Sátoraljaújhely
Hungary

RESULTS
2nd technical assistance of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub 2023-2024

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⚙️ **Energy poverty phase:** Diagnosis

🌿 **Topics:** Information and awareness, vulnerable consumers

To understand and address energy poverty at the municipal level, Habitat for Humanity Hungary (HfHH) prepared a diagnosis for the Municipality of Sátoraljaújhely, alongside similar efforts in other municipalities, aiming to help decision-makers identify and quantify affected groups, assess the extent of energy poverty, and outline intervention options for policy planning.

Objectives

The primary objective was to develop a comprehensive diagnosis of energy poverty identifying and quantifying vulnerable groups while providing policy recommendations for future interventions.

Activities & Outcomes

Key activities included data collection and analysis from external sources and municipal databases, the development of a questionnaire for local residents, conducting site visits to assess the state of residential buildings, using Google Street View for areas not accessible during field visits, and in-depth online interviews with municipal officials to understand housing issues and support strategies. Additionally, stakeholder mapping, hosting a thematic forum to discuss energy poverty was held. Cases of hidden energy poverty through behavioural indicators have been found.

> **More data was available than expected, and the number of completed surveys exceeded initial projections, providing a substantial pool for analysis, even if not representative. The responsiveness and collaboration of the municipality greatly enhanced the project's value.**
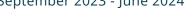
Future

Accurate data on income, energy expenditures, and utility arrears were lacking, requiring reliance on general national statistics. A thorough assessment of the housing stock would have improved the evaluation of building conditions, as only 20% of residential buildings have Energy Performance Certificates.

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