

# Effects of Corona and Inflation crisis in North Rhine-Westphalia – Poverty fighting, health prevention and the need for skilled workers

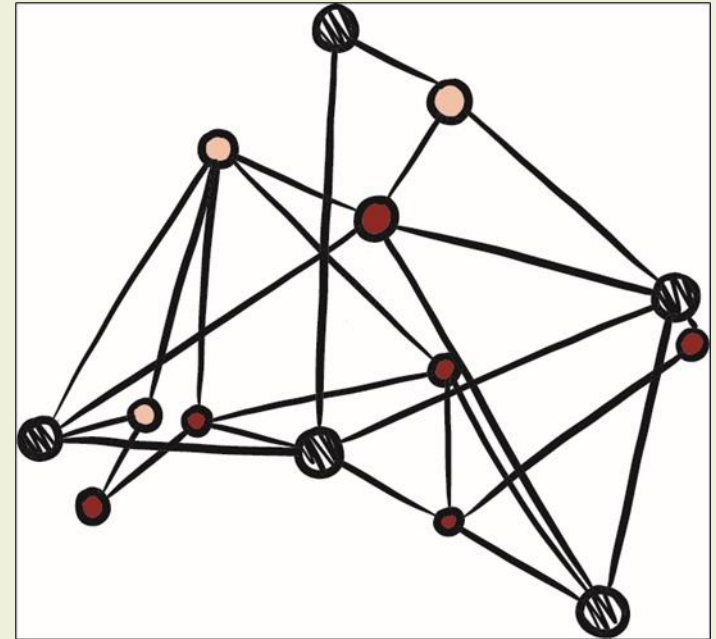


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- ❑ Need for skilled workers, 17-20



# Part I: Poverty and health

- ❑ Thesis 1: Poverty and health are closely linked – but not in the in the consciousness of the german labour and social politicians
- ❑ Only experts know about it ...
  - Congress Poverty and Health Process, since 1995
  - Unemployment and Health - Federal Employment Agency (BA) and National health insurance (GKV), since 2011
  - IAB: Publication on Unemployment and People with mental health Disturbances, 2013
  - National program “Rehabilitation”, since 2019
  - Prevention Act: § 20a Social Security Code Health insurance: Reducing socially induced inequality of health opportunities

# Poverty and health – during and after the Corona crisis

- ❑ Thesis 2: Corona crisis has clearly highlighted the problem of poverty and the deficiencies in the infrastructure in the social and health sectors.
- ❑ “Magnifying glass” I:  
Corona -> Poverty and Health  
(compare Challenges in disatvantaged Quarters ...)
- ❑ “Magnifying glass” II:  
Closer look into the districts and neighborhoods



# Poverty and health – Cholera deaths in Cologne 1867

Residential quarters near the Rhine – without sewers (tubes for dirty water)



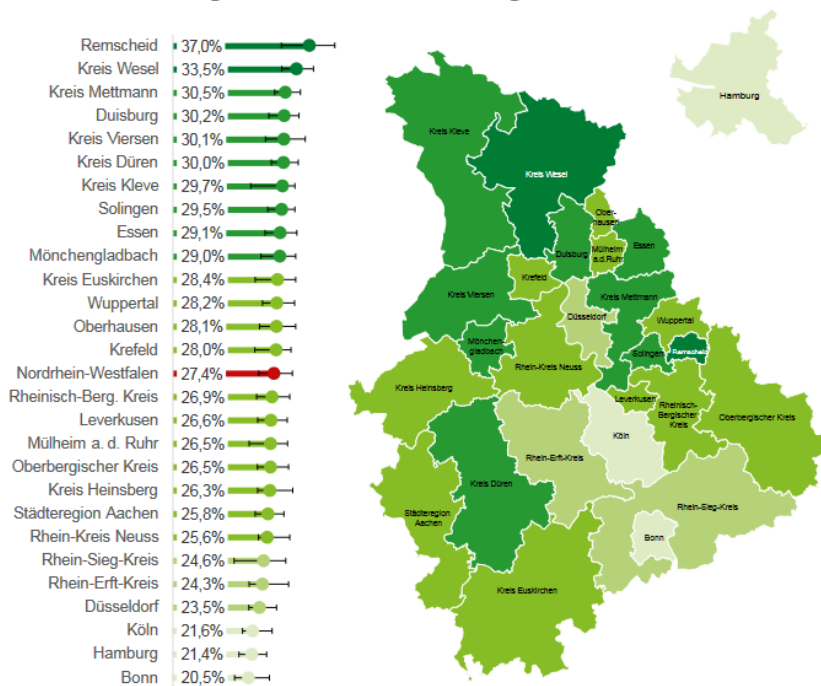
Quelle: Felix Römer (2021): Soziale Ungleichheit in der Pandemie. Warum Deutsche weniger darüber wissen als Briten.

