



Ministarstvo za ljudska prava i izbjeglice
Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- Roma Housing and Employment -

INTRODUCTION

- Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the Decade of Roma Inclusion on 4th September 2008
- 2009 was the first year of implementation of the Action Plan on Roma Housing adopted in July 2008
- The Ministry decided to plan in the state budget 1.500.000 EUR , each year, during the Decade. 1.000.000 EUR was allocated for Roma Housing.

Public call and Commission

- Based on the planned budget means, the Ministry announced Public Call for submitting Roma housing projects , each year. The Public Call lasted for a month.
- The Commission on selection of the projects receives project proposals (about 40-50 projects) and the Commission recommends how many projects can be funded each year (about 23-25).
- Besides of the state budget funds, municipalities and local and international organizations and NGOs , as implementers of the projects, participate with their own means.

CRITERIA

- Priority was given to construction of Roma houses, reconstruction and improvement of living conditions and infrastructure.
- The state Roma housing projects are intended for the most vulnerable Roma families.
- All municipalities, cities, cantons, entities, local and international organizations and institutions and NGOs had right to apply with the projects.
- Co-financing was crucial in decision making process by the Commission on selection of the projects.

CRITERIA

- Attention was paid to number of housing units and costs per Roma housing units in the projects.
- Infrastructure connections were obligatory.
- Roma representatives participated in selection process and independent monitoring.
- When a project was approved, Commission on selection of beneficiaries , consisted of: municipal representative, Social welfare centre representative, implementing partner and two local Roma representatives, selected the most vulnerable Roma families, as beneficiaries of the project. The Ministry representatives were observers of the process of selection.

Realisation of the projects

- Approved Roma housing projects in 2009 were realized in 2010 , taking into consideration that the implementers had to respect all legal procedures for selection of construction companies, public procurement procedures, etc.
- Construction/reconstruction of Roma housing units was done in accordance with Regulations on unified housing standards and conditions for reconstruction (minimum living conditions as per legislation).
- In the Regulations, all construction conditions were prescribed (inner walls, roof, isolation, bathroom equipment, infrastructure connections, etc).

REGISTRATION OF ROMA NEEDS

- In 2010, the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina registered Roma families needs and about 4.500 Roma families asked for housing solution.
- Each year, we include solved Roma families needs and know how many of them are still waiting for a solution.
- Monitoring of implementation of the projects is regularly done by implementers, municipalities and Roma NGOs.
- Based on lessons learned during the implementation we are constantly improving our methodology.

LESSONS LEARNED

- At the beginning, the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina realized the housing projects for those Roma families who could prove some kind of ownership.
- Roma homeless families stayed without a solution and we decided to invest in social housing, based on cooperation with local authorities. In this way, the most vulnerable families got their housing units.

TOTAL RESULTS UP TO SEPTEMBER 2014

- **More than 600 Roma housing units were constructed/reconstructed**
- **Construction or reconstruction of about more 150 housing units is ongoing**
- **More than 400 Roma families were beneficiaries of infrastructure projects.**

EMPLOYMENT

- Each year, the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees is allocating funds for Roma employment (about 350.000 EUR).
- More than 300 Roma were included in various self-employment projects or temporary employed with companies.
- Some international organizations, like CRS and CARITAS, implemented projects for employment in municipalities where housing projects were implemented.

INTEGRATED APPROACH

- It is necessary to do more regarding integrated approach. The Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina is planning to implement employment projects in municipalities where housing projects have been implemented, in future.
- Better coordination with international organizations is needed.

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