



# SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY, Ireland



This technical assistance focuses on the geographical areas of North Clondalkin and Tallaght (South Dublin County Council). Targeted supports are provided by the Sláintecare Healthy Communities (SHC) Programme which is overseen by the Department of Health. The HP Pobal Deprivation Index identifies SHC sites as having high levels of deprivation. Consequently, health and wellbeing risk factors are particularly concentrated in both areas. Housing and energy poverty have a significant impact on health and wellbeing with the Institute of Health Equity noting that cold and energy-poor homes are linked to a "wide range of health conditions, especially respiratory and cardiovascular, as well as poor mental health". According to the Irish 2016 Census the Clondalkin SHC site has 7,873 households and 24,376 inhabitants. The Tallaght SHC site has 11,526 households and 36,626 inhabitants.

The aim of the technical support is to strategically assist Sláintecare Healthy Communities in contributing towards a measurable reduction in energy consumption in low-income households, through the dissemination and promotion of energy awareness information. **Energy audits** will be conducted on 100 homes and behaviour change will be observed, measured by an energy consumption agency. **Pre-and post-intervention surveys** will take place while households will be equipped with the information required to reduce costs, increase energy efficiency, and become **programme ambassadors**. The technical assistance will also contribute towards **capacity building** on energy poverty and assist in embedding energy poverty initiatives within local agencies working with communities at risk of energy poverty. Local community agencies will support overall evaluation of the project and support delivery of community workshops for further engagement.