<https://geschichtedergegenwart.ch/soziale-ungleichheit-in-der-pandemie-armutsstatistiken-in-deutschland-und-grossbritannien/>

# AOK Gesundheitsreport 2021 - Municipalities with a high health burden

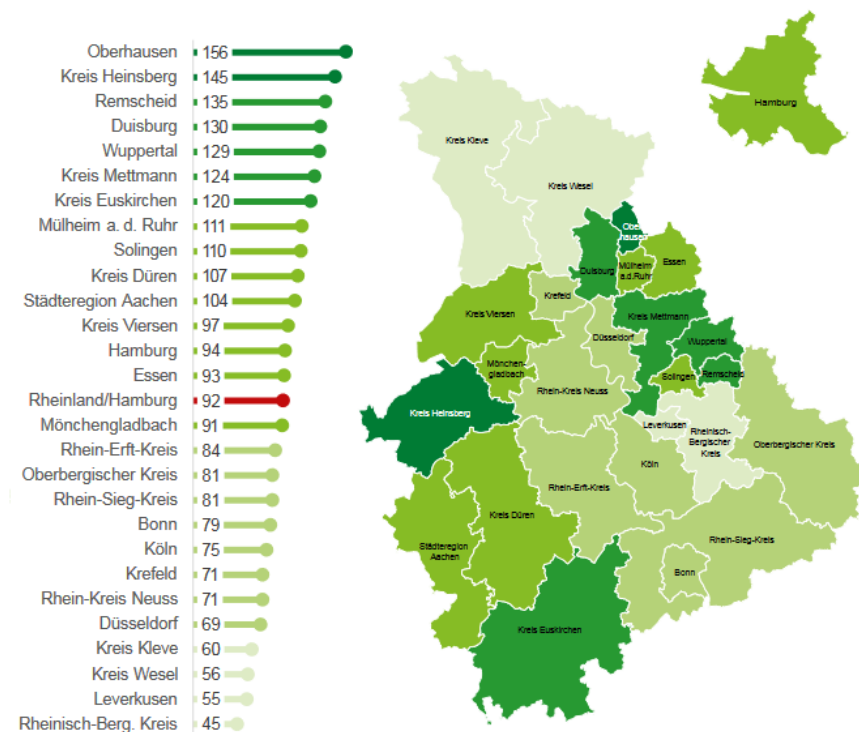
## Vorerkrankungen mit erhöhtem Risiko für schwere COVID-19-Verläufe

Prävalenzschätzung für die Gesamtbevölkerung



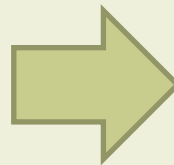
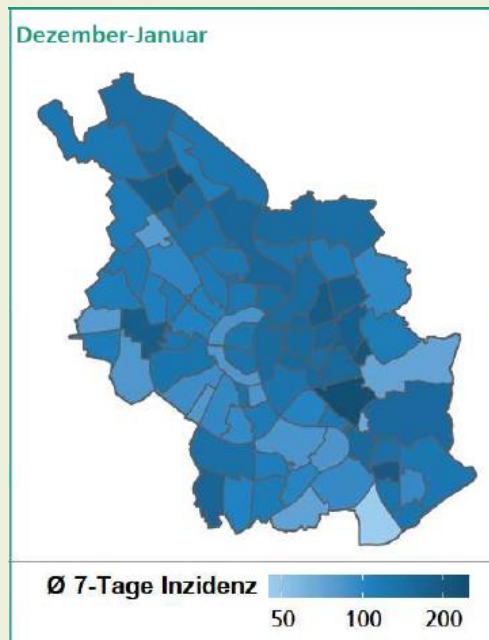
## Sterbefälle aufgrund von COVID-19

