

Integrated approach to the
economic empowerment of Roma
including housing and employment



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Overview



- The issue of Roma problem is not a simple question of poverty
- The solution of the complex problem needs several methods and measures to be planned and implemented related to the appointed aims
- There are many programs aiming to decrease poverty in general, but special Roma programs are necessary
- The policy aiming the inclusion of Roma can not be operated separately from the contention against poverty
- Involving Roma communities need special methods and approaches

National Social Inclusion Strategy and employment



The Hungarian National Social Inclusion Strategy 2011-2020 was adopted in November 2011. It focuses on people living in deep poverty, poor children and Roma people

- The National Social Inclusion Strategy aims to facilitate the inclusion of socially disadvantaged communities. The Strategy urges efficient approaches, and establishment of policy giving opportunities for disadvantaged groups
- The most important areas to be developed: labor market integration (access to **work, employability**), **access to education creating opportunities, equal access to health services**
- The development of housing conditions is critical
- The Government seeks to provide solutions to maintain housing problems, and the access to the high level public services

Strategy of Housing



- The goal of the **Strategy of Housing** is to increase institutionalized methods, and tools related to the prevention of segregation
- The abolishment of the slum-like housing is one of the long term aims of the Strategy



Segregation Index



- **Index:** the percent of active age (15-59 year) within the population who has -
 - qualification in grammar school maximum
 - no labor income
- Indicator of segregation
 - Territorially continuous blocks inside a township's territory, which collectively measure up to the threshold limit of the indicator of segregation.
 - The block is a category for population census monitoring, and a territorial unit formed by public areas and/or natural and artificial landmarks (for example: railway, motorway, bank of a watercourse etc.) and geographic information grid networks.

Typology



The housing and settlements' problems need complex solutions which can be accomplished by both the ERDF and the ESF

A: Settlements, underdeveloped parts of settlements

1. Urban segregated settlements:

1.1 Slum-like workers' colony, settlements consist of social accommodations

1.2 Ghettos in deteriorating conditions

B: Underdeveloped settlements

2. Villages becoming peripheric

3. Deteriorating localities

Components of „Seed Program”



○ European Regional Development Fund programs

- House construction, buying houses (desegregation)
- Renovation
- Public space development
- Development of public institutions

○ European Social Fund programs

- Participation - involvement
- Development in early child-hood
- Education of adults
- Development of competences needed to the successful access to labor market
- Development of health conditions
- Community development
- Development of public security
- Anti-discrimination elements

Elements of additional programs

	Regional additional examples	Sectorial additional examples
Housing	Regional mobilization	Support for the rent, social housing, mobilization support
Education and training	Development of the educational institutions; targeted, Formal and non-formal education programs	Competency-based education, non-formal education programs, Sure Start programs
Employment	It aims to develop the economy, promoting job creation (social and for the market)	To develop the employment services, find out another services
Health	Equal territorial access to public health, programs for healthy lifestyle and mental health for youth	Programs for prevention, access to services
Culture and awareness raising and fight against discrimination	Communal, cultural investments and programs in the area	Measures against discrimination

Program targeting settlements and underdeveloped regions



SROP 5.3.6 Complex program for settlements

55 supported programs – (8 billion HUF) – 27 million EUR

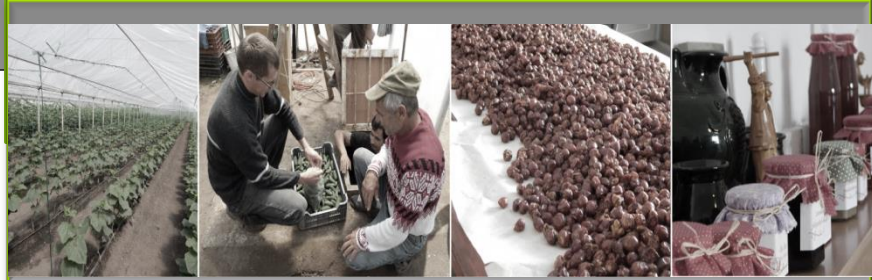
- Trained within the program: 2732
- Number of involved people: 4520

