

>THEMES

ACCESS TO ADEQUATE FOOD

ALBANIA

Because LGBTI people have limited access to state services, due to discrimination, civil society organisations continued to provide necessary support.

Aleanca provided food packages to at least 249 community members this year, including transgender sex workers and people living with HIV.

Rainbowphilia (Ylberofilia) and a partner church teamed up to distribute food packages for trans and sex worker communities, helping up to 20 individuals.

BELARUS

Trans people are facing prolonged homelessness and unemployment (see under Employment and Housing). Since 2019, activists have provided food kits, consistently receiving more applications than expected.

BULGARIA

In April, a Bilitis's [report found](#) that, in the past three years, almost a third of non-binary people did not have enough money to buy food for themselves or their families.

NORTHERN CYPRUS

The economic challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic persisted impacting the LGBTI+ community with income loss and food affordability issues. QCA's Social Welfare team created a list of supportive NGOs and local authorities. This list included different services like food donations, psychosocial support, and more for the LGBTI+ community.

DENMARK

Some trans people, QTIBIPOCs and/or migrants continued to struggle financially. Queer and trans communities provided sporadic and informal aid.

GREECE

Many trans people [continued](#) to struggle financially and be barely able to cover basic needs.

ROMANIA

LGBTQ+ people continue to be affected by economic inequality and are at risk for poverty in Romania. A new Fiscal Code due to be in force in January 2024 will further make it difficult for associations to distribute goods and

services to them, as NEETs will have to pay mandatory health insurance for six months should they receive funding from any source.

TURKMENISTAN

The complex and difficult social and economic situation continued, having a dire impact, including on LGBT people. The country is in serious crisis - people are struggling with food shortages, [rising](#) prices and hunger. In some areas, residents have had no access to food rations for months, and then [received](#) flour infested by insects. Unemployment also remained critical.

UZBEKISTAN

Due to the ongoing war against Ukraine, the economic situation continued to deteriorate this year. The price of food, supplied from Russia, Ukraine, and the EU, significantly increased.