Sterbefälle je 100.000 Einwohnerinnen und Einwohner



# Poverty and health – Corona crisis

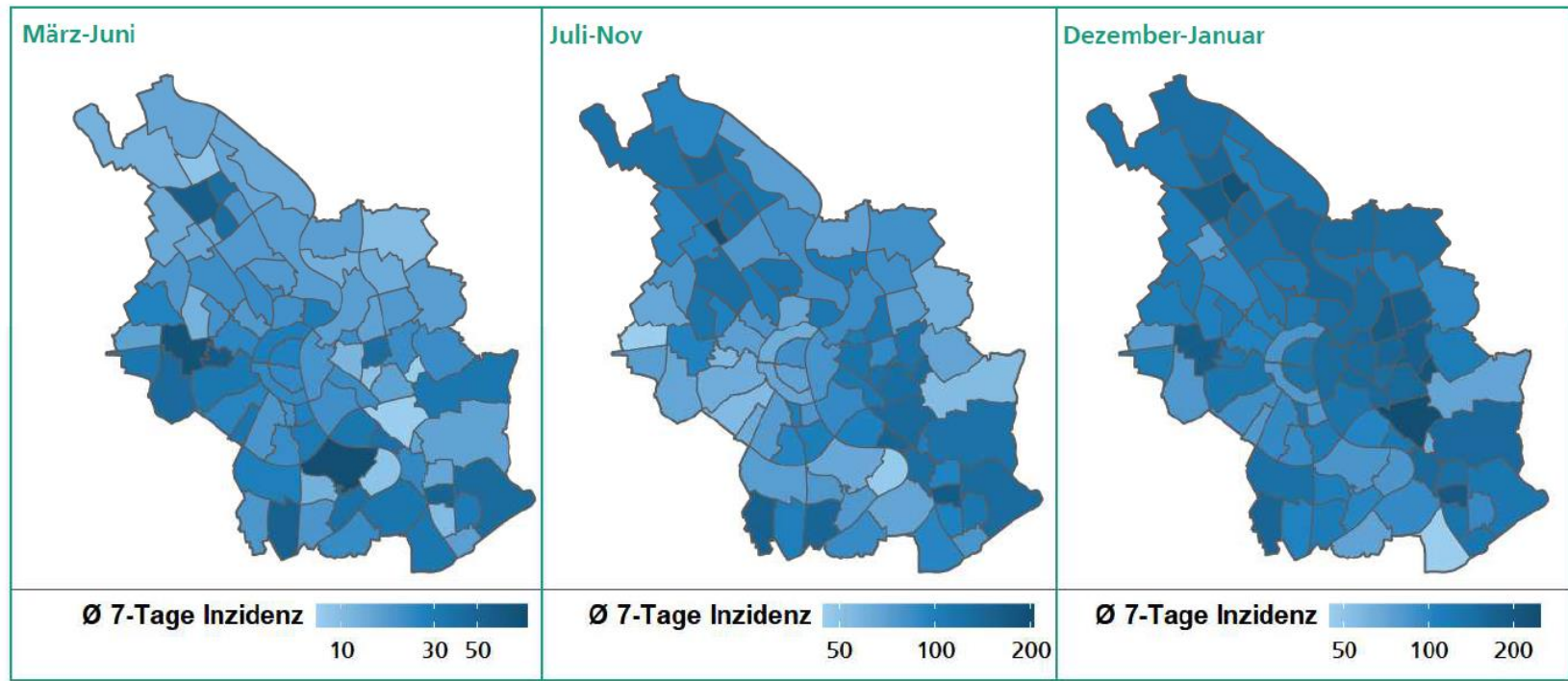
- ❑ Some municipalities in North Rhine Westphalia analyzed the situation and reacted ....



