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Research report Seniors and poverty

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One of sub-teams VEDTYM (reg. CZ.1.07/2.3.00/20.0080) research project is focused on the living of seniors today. The aim of the partial research is answer the question how seniors at risk of poverty and poor seniors manage their life situation. Sub-team "Seniors and poverty (Old people and poverty)" applies qualitative research strategy, with regard research priority, to understanding the living situation of the elderly. Within research the life experience of both senior citizens and social workers working with the poor and the elderly at risk of poverty – clients is analyzed. The process involves all three members of subteams and thus fulfills the requirement of triangulation. As a research method narrative biographical interviews with seniors were applied. Seniors recommended by social workers were subsequently contacted and meetings were arranged. By the approval of the writing permission of communication partner and than the interview was recorded on a dictaphone. Team member G. Nytra realized 22 narrative biographical interviews. Subsequently interviews were literally transcribed interviews, supplemented by records of interview and respondents cards with basic demographic data. Currently the talks are continuously coded and analyzed by the team members. Within the aforementioned triangulation we returned back to the field to social workers, who primarily recommended seniors. With the social workers we conducted semi-structured interviews. Their aim is to find out how social workers perceive the elderly - as their clients and how they interpret seniors poverty or people at risk of poverty in this group of population or the limits and changes of social work. Researchers from the interviews try to complete information concerning the studied subjects. These interviews are been transcribed in the program (F4) and they will be processed subsequently.

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