



Coastei Street families  
Romania

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# THE COASTEI STREET FAMILIES' STORY

On 17 December 2010, around 350 people from 76 families, the majority Roma, were forcibly evicted from the centre of the city of Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Forty families were re-housed in newly built housing units on the outskirts of the city, close to the city's garbage dump and a former chemical waste dump. The housing provided is inadequate. One resident said: "The room is very small; the water from outside is coming through the walls. It is really bad, it is a nightmare... Next to me, there is a family with 13 people, including 11 children, who live in one room." No hot water or gas is provided. The bus stop is approximately 2.5km away, making it

difficult for children to attend school and for residents to access education, employment, healthcare and other essential services.

Thirty-six of the families were not offered any alternative housing, and so were effectively made homeless. Seven families are living with relatives. The remaining 29 families have built improvised homes near the housing units provided. They have no access to water, sanitation or electricity. With only verbal permission from the authorities for the housing they built, they live in daily fear of eviction.

## Show solidarity with the Coastei Street families

Write a letter or send a card to the families.

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## Write to the Mayor of Cluj-Napoca

- Urge the Mayor to engage in genuine consultation with all families forcibly evicted from Coastei Street and relocated to the New Pata Rat settlement to develop long-term alternative housing plans.
- Call on the Mayor to provide effective remedies and reparation for the losses and suffering incurred by the families as a result of their forced eviction.
- Ask the Mayor, in the short-term, to address the families' urgent needs by providing them with minimum security of tenure and adequate access to utilities and services.

Mayor of Cluj-Napoca

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