

Saint Helena and Rovensko are two of six purely Czech municipalities on the Romanian side of Banat. Not very large Czech community has lived there for more than 200 years. Despite the long period of time and surrounding by other ethnics, mostly Romanians and Serbians, Banat Czechs have kept their language, traditions and connection to the Czech nation. After the year 1990, many Banat Czechs moved to Czechoslovakia and this migration flow continues to these days. Depopulation of the villages brings worries about the future. The first part of the paper is focused on history of Banat Czechs in the region and forms of aid from the Czech Republic. In the second part, there is described the current situation in both villages, which have been the objects of the research, regarding transport accessibility, local facilities and spatial relationships of local citizens. The second part stems from the research itself that includes also testimonials of local citizens. The comparison of results of the field research is in the conclusion.