







# **Housing and Roma Community**

in Albania

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**A** - On 8 May 2012 Roma left homeless after some negotiations the Municipality of Tirana with the Ministry of Social Affairs decided to take refuge to former military unit. But the Sharra area residents are opposed: 'We are the owner of the land'. Chaotic situation, people confronted with the police. Police takes the Roma defense.

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**B-** After that some other Roma families with young children in their hands, have settled down a bridge looking for the government and the Human Rights Organization's help.

"Municipality, with some others, have used violence against us. We do not know where to go. Please accommodate us in any patch. We do not take the land with our self, only to eat bread, work with cans, "says a Roma family.

Roma families are housed at the former military bases in the plant, living in very difficult conditions, no water, no electricity and no proper facilities for their children.

Minister of Labour, said that within a few days will complete the installation of electricity, but also drinking water.

"For 3-4 days we will have electricity supply to residents of the neighborhood there had made an intervention. All donors were collected to support the Roma families, "said Minister Ksera.

In June will start the first investment of 400 thousand euros for the construction of rehabilitation center in the area. (http://www.top-channel.tv/artikull.php?id=234748)

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This camp was turned into an AUZHWIC camp where was experimented than how many days can stay a child without eating, without drinking, without cleaning conditions while the media reported that in this camp were going more food packages and an extraordinary service by the Ministry Labour and Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities State Social Service.

The only donor that intervented was UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Science, where through a project implemented by CSDRROM Center more Roma children of these families we have enrolled them to school, was offering to them study and food.

#### Then.....????????

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunity  $= 400\ 000 \in$  funds to cunstruct only 8 rooms in the former military Unit for 8 Roma families for a temporary time.

Is this calculation well done by the Minister ??????

What about the other 35 Roma families, will they benefit by this funds?

May you tell me how many houses could be built with 400,000 euro?

#### What is the role of civil society?

First of all, To make e concretly plan of Advocacy to protect the Human Rights and Minorities Rights

How Roma NGO-s can monitor this situation, because the fund according to improve the Roma Housing situation often have not directly impact, this funds lost their ways.

• Monitoring Agency with Roma experts.

# Thank you for your attention!