OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Good news
• 2004 *Strategy for Roma in the Republic of Macedonia* still relevant
• Successful programmes continued
• Health mediation programme introduced

Bad news
• NAPs in Decade priority areas expired at end of 2011
• Problematic coordination
• Insufficient funding
• Little monitoring and evaluation
OVERREPRESENTATION OF ROMANI CHILDREN

- No complete official data from single source
- Rough estimates:
  - 36% of children in special primary education
  - 28% of children in special secondary education

EXPLAINING OVERREPRESENTATION

- Unclear regulations on assessment ("categorisation")
- Attraction of social benefits
- Low parental awareness
QUESTION 1

• Number and proportion of Romani children in special schools and classes in primary and secondary education

• Measures to prevent enrolment of non-disabled Romani children in education for children with mental disabilities
EMPLOYING ROMA

Romani Information Centres (since 2007)
• Link between local and national levels
• Established in 10 municipalities
• Staff employed on temporary basis through private employment agencies

Public pre-schools (since 2007-2008 school year)
• Adult Roma facilitate integration in mixed groups
• 380 children in 18 municipalities (2011-2012)
• Short-term employment and sporadic payment

Romani health mediators (since mid 2012)
• Based in municipal public health centres
• 15 mediators in 8 municipalities
• No contracts or payment for work from January to April 2013
QUESTION 2

• Employment status of:
  – Coordinators of Romani Information Centres
  – Roma engaged through project “Inclusion of Romani Children in Public Pre-Schools”
  – Romani health mediators

• Prospects for sustainability through and beyond the Decade

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LEGALISATION OF ILLEGAL DWELLINGS

Context
• 70% of Roma lack ownership documentation
• Poor fit between urban planning priorities and Romani settlements

The Law on Procedure for Illegally Built Structures (2011)
• Compatibility with urban planning priorities required
• Demolition in cases of rejected applications for legalisation

Implementation
• Required documentation sometimes unavailable
• Low levels of awareness
• Backlog in processing applications
• Anticipated cases of homelessness
QUESTION 3

• Approach to issues related to legalisation of Romani settlements

• Measures to prevent rejection of individual applications for legalisation from resulting in homelessness
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