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 the 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
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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