

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL POLICY
General Directorate of Family and Community Services



THE STRATEGY PAPER ON ROMA PEOPLE
(2016-2021)

THE 1ST PHASE
ACTION PLAN
(2016-2018)

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MONITORING AND EVALUATION					
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1	The Monitoring and Evaluation Board will be established for monitoring the implementation of policies defined in the Strategy Paper on Roma People.	Ministry of Family and Social Policy	Related with Institutions and Agencies, Universities and NGOs.	June 21 2016	Half of the members of the Monitoring and Evaluation Board will be composed of related Ministries and other public institutions and agencies. The other half of stakeholders will be composed of NGOs, academia and professional organizations which are not included within the scope of public sector.
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GENERAL POLICIES					
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2	Researches will be conducted on understanding Roma people's socio-economic and cultural situation.	Ministry of Family and Social Policy	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Turkish Statistical Institute, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, Universities and NGOs.	June 21 2017	Field researches will be conducted on Roma people to understand their socio-economic profiles, their situation on the access to public services, their basic rights, expectations and needs.
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3	Measures will be taken to eliminate prejudices against Roma people	Ministry of Family and Social Policy	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Local Administrations and NGOs.	Will continue	In order to eliminate the prejudices against Roma, awareness raising activities will be performed through the effective use of media and the staff delivering basic services will be trained.
4	It will be ensured that all Roma People will have an identity card.	Ministry of Interior	Local Administrations and NGOs.	December 21, 2016	Roma people will be informed about the registration process of newly-born children. The Roma people who do not have an identity card will be detected and registered.
EDUCATION					
Strategic Objective	Ensuring Roma children's access to quality education and equal opportunities in education services and enabling young Roma people's completion of minimum compulsory education level successfully.				
5	Roma students will be supported to be engaged in the school councils for increasing their adaptation to the school environment. Their involvement in club works and competitions will be encouraged.	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Local Administrations and NGOs.	September 21, 2016	Extra-curricular engagements such as sportive, cultural and artistic activities will be realized in order to increase Roma students' social and communicative skills and enhance their bonds with school.

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6	Roma families will be informed on the current education assistance to support their children's attendance to school.	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education, Local Administrations and NGOs	September 21, 2017	Roma families will be informed on the education benefits and conditional cash transfers delivered by Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations. The ones who do not benefit from these services will be directed to receive them.
7	It will be ensured that Roma children continue their education.	Ministry of Education	Related Institutions and Agencies	Will continue	<p>a) Through the module on the Institutional Standards of Pre-school and Primary Schools, the students dropping out school will be detected and their continuation to school will be ensured.</p> <p>b) The parents will be informed on girls' schooling through trainings for adults.</p> <p>c) In order to improve the situations of students in densely Roma populated areas, extra-classes will be provided to compensate the gap in the level of primary and secondary school.</p>
EMPLOYMENT					
Strategic Objective	Facilitating Roma people's access to the labor market and increasing their employment on qualified and secure jobs.				
8	As for Roma people, employment surveys and labor market analysis	Ministry of Labor and Social	Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Local Administrations	March 21, 2017	Priorities and the content in employment services and vocational trainings will be determined through conducting employment

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	will be conducted.	Security,	and NGOs.		surveys and labor market analysis in densely Roma populated areas.
9	Activities on informing Roma people about employment opportunities, especially entrepreneurship, will be conducted.	Ministry of Labor and Social Security	Ministry of Education , Local Administrations and NGOs	December 21, 2016	Activities on increasing Roma people's participation and awareness raising on their orientation to necessary occupations will be conducted. These awareness raising activities will also include information on vocational training courses, trainings on job searching skills, public work programs and occupational courses with a job guarantee.
10	Investors will be encouraged for marketing the products of Roma people.	Ministry of Customs and Trade	Local Administrations, NGOs, Small and Medium Industry Development Organization	March 21, 2017	Incentive mechanisms will be developed for setting an environment where the products of Roma people who earn their lives through craftsmanship can meet with consumers and reach to larger markets.
11	The activities on improving children's knowledge and abilities will be conducted by preventing child labor and orienting children and young Roma	Ministry of Labor and Social Security	Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Turkish National Police, Ministry of Education	The first half of 2017	Children's and families' awareness on school attendance will be increased and stronger measures will be taken for preventing child labour.

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	people to education.				
HOUSING					
Strategic Objective	Providing Roma people's access to sufficient housing opportunities in disadvantaged areas and facilitating housing opportunities proper for their demands and social lives by accounting a healthy and livable physical environment, necessary infrastructure and transportation.				

12	Repairment and reconstruction operations for flats in ameliorative conditions will be carried out.	Ministry of Environment and Urbanization	Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Local Administrations, NGOs, Housing Development Administration of Turkey, Turkish Employment Agency	December 21, 2018	Starting especially on the densely Roma populated areas, flats in ameliorative situation to be repaired through minor touches will be detected and relevant works on it will be initiated. Some of the workers to be involved in this repairment jobs will be selected among Roma people within the scope of public work.
13	Unique housing projects will be realized by taking their life-styles and demands (transportation opportunities, infrastructure services and etc.) in consideration.	Ministry of Environment and Urbanization	Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Local Administrations, NGOs, Housing Development Administration of Turkey	December 21, 2018	Within the scope of housing projects to be planned for Roma people living in flats which are unlivable or involved in urban transformation, their lifestyles and demands will be accounted. Projects on detached houses proper for little scale farming in their gardens will be improved.

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HEALTH

Strategic Objective	Ensuring Roma people to benefit from health services more efficiently
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14	The capacity of provinces where Roma people live regarding the delivery of health care services will be increased, as well as the capacity of Public Health Centers in regions they migrate.	Ministry of Health	Local Administrations, Ministry of Family and Social Policy	December 21, 2017	<p>In the places where they migrate, Roma people will be visited by Provincial Directorate of Health and Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Policy so that their needs will be determined.</p> <p>Within the context of health screening conducted by mobile health care teams, services such as vaccination, protective fluoride therapy for oral and dental health, iron and Vitamin D delivery to children and pregnant women, pregnant women and infant follow-up and etc. will be provided.</p>
15	Roma people's level of knowledge on their benefiting from health services in better	Ministry of Health	Local Administrations, NGOs	December 21, 2016	As well as increasing their health literacy, awareness raising activities of Roma people on health

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	and a broader way will be increased.				services provided primarily about maternal and infant health and hazardous effects of smoking and drug addiction will be conducted through media and mechanisms such as informative meetings to be held in districts where Roma people live.
SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE					
Strategic Objective	Ensuring needy Roma people to benefit from social assistance and services in an efficient way for the purpose of combatting poverty and increasing wealth				
16	Consultancy services and family education programs for Roma people will be developed.	Ministry of Family and Social Policy	Relevant Institutions and Agencies	June 21, 2017	In densely populated Roma areas, counselling and orientation services on the access to social services and assistance will be delivered and education programs for Roma people will be implemented.
17	Informative and awareness raising activities on topics such as disability, old age and gender equality will be carried out.	Ministry of Family and Social Policy	Relevant Institutions and Agencies	June 21, 2017	Informative and awareness raising activities will be conducted on the rights of disadvantaged groups such as the disabled and the elderly who are in need of social services, as well as issues such as gender equality and early marriages.

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