

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the World Day of the Poor was celebrated, an occasion that Pope Francis founded at the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy. Malteser Albania, as an order of the Catholic Church and part of the Sovereign Order of Malta joined this international initiative by organizing several activities to help people in need.

One of the most important activities was organizing the awareness campaign "Give Someone Warmth This Winter" to collect blankets for people in need. The campaign was organized during the months of November and December, by Malteser Albania in cooperation with all schools in Shkodra and Lezha, as well as various public and non-public actors in the Northern Region of Albania. The aim was to successfully transmit the message of this campaign to children and youngsters in order to educate and inspire the principles of charity, helping others and participating in community life. This campaign involved 2000 young people.

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Old Is Gold Center, a festive lunch was provided for 110 people in need. In the framework of this day also Malteser Center in Lezha organized a charity dinner for 100 orphans, who are residents of Lezha city and suburbs.

