

Strategy of Slovak republic for Roma
Inclusion 2020
Health component

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Starting points:

- Slovak government has prepared the Strategy in an attempt to increase the effort promoting social inclusion of Roma communities in Slovakia.
- Slovak government has admitted that the state of Roma communities has worsened in comparison with 1989 caused by various reasons; as well as the fact that without external intervention there is no way the state these communities find themselves in can not be improved.
- The role of this Strategy is to create a basis for National Action Plans and legal norms at all levels of State administration in the Slovak republic for the time frame of 2012 - 2020.

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During the preparatory stage of the Strategy for Roma inclusion Slovakia took into account these approaches:

- Setting of achievable national goals for Roma inclusion
- Identification of disadvantaged micro regions or segregated city quarters
- Allocation of sufficient funds from the national budget, which will be supplemented, if appropriate, by funds from international organisations and the EU budget
- Inclusion of effective monitoring methods for the evaluation of the effects and impacts of interventions, in narrow cooperation and through the utilisation of dialogue with Roma civil society

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The goal of the Slovak Strategy for Roma Inclusion 2020 in the area of health is to support the access to health care and public health provisions including preventive healthcare and health education and decrease the difference between the Roma and majority population in the area of health.

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Specific goals in the area of health:

- Improve hygiene level in settlements and urban concentrations, create mechanisms for collection and removal of communal waste and ensure mechanisms for regular pest control in segregated Roma communities in cooperation with local government and members of marginalised Roma communities.
- Monitor the state of pollution and the risk of living in localities situated in areas with older environmental burdens and immediately find solutions for relocations in cases of health risks for the inhabitants of such localities.
- Ensure the accessibility and quality of drinking water.

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- Ensure the accessibility of usage of health care, improve real accessibility through removal of obstacles (geographical and financial), create a programme of minimal dental care and improve the communication between members of marginalised Roma communities and health workers during the provision of health care with the potential impact of improving the actual health care provision in the communities.
- Lower the incidence of infectious diseases by increasing health education and increasing the share of persons who will partake in preventive inoculation with the aim to lower the differences between marginalised Roma communities and the majority population.

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- Increase the awareness regarding parental and family planning, reproductive health, maternity and child care. Realise educational, complex and non-stereotypical activities aimed at increasing information levels about sexual and reproductive health for both men and women from marginalised Roma communities (including campaigns to increase the information levels about the usage of modern contraception methods) and continuously ensure non-discriminatory, high quality and voluntary access for members of marginalised Roma communities to modern contraception methods and services of sexual and reproductive health, based on voluntary and informed decision making and consent.

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- Realise educational activities aimed at prevention of drug abuse and socio-pathological effects, including violence against women and domestic violence, sexual abuse, and human trafficking as well as increase the information levels by creating conditions for specialised counselling aimed at the prevention of violence against women, domestic violence, support of health, prevention from diseases and healthy lifestyle.

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- Stabilise, optimise and enlarge the network of community workers in the area of health education, and create conditions for Roma employment and realise and evaluate pilot project for community workers in the area of health education in medical installations with the aim of preparing the patients from marginalised Roma communities, in particular in gynaecology and maternity wards as well as paediatric wards for their stay in a medical installation, ensure communication with medical personnel as well as other patients or visitors.

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Thank you for your attention