Summer School Virgin Mary Blessed Monastery Dalj Croatia

- We are proud that this year we have enabled our children to become acquainted with the cultural heritage of Serbs in the Republic of Croatia.
- This time we traveled to the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Dalj Mountains, where we experienced an extraordinary friendly, genuine hospitality, filled with spirituality and brotherly love.



Our organization donated \$ 1,200 to Serb children from the Knin area to go on an excursion to Slavonia, where they aimed to visit their peers from Slavonia, in addition to natural beauty, to share life and school experiences with them as members of the same national communities living in two different parts of Croatia, as well as visiting and learning about the history, culture and existence of their Orthodox faith, visiting Serbian monasteries and churches in Slavonia

#### Family Jovanovic Gracac Croatia - September 2019

- Family of 5
- Rade lives in Gracac Croatia with his wife and children
- We purchased a mower for this family

This family will not have to manually mow the grass and thus spend huge amounts of time that they might otherwise spend on

another business. Secondly, in this way they mow much larger amounts of grass and therefore if they have some excess grass, they can sell it and earn money.

It should be noted that the price of one bale of hay on sale costs 8 kuna, while the production of it costs between 3 and 4 kuna. Therefore, they have more than half a dollar of earnings in each shade of bales. Up to 1000 bales of shade can be made daily if all production conditions are met.

This donation will help them as they are one of the few farmers that have one of the more modern mowers, with which they will be able to cut twice daily than the standard tractor mower in the area.



#### Family Bogunovic Gracac Croatia - September 2019

- Family of 5
- Family Bogunovic living in Gracac Croatia needed a baler, a device by which grass after being mowed and collected is packed into cubed hay bales and thus easier to transport, easier to feed livestock to help them, and most importantly, easier to trade with them.

The purchase of the baler gives Faster, more even dry down. The ability to produce higher quality forage. Reducing the risk of rain damage.



#### Better feed value.

For dairy cows, it also means the potential to increase milk production.

The bale price ranges from 7 to 10 kunas and costs up to a maximum of 4 kunas per bale, and you can see a profit between half a dollar and a dollar. It is important to note that a balm can work 00-24 hours a day, and for this period make up to several thousand bales as is the practice in grass-rich areas such as Gracac, Croatia.

#### 28. Jun Nikola Tesla' scholarships Kistanje Croatia - September 2019

 28. Jun Nikola Tesla' scholarships which consist of school materials for all Serbian children in the Knin municipality of Kistanje in Krajina. The joy and gratitude of both children and parents was more than evident.

In addition to textbooks, which are an essential part of school packages, we also have work materials and equipment for the school that every child is obliged to have in addition to teaching books. These are, for example, exercise books, workbooks, geographical maps, etc. ... This is a material without which children would not be able to attend school regularly, and which represent a great expense and burden for the parents' budget. The packages were received by all Serbian children from the municipality of Kistanje near Knin.







## Family Strbac Kistenje Croatia - December 2019

- Family of six
- The plans of the Štrbac family was to increase the number of sheep from the current 10 to 30.

The Štrbac family currently produces three cheeses a day, which are priced at \$ 40k (\$ 6.5), which means the family's daily lactation income is close to \$ 20 at the time of lactation. Lactation in this variety lasts between 100 and 150 days, which means that the family currently earns between \$ 2,000 and \$ 3,000 a year in cheese alone. WIth our donation of 20 sheep, this then becomes at between \$ 6,000 and \$ 9,000 a year from cheese alone. We say "cheese only" because we get lamb from sheep, and each lamb costs between 600 and 700kunas, that is, between \$ 95 and \$ 115. This variety of sheep breeds at least two lambs a year, and sometimes more. So, in addition to the money they would receive from the sale of milk, the revenue would also come from the sale of lambs, and the average income would be between \$ 5,700 and \$ 6,900 annually.



FINANCIAL AS	SSUMPTION:	
Best case result		Worst case result
CHEESE:	9.000\$	6.000\$
LAMB:	6.900\$	5.700\$
TOTAL:	15.900\$	11.700\$



With this project, our organization hoped to raise awareness of the difficulties of minorities living in Croatia.

We wanted to work to build equality among citizens and to make these people feel important despite their struggles.

More than anything, we wanted to give them hope for the future. providing economic assistance in farming equipment and livestock, believing that our investment will result in self sustainability for the people we assisted.

Thank you for contributing to this project. For news, donations, and more, visit 28Jun.org

