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КООРДИНАЦИОНО ТЕЛО
за праћење реализације Стратегије за социјално
укључивање Рома и Ромкиња у Републици Србији
за период од 2016. до 2025. године

Government of Republic of Serbia
COORDINATION BODY
for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy for social
inclusion of Roma men and women in Republic of Serbia
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION
PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE STRATEGY FOR SOCIAL
INCLUSION OF THE ROMA IN THE
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA 2016-2025 FOR
THE PERIOD 2017 TO 2018

- The Strategy for social inclusion of Roma in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2016-2025 was adopted at the session of the Government of the Republic of Serbia on 3rd March 2016, and a two-year Action plan for its implementation was adopted on 7th June 2017.
- At its session held on 3rd March , 2017, the Government of the Republic of Serbia adopted the Decision on the establishment of a Coordination body for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy for social inclusion of Roma in the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2016 to 2025 (in accordance with the obligation under the Strategy).



- The fourth seminar, organized by the Government of Serbia together with the European Commission, on the social inclusion of Roma in the Republic of Serbia was held on October 19, 2017, after which the operational conclusions for the period 2017-2019 were prepared.

EDUCATION



- Through the Sectoral budget support, the help of pedagogical assistants will be expanded by engaging 50 new assistants in the school year 2017/18 and 2018/19. year. Elective subject the Roma language with elements of the national culture of the school year 2017/18 year attends 2860 pupils (66 schools, 43JLS).
- In the school year 2017/18, over 2500 Romani students applied for enrollment by affirmative action measures. The total number of enrolled Roma students in secondary schools in the school year 2017/18. was 1969. In academic 2017/18. 154 students were enrolled in the program of affirmative measures (71 man, 83 female).



- Based on the Contest for granting student and student loans and scholarships for school year 2017/18, 303 pupils were granted scholarships for Roma pupils. The Roma Education Fund (REF), after completing the competition for which Roma High School students had the right to apply, with an average of 2.5 - 3.5, approved 500 scholarships for the school year 2017/18 year. REF was awarded scholarships to 82 full-time students and 26 students of medicine with a mentor support program and student capacity building through foreign language teaching in academic year 2017/18.
- Children from vulnerable social groups can be enrolled in school, without evidence of their parents' residence and documentation, and with proof of medical examination of the child, which enables children returnees to be immediately involved in the educational process. During the school year 2017/18, 378 (184 man, 194 female) students were recorded who returned with their families under the Readmission Agreement from West European countries.

EMPLOYMENT

- During 2017, active employment policy measures included 5,140 unemployed Roma (2,252 women), representing a share of 3.54% in the total number of unemployed persons included in the National employment agency (145,356 persons).



- According to the NES data (state as at 31 May 2018), there were 27,108 members of the Roma national minority on the register of unemployed persons, of which 12,799 were women. During the first five months of 2018, the active employment policy measures included 2,589 unemployed Roma and Roma women from the NES record.
- With the support of funds from the IPA funds, two new mechanisms for informing about the rights and opportunities that can be realized in the field of employment within the National Employment Service: employment mediator and caravan of employment are piloted.

HOUSING

- A Geographic Information System on Roma Settlements (GISRN) has been established through the European Union project „We are here we together“.
- Within the Technical assistance project "Improving the living conditions and living conditions of Roma living in informal settlements" (KPMG, Hilswerk Austria International and NIRAS), Memorandums of cooperation with 13 municipalities have been signed for the preparation of technical documentation and, depending on the needs, urban plans.



- Within the framework of the IPA 13 program, through the public call, funds were granted to improve housing conditions in Roma settlements in 11 local government. Projects are a process of realization, in addition to improving the facilities themselves, include and/or improve the infrastructure.
- The Law on Housing and maintenance of buildings that regulates the procedure of forced evictions in accordance with the relevant international standards was adopted. The provisions of Articles 78 to 87 of the Law regulate the eviction procedure of persons from illegally built housing units on land owned by another person, when necessary. The whole procedure is carried out with prior consultation of the affected population and their involvement in the decision-making process under this procedure, with full respect for their human rights. These provisions also include determining the conditions that need to be met by adequate accommodation for relocation.



► The Ministry of Finance has signed 11 contracts with 9 municipalities and 2 non-governmental organizations, in total value of EUR 7.550.000. In addition to this amount, the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure and the municipalities have provided co-financing; hence, the total value of all projects amounts to EUR 9.211.000. The project is implemented at the territory of 13 cities and municipalities in the Republic of Serbia, as follows: Čačak, Prokuplje, Stara Pazova, Smederevo, Novi Pazar, Loznica, Opovo, Boljevac, Niš, Lebane, Svilanjac, Ub and Odžaci.



STARA PAZOVA

- The projects have been completed in the municipalities of Odžaci and Boljevac. The works are nearing completion in the city of Loznica and in the municipalities of Ub, Svilajnac and Lebane.
- In some cities such as Smederevo and Novi Pazar, as well as in the municipalities of Opovo and Stara Pazova, the finishing works are still being carried out.

Odžaci



Odzaci



Prokuplje



Loznica



OPOVO




UB



Svilajnac





► Also, the implementation of the "Project for improving the socio-economic living conditions of Roma population" under IPA 2014 is underway. The planned results of the project are the development of substandard Roma settlements through the preparation of technical documentation and urban plans for a maximum of 100 substandard Roma settlements in the Republic of Serbia and the improvement of capacities at the local level for the inclusion of the Roma population.

► The tender procedure for this contract has been initiated. The deadline for contracting is 23 December 2018. The planned value of this project is EUR 3,100,000. The Republic of Serbia has provided EUR 310,000 from its budget for co-financing of the project in 2018.

SOCIAL WELFARE

- Registration of residence at the address of the social work center for persons with no other possibility is enabled. After registration, the issue of issuing personal documents was solved.
- Amendments to the Law on non-proliferation proceedings enabled persons without a recognized civil status (so-called „legally invisible“) to register in the registry books based on a court decision on determining the time and place of birth in a relatively fast and flexible manner.



- A new service has been developed - a family associate, intended for families with children at risk of relocation, with the aim of respecting the rights of the child to care for all others about him by his parents. About 37% of families using this service are Roma families. An analysis of the living conditions of families provided services showed that Roma families and even within the group of families where the service was provided the poorest, even 89% of Roma families involved in the service live from social assistance.
- Funds for dedicated transfers, transfer of funds from the republican level to finance social care services within the competence of local self-government are continuing and growing. Registration of permanent residence at the address of the competent social work center for persons with no other possibility is enabled. After registration of residence, the issue of issuing personal documents was also solved.

HEALTH

- A network of health mediators on 85 mediators in 69 local self-government units has been expanded. An analysis of the institutional framework for the work of health mediators was prepared.
- During 2017, there were 36,709 visits to the Roma population; 1,576 people were vaccinated; 1,456 preventive examinations were carried out; 1,420 visits to pregnant women were realized and 1,512 thematic workshops were held.



- 11,357 interviews with health mediators and public health institutes with members of the Roma population were conducted in order to familiarize themselves with health risks and healthy lifestyles.
- Through the financed projects of the Ministry of youth and sport, activities aimed at reducing violence in partner relationships have been carried out by raising the awareness, knowledge and skills of young people in recognizing violence and mechanisms of protection, improving the health of young women and men, promoting health and preventing risky behavior of young people and reducing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