# Average "7 days of incidence" in the city of cologne 2021

## Durchschnittliche 7-Tage-Inzidenz in Kölner Stadtgebiet

In früher Phase linksrheinisches Infektionsgeschehen, dann Verlagerung nach rechtsrheinisch



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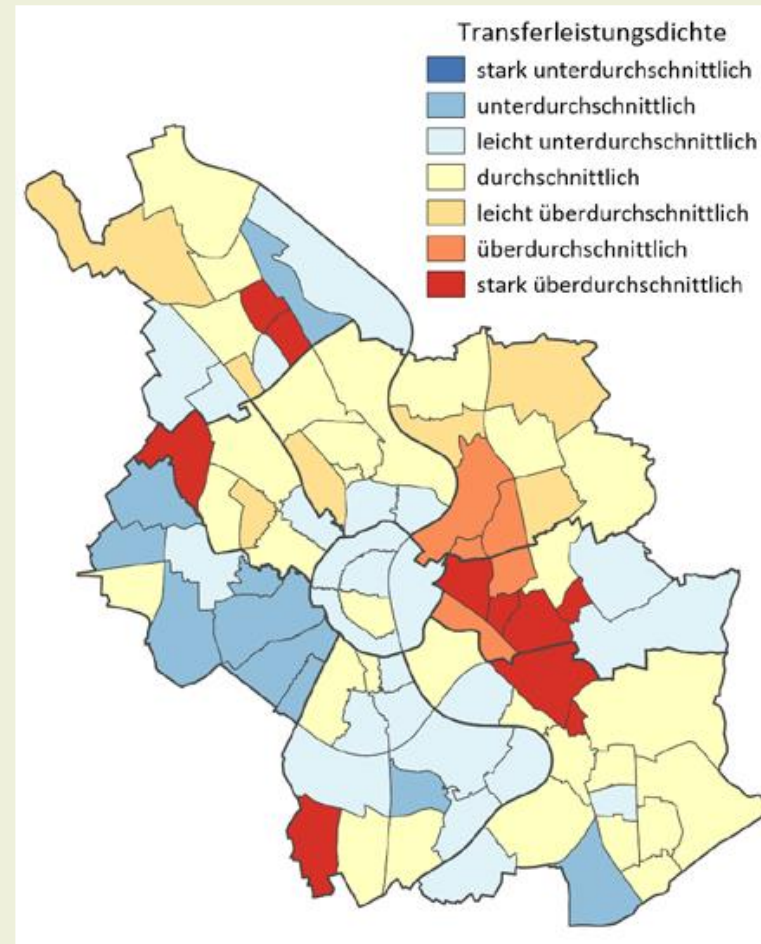
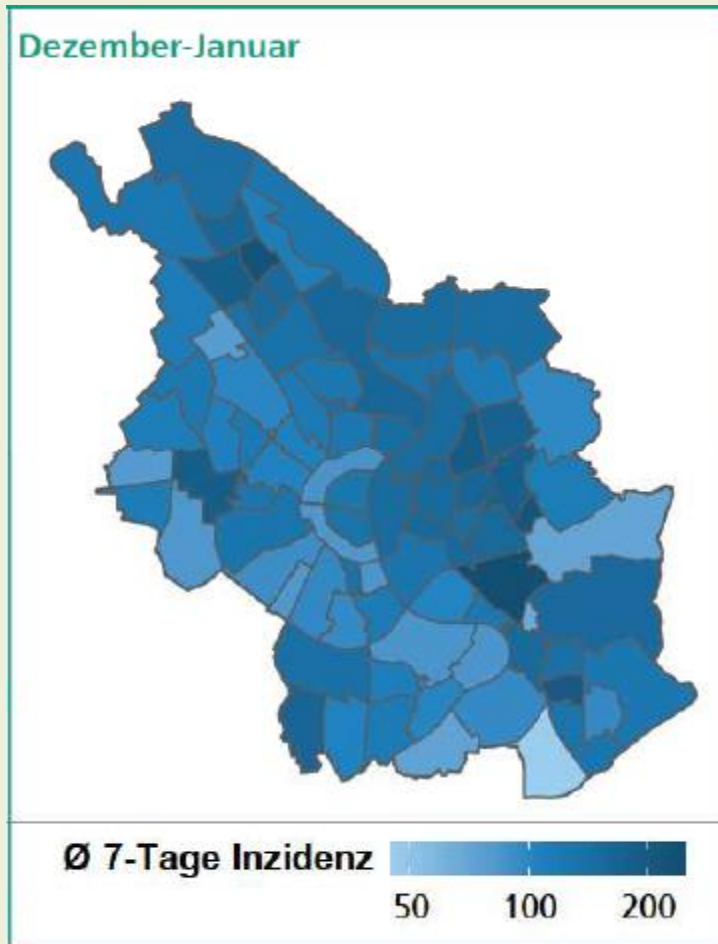
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# Poverty and Districts of Cologne – Corona Incidence (left) and Indicators of social benefits (right)

