

The standard of living improvement for the domicile Roma population in the city of Mostar



City of Mostar - General information

Surface: 1.175 km²

Population: 113.169 persons

Roma in Mostar:

- 67 families
- 236 members of domicile Roma population or 0,2 % of total population in Mostar

In 2006

the City of Mostar adopted the strategy

**“Improvement of living conditions
for domicile Roma“**

Project for improvement of living conditions of domicile Roma

1. The effective improvement of social rights of Roma (housing, education, health care);
2. The promotion of intercultural and interethnic dialogue;
3. Promoting diversity in social life;
4. Promoting active democratic participation;
5. Raising public awareness of the rights of Roma population and their culture, fight against stereotypes and prejudices towards Roma;

In 2009

- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe has awarded „Dosta!“ municipalities that during 2008 were specially dedicated to integration of Roma.
- City of Mostar won the first prize of CoE for outstanding work and positive initiatives, Roma integration activities, as well as creative and innovative effort.



NAŠ PROJEKT: POBOLJŠANJE STANDARDA ŽIVOTA DOMICILNOG STANOVNIŠTVA ROMSKE POPLIJAČJE U GRADU MOSTARU

- Efikasno poboljšanje socijalnih prava Roma
- Istanovljenje, obrazovanje i zdravstvena zaštita
- Promocija interkulturalnog i interetničkog dijaloga
- Promocija različitosti u društvenom životu
- Promocija aktivnog demokratskog sudjelovanja
- Podizanje javne svijesti o pravima Roma i njihovoj kulturi
- Borba protiv stereotipa i predrasuda prema Romima (kroz medije, sistem obrazovanja, institucije i lokalno rukovodstvo)

OUR PROJECT: IMPROVEMENT OF LIFE STANDARDS OF DOMICILE INHABITANTS OF ROMA POPULATION IN THE CITY OF MOSTAR

- Improving effective access of Roma to social rights (housing, employment, education, health)
- Promoting intercultural and interethnic dialogue
- Promoting diversity in community life
- Promoting active democratic participation
- Raising public awareness on Roma rights and culture to fight against the stereotypes and prejudices toward Roma through media, education system, institutions, and local authorities



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PROJEKAT: IZGRADNJA STANOVA ZA NAŠE GRAĐANE ROMSKE POPULACIJE
PROJECT: RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS
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The standard of living improvement for the domicile Roma population in the city of Mostar covers

- Roma Housing
- Education of Roma population
- Social segment
- Health segment

Roma Housing

Current condition:

- 24 families – new flats (Bišće polje)
- 6 families will be settled in new flats in 2015 (Bišće polje)
- 6 families – social flats (Buffer settlement)
- 15 families live in their own houses

Roma Housing – General objective of the Project

Contribution to improve the living conditions of Roma in Bosnia and Herzegovina as a support for the implementation of the Roma Housing Action Plan, within the framework of the "Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015".

Specific objectives:

- Supporting the implementation of the Action Plan to solve the Roma Housing problems within the „Roma Decade 2005 – 2015“ framework,
- Construction of residential buildings
- The construction and upgrading of communal infrastructure in supporting the Roma settlement in Mostar,
- Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees and other participants in the Roma Housing Projects

Specific objectives of the Project in Mostar

At the Bišće polje in Mostar, there were three phases for the house construction with a total of 30 residential units (18 + 6 + 6) and infrastructure facilities in the settlement, which resolves the status of housing for the most vulnerable Roma families.

Partners in the implementation:

- Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees
- Caritas Switzerland
- City of Mostar

Primary target groups

Beneficiaries of the Project are families who were living before in extreme substandard housing without property (illegally built improvised huts on urban land).

EDUCATION

Together with the principals of primary schools and members of the Roma Association "Neretva" it was invested a lot of effort in the socialization of Roma children in compulsory primary education

- Education is carried out in two primary schools
- School year 2013/2014. - 66 pupils
- School year 2014/2015. - 91 pupils

Roma pupils in primary education have

- free school textbooks
- free transportation to and from school by public transport

Project „Knowledge for everyone”

Donor – Roma Education Fund (REF) – 61.000 €

- The project aims to enhance the co-operation and education of Roma parents so that they get actively involved in the education of their children
- Project activities will be implemented in two elementary schools twice a week (additional activities after regular lessons)

Project „Knowledge for everyone”

Objective of the project:

- increasing the number of Roma children enrolled in school in compulsory primary education
- better performance and higher school attendance rates in elementary school through the successful improvement,
- providing equal social, educational and cultural conditions,
- collaboration and education of Roma children’s parents so that the children’s involvement in the system became positive
- reduced rate of absenteeism from the school,
- improvement in school success and inclusion of children in extracurricular activities and other social activities,
- development of socio-emotional competence using the methodology of individual plans and development.

Social segment

- free housing in the newly built settlements
- subsidy for the use of water
- subsidy for the removal and disposal of waste
- permanent financial aid for the vulnerable families
- subsidy of public transport services for vulnerable families (free shuttle)
- subsidy of public transport services for students of high schools and college students from the vulnerable families
- one-off financial support
- exceptional financial support

Social segment – Beneficiaries in 2014

- free housing– **30 families**
- subsidy for the use of water - **30 families**
- subsidy for the removal and disposal of waste – **30 families**
- permanent financial support for the vulnerable families - **12 families**
- subsidy of public transport services for vulnerable families - **35 families**
- subsidy of public transport services for students of high schools and college students from the imperiled families – 0 families
- one-off financial support - **12 families**
- exceptional financial support - **34 families**
- funeral expenses – **4 cases**

Health segment

Adults

- health care is provided mostly through the employment or through the registration at the Employment Office

Children

- lack of identity documents hampers inclusion into health services
- health insurance for children attending the school are provided through the Ministry of Health
- for the children who do not attend schools health insurance can be provided by the Center for Social Work (22 children requested this service).

Financing of the Roma community from the budget of the City of Mostar

- coverage of office costs of the Roma Association "Neretva" Mostar
- financial support to projects where final beneficiaries are Roma (2005 -2011)
- co-financing the construction of housing and infrastructure (free housing)
- students transportation to primary schools
- co-educational projects for Roma population
- subsidy for the use of water
- subsidy for the removal and disposal of waste
- Subsidy of public transport services for vulnerable families
- one-off financial support
- exceptional financial support

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To continue the activities in the future to improve the living conditions for our fellow citizens, as well as for our domicile Roma population in Mostar



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Thank you for attention!