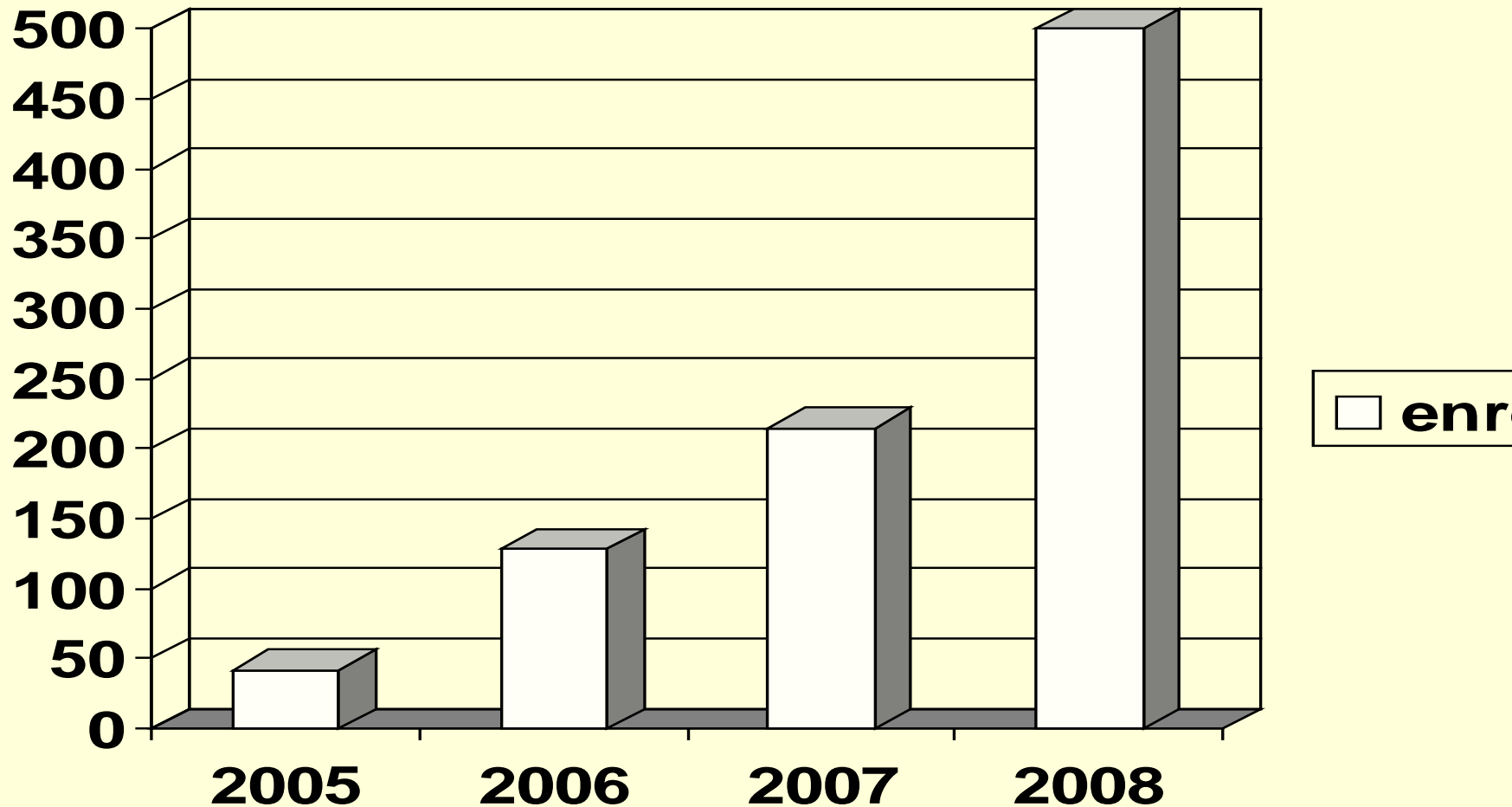


What did Serbian Government do and what did local governments do in 2007?

1. State Council for the Roma established(nonfunctional)
2. Parliamentary committee for the Roma established(nonfunctional)
3. Coordinators in municipalities(43 projects+ 20 budget of Serbia)
4. Health mediators in 15 municipalities
5. Informal affirmative measures when applying for universities and secondary schools (excellent results)
6. Allocated the budget for the Decade
7. All the three Serbian Governments so far were trying to address these issues by political means, leaving respective ministers to lead their departments following their own judgments, without any binding obligations (defined plans or strategies) with no coordination of their activities or monitoring
8. Over 60 municipalities allocated some funds for local Roma living standard improvement

Number of secondary school Roma students enrolled using affirmative measures



What has not been done in Serbia in the last 43 months ?

- Steering system of Serbian Government for the Decade has not been institutionalized (what does it consists of, who, what, when and how?)
- Institutions have no teams –too few people employed compared to the scope and importance of the problem;
- Roma with higher education have not been employed in governmental or local administrative bodies;
- Strategy for the Roma has not been adopted;
- Political and economic reorientation of the government in achieving Decade goals and EU integration has not been defined.

IF WE DO NOT MAKE IT NOW,



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BUT OURSELVES!**

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What should be done in Serbia in next 9 months concerning the Decade?

1. To institutionalize political and economic environment for the Roma Decade operation
2. TRANSFERRING from the project into system policy
3. More efficient involvement of local governments (allocation of funds and updating of the City Statutes)
4. Employment of the Roma in governmental and bodies of the local governments
5. Develop policy and legislation
6. Adoption of the government measuring system of result improvements based on indicators
7. To optimize the Decade benefits - synergy process of EU integrations and Roma Decade towards the IPA fund

Thank you for your attention

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prosperous period in the history of
the Roma”