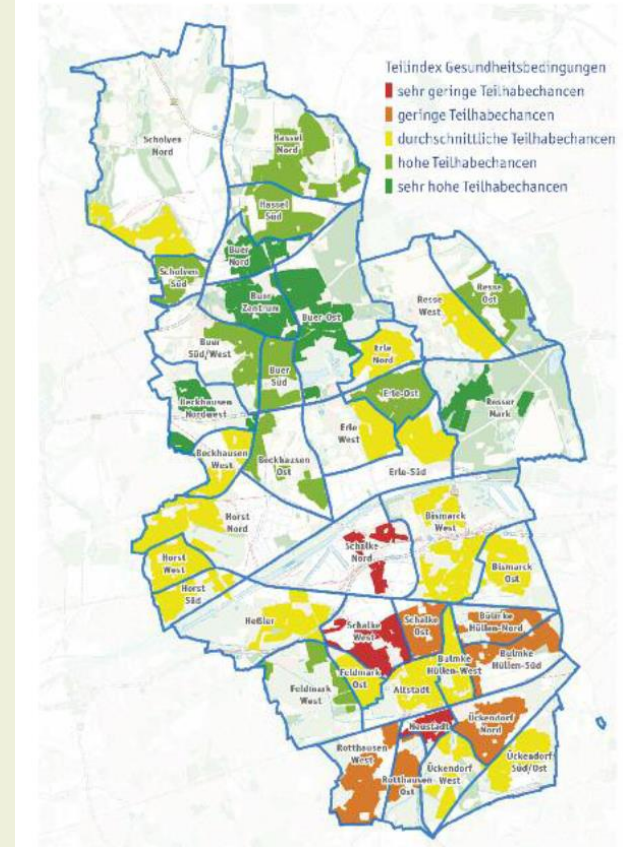


# Indicators of health and social benefits, Gelsenkirchen

Abbildung 2: Konzept des Indexes Partizipation der Stadt Gelsenkirchen

INDEX	TEILINDIZES	INDIKATOREN
Partizipation von Kindern	Wirtschaftliche Lage	Sozialgeldquote
		Sozialgeldquote der unter 7-Jährigen
	Integrationsvoraussetzungen	Migrantenanteil unter 18 Jahren
		Nicht ausreichende Deutschkenntnisse Zuwanderung aus dem Ausland im vorangegangenen Jahr
	Gesundheitsbedingungen	Übergewichtige/adipöse Kinder
		Teilnahmequote U8/U9
		dmft-Index
	Bildungsbeteiligung	Schulformempfehlung Hauptschule
		Schulformempfehlung Gymnasium
		Defizite in elementaren Entwicklungskompetenzen
		Geringe Kita-Besuchsdauer
	Umweltbedingungen/Wohnen	Wohndauer unter 3 Jahren
		Lärmbelastung
		Städtische Hitzeinseln

Karte 5: Teilindex Gesundheitsbedingungen



# Poverty and health – Summary

- Corona crisis has clearly highlighted the problem of poverty and the deficiencies in the infrastructure in the social and health sectors
  - Massive problems in health infrastructure (stressed Nurses, lack of intensive beds, lack of Equipment)
  - economic effects of the pandemic hit in particular people in precarious employment or without social security
  - Children and young people were psychologically affected, especially those in cramped living conditions.
  - Social infrastructure (help, advice, support) was very affected.

