

FROM BENEFICIARIES TO VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS



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ABOUT US: WE ARE A YOUTH-FOCUSED ORGANISATION SPECIALISING IN
NON-FORMAL EDUCATION, SOCIAL INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
OUR DEDICATED TEAM EMPOWERS VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES BY CREATING
SAFE SPACES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND NON-FORMAL LEARNING.

TIMELINE

INITIATED AS A PILOT PROJECT WITH
40 PARTICIPANTS, THIS SUCCESSFUL
MODEL HAS NOW BEEN PERMANENTLY
INTEGRATED INTO THE ASSOCIATION'S
ONGOING COUNTY-WIDE ACTIVITIES.

LOCATION

ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT IN DISADVANTAGED RURAL AND
PERIPHERAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS BIHOR COUNTY—SUCH AS
POPEȘTI, SĂCUIENI, AND SALONTA—WHERE YOUTH FACE
LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES AND SOCIAL ISOLATION.

OUR GOAL

TO TRANSFORM VULNERABLE RURAL
YOUTH FROM PASSIVE BENEFICIARIES INTO
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY
LEADERS BY FOSTERING LONG-TERM
CIVIC PARTICIPATION.

ACTIVITIES

YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN INTERACTIVE
TRAINING WORKSHOPS USING NON-FORMAL
METHODS LIKE PHOTO VOICE AND FORUM THEATRE,
SUBSEQUENTLY DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING THEIR
OWN LOCAL INITIATIVES AND
YOUTH CAMPS.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

THE INITIATIVE
SUCCESSFULLY BOOSTED
PARTICIPANTS'
SELF-CONFIDENCE AND LED TO
THE CREATION OF INDEPENDENT,
SELF-ORGANIZED YOUTH GROUPS THAT NOW
SPEARHEAD LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

MAIN TAKEAWAY

WHEN PROVIDED WITH TRUST
AND THE RIGHT NON-FORMAL TOOLS,
MARGINALIZED RURAL YOUTH POSSESS AN
IMMENSE POTENTIAL TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF
PASSIVITY AND TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

THE MODEL IS COMPLETELY
SELF-SUSTAINING, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY
FORMER BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE PURSUED
DEGREES IN SOCIAL WORK, RETURNED AS
INTERNS, OR JOINED OUR STAFF AS FULL-TIME
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS.

