



DECADE OF  
ROMA  
INCLUSION  
2005-2015



ВЛАДА НА РЕПУБЛИКА МАКЕДОНИЈА

МИНИСТЕРСТВО ЗА ТРУД  
И СОЦИЈАЛНА ПОЛИТИКА

# PROGRESS REPORT 2010

## ***BASIC INFORMATION***

- In Republic of Macedonia there are 2,050,671 inhabitants
- In the Republic of Macedonia live 53,879 Roma representing 2.66% of the population.
- According to the State Statistical Bureau, in 2008 the percentage of poverty in the Republic of Macedonia - Equals 28.7%

- Included Roma NGOs - Partners in the implementation of the project
- "Inclusion of Roma children in JOUDG and RIC

## ***Non Roma organizations which work on Roma issues in cooperation with MLSP:***

1. IOM (International Organization for Migration) and MLSP implemented the project for “Prevention of Irregular Migration through the Enhancement of Decentralized Labour Promotion Measures for Vulnerable Groups”
2. OSCE and MLSP implemented a project for legal advice for the Roma community in cooperation with Roma NGOs
3. HERA and MLSP, Ministry of Health implemented a project for Roma health mediators
4. UNDP and MLSP implemented a project for active measures for employment

# **EDUCATION**

## ***Area of early care and pre-school education***

Achievements of the project „Inclusion of Roma – Children in Public Pre-school Institutions in 2010”

The project has the following objectives:

- Improving capacities of Roma parents directly, as well as preschool teachers and Roma Assistants for supporting and encouraging development and education of Roma children, age 4.8 - 5.7 in 17 municipalities in Macedonia;
- Improving the social skills and proficiency in