# Part II: Poverty fighting means health prevention



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## Netzwerk Armutsprävention: Diskussionspapier – Covid-19-Krise als Brennglas

Im Netzwerk Armutsprävention kommen rund 20 Vertreterinnen und Vertreter von Institutionen, Vereinen, Landesgesellschaften und Trägern sowie Landes- und Kommunalverwaltungen aus NRW regelmäßig zusammen. Ziel ist es, durch den Informationsaustausch untereinander und die Zusammenarbeit miteinander einen Beitrag zu leisten, um Armutsprävention auf struktureller und Maßnahmenebene weiterzuentwickeln. Bei einem Treffen des Netzwerkes im August 2020 entschieden die Teilnehmenden, dass die Ergebnisse einer Diskussion zu den Auswirkungen der Covid-19-Pandemie in einem Diskussionspapier verschriftlicht werden sollten. Ein Redaktionsteam erarbeitete nach weiteren Textbeiträgen aus dem Teilnehmerkreis einen Entwurf, der beim Folnetreffen des Netzwerkes im April 2021 beschlossen wurde.

## Suggestions of the “Network poverty prevention” in NRW:

- local self-help structures on a permanent basis
- Target group-specific participation
- More Social work, Debtor and insolvency advice
- outreach social work, low-threshold speech

# Poverty and health – reactions of the Corona crisis

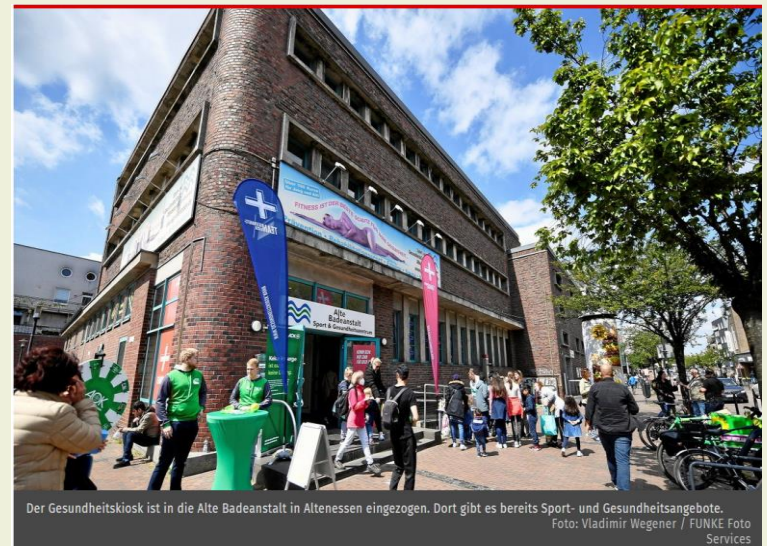
- ❑ „Catching up after Corona“: Individual support offers, additional staff and cooperation with extracurricular partners (215 Mill. €)
- ❑ “kinderstark“: Network for prevention for children in nearly every municipality in NRW: advice and information, on the subject of nutrition or digital media, to sports activities and language courses
- ❑ Discussions about ideas like health professionals for kindergardens (daycare centers) and schools in cooperation with education authorities, health authorities, doctors in private practice and teachers



# Poverty and health – reactions of the Corona crisis

## Health kiosks:

- ❑ Nationwide legislative initiative
- ❑ Health kiosks in neighbourhoods at high risk of poverty
  - Referral to medical treatment Advice,
  - Clarification of health and social matters
  - Networking, coordination
- ❑ Cost bearers: Municipality 20%, health insurance 80%



# Poverty fighting – New Government in NRW since 2022

- ❑ Coalition agreement:
  - Combating child and youth poverty
  - Action Plan against Poverty
  - NRW Poverty Conference
  
