



## PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

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## POVERTY AND ELDERLY IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA



Extreme poverty is not present in B&H, while 17,8 percent of population live below general poverty line.

Leaken indicators show that elderly are at greatest risk of falling below poverty line

36.1 percent of two-member households with elderly are poor

28.8 percent of single households with 65+ aged members are poor

Every third elderly person in B&H is poor

## **SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**



Social exclusion index in B&H is 50.32 percent

21 percent of population is facing some types of extreme social exclusion

47 percent of population is at risk of long-term social exclusion

## **SOCIAL EXCLUSION OF ELDERLY IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**



Households with two or more elderly were getting worse off in period 2001-2004

Single households with elderly were getting better off during same period

Exclusion of elderly caused primarily by poverty

## **SOCIAL EXCLUSION OF ELDERLY IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA (2)**



Key problem for exclusion elderly remains pension system in B&H

At the end of 2004, average pension was 184KM, while poverty line was 185KM a month

Pension system in B&H generates poverty among elderly and thus generates social exclusion

## **FUTURE OF SOCIAL INCLUSION OF ELDERLY IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**



Two documents are in the process of preparation:

- National Development Strategy 2008-2013
  - Economic development and poverty reduction primary goals
- Social Inclusion Strategy
  - Elderly as target group