SIOP 3.2.3/A Support of Housing Investment

8 supported programs – (1,84 billion HUF) – 6,1million EUR

- Refurbished houses: 73
- New buildings: 39

Public employment



- Public employment programs have largely contributed to the positive perception of the disadvantaged members of society - including Roma. The introduction of “Support instead work” principle and to enforce proved correct
- Public work employers: institutions which basically have governmental or self-governmental function, or implement community development in different level. Institutions like: local or national self-governments, water directorates, forestries, national parks.
- In the period of **2011-2013 there was about 205 000 Roma involved in different public work programs.**
- For all active age employees getting minimum wage for their effective work became important aim to achieve instead of getting social welfare. However public work is only a tool/method and not the final goal.

Employment support programs



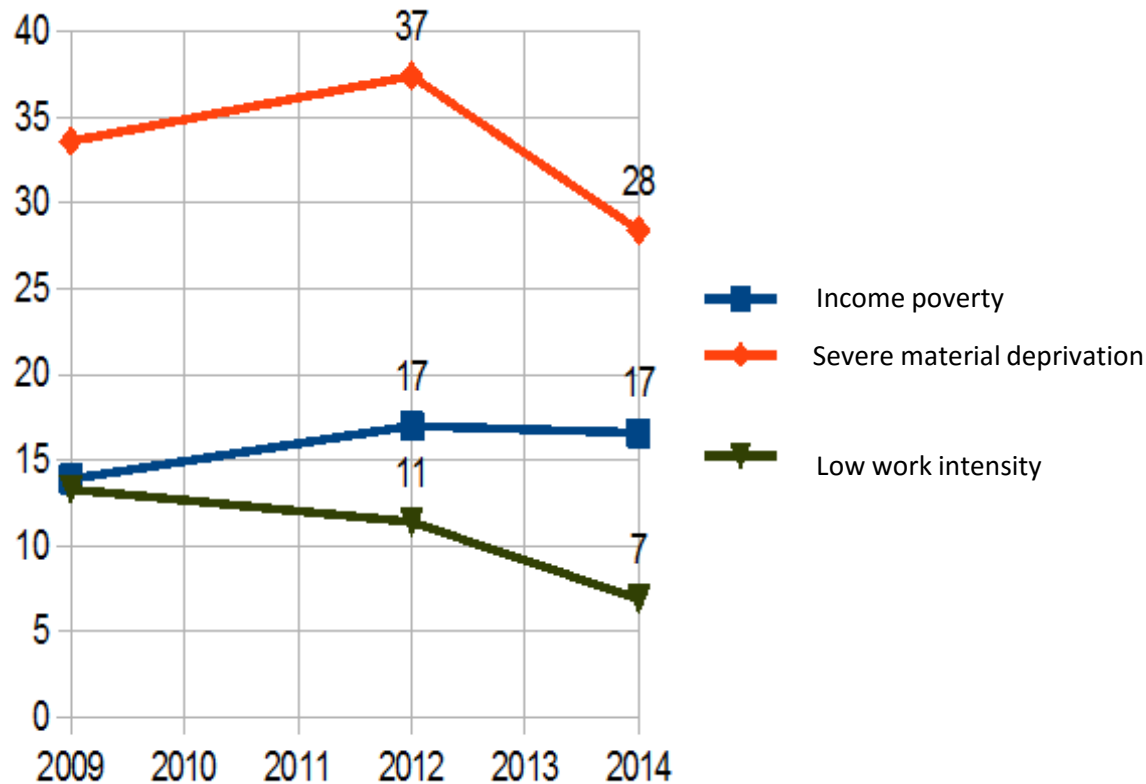
Social land program

- The social land program for disadvantaged, including a large number of Roma families who are living in an agricultural environment suitable for the livelihood of traditional instrument for generating employment opportunities
- Aim: backyard, kitchen garden crop production, small livestock production by promoting the livelihood of families

The applicants undertook: 290 hectares tilling, 213 074 plants potting, 110 000 seed packages using



The proportion of people who are living in income poverty, severe material deprivation and in low work intensity households in 2009-2014:



Thank you for your attention

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