- ❑ Congress Against Poverty,  
December 2022
  
- ❑ Congress on Child and Youth Poverty,  
May 2023



# Poverty fighting – after the Corona crisis and in the inflation crisis

## □ „Strengthening package“ in North Rhine-Westphalia

### ■ 150 Millions for the municipalities in NRW

- energy costs aid,
- Avoidance of over-indebtedness, energy locks and loss of housing
- Financing social work for advice and help

### ■ All Money has been requested till Mai 2023- must be spend till end of 2023

## □ Idea of poverty action plan

- Round tables in municipalities
- Idea of yearly NRW - Poverty conference





# Part III: Need for skilled workers

- ❑ Corona Crisis had strong impact of the labor market:
  - Many people lost their jobs because of the shutdowns (restaurants, bars, sports, entertainment...) and left their professions
  - Healthcare professionals: Increased need for skilled workers, foreign professionals lost jobs in corona crisis.
- ❑ Need for skilled workers is not a result only of the corona-crisis:
  - Shortage of 500,000 medical professionals by 2030
  - In the field of social work, social pedagogy, education and care for the elderly: Shortage of 300,000 skilled workers by 2025.
  - Inflation crisis: Need for social work is rising

# Offensive for skilled workers – concept of the ministry for labour, health and social affairs in NRW

- "The highest possible employment rate for all people in North Rhine-Westphalia is the best answer to avoid poverty now and in the future"
- Strengthening and linking vocational and academic education
- Alliance for Nursing, Care and Health Professions
- Empowering the long-term unemployed
- Promoting career entry for people with an immigration background with financial incentives
- Support for "Municipal Integration Management"
- Recognition of foreign professional qualifications

# Vast Vastete - hand in hand

- Educational mediators from the Roma community are qualified and deployed at five schools in Dortmund's Nordstadt
  - Supporting schools in culturally sensitive school development
  - Low-threshold counselling for families
  - Improving educational opportunities for children and young people from S-E-E
  - Contribute empowerment through training and employment opportunities for the Roma community



# Counselling and placement services for workers and for companies



## „SERVICESTELLE ARBEITS- UND FACHKRÄFTE“

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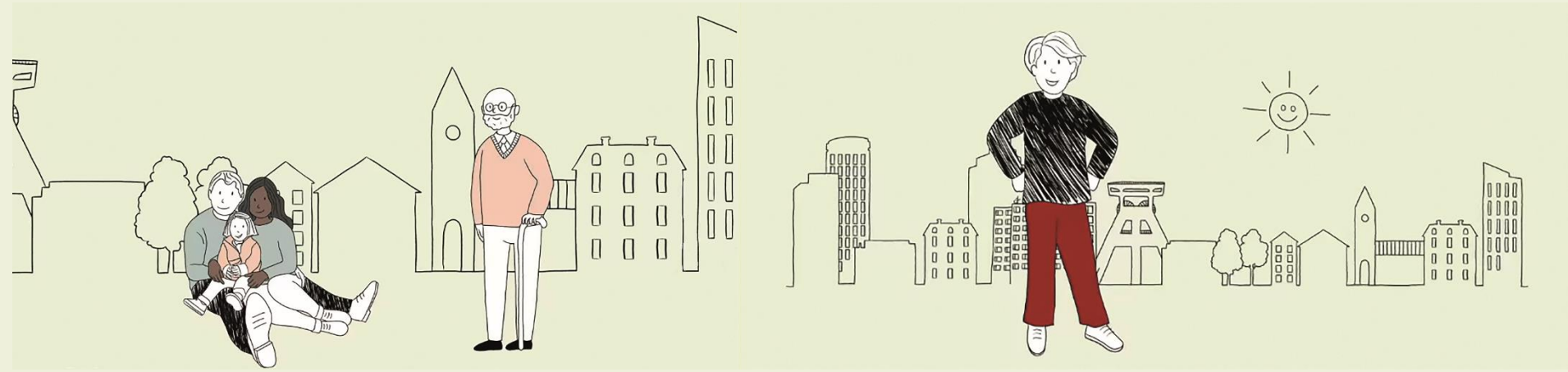
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