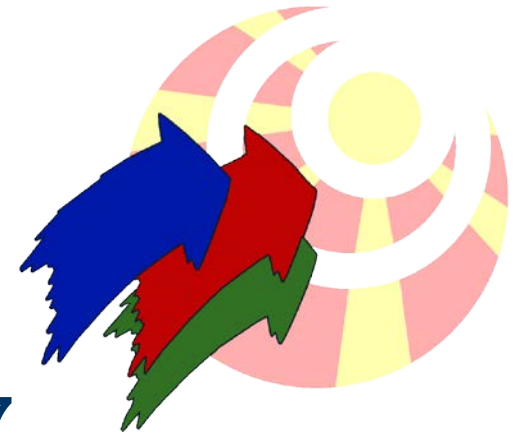


DecadeWatch:

Developments in Macedonia in 2007



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Main achievements



- Mainstreaming Romani issues in public policies
 - public services related to employment and health have been instructed to mainstream Roma into their programmes
- Improved reporting system
 - reports are being produced by the adequate ministries and submitted to the Decade Coordinator – available upon request

Institutional setting



- Reporting mechanisms introduced
 - data collection during implementation
 - reports by relevant ministries
 - Roma Information Centres
- Action Plans on cross-cutting issues (poverty and gender) initiated
- Coordinative Body and Decade staff extended
- Small budget allocated

Education - developments



- Continuation of externally funded projects
- Letters to individual educational facilities for better access for Roma / decision on quota for state universities
- Improved access to scholarships
- Initiated projects – free text books, secondary school in Suto Orizari, Roma studies institute / Roma language group for teachers

Education - challenges



- Recognition of segregation and actions for desegregation
- Internal funding
- Implementation of AP (initiatives lack implementation)
- Reporting

Employment - developments



- Mainstreaming of Roma into employment programmes
 - training and retraining
 - self-employment
 - microfinance
- Subsidised employment for around 50 Roma

Employment - challenges



- Targeted programmes for Roma
- Prioritisation of employment of Romani women

Health - developments



- Mainstreaming of and outreach to Roma within health programmes
 - immunisation
 - check-ups
- Health workers instructed to cooperate with Romani NGOs to improve outreach

Health - challenges



- Targeted programmes for Roma
- Exclusion from health insurance system
- Romani women health
- Fair representation of Roma health workers

Housing - developments



- Improvement of utility infrastructure in Suto Orizari (road, sewage, water pipes)
- Development of urban plans for Romani settlements in Prilep and Bitola
- Initiated Law on Legalisation of Illegal Buildings; Digital Data-Base of Urban Plans; and Re-registration of Land and Estate

Housing - challenges



- Access of Roma to social housing
- Securing funding for housing projects
- Mainstreaming Roma into legislation and administration projects

Main challenges



- Development of targeted programs
- Acceleration of implementation
- Improved institutional setting, management, fundraising
- Review of plans
- Comprehensive reporting system
- Better outreach, particularly on local level
- Field work