

## THE ART OF SURVIVAL

# BASIC NEEDS

of persons that are or ought to be users of the social protection system



## FOOD

When your stomach growls, you don't think properly. You can survive without internet and legs, but you cannot without food.

Dragana, a person with disability, social assistance recipient



## MEDICINE

I take one pill per day instead of the prescribed three, in order to have enough medication to make it through the month.

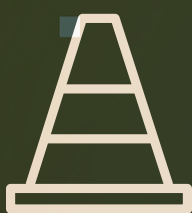
Drita, a person with physical disability, social assistance recipient



## CLOTHING

Even if the whole Red Cross had worked for us, it would still not be able to supply the amount of clothes that the daughter is ripping.

Sasho, a retiree, father of a person with a disability



## ACCESSIBILITY

I need to go to Public Revenue Office, but I cannot get there. There are stairs in front of you, you see everyone running around, and you cannot, and it bothers you. It doesn't only bother you, it kills you on the inside.

Fatmir, a person with disability with discontinued social assistance



## BILLS AND HEATING

We pay bills for the electricity, cable TV, telephone and everything else. We are spending all that money on the monthly bills...

Marija, a mother of two children, survivor of domestic violence, social assistance recipient

Sometimes there are higher levies for example in the winter period... When this time comes, I don't know if I should buy some wood or pay for the bills first.

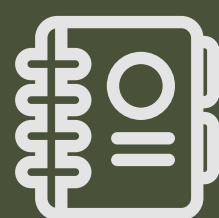
Orhan, a person with sensory disability, social assistance recipient



## HOUSING

Researcher: What do you need the most?  
Nenad: I want to feel a home. I have deserved that.

Nenad, a homeless person, has never received social assistance



## EDUCATION

Now the kid will start going to the kindergarten, where will I find money from? I will have to school the kid, to buy a bag, books for the kindergarten, but I don't have any money...

Senad, a person with discontinued assistance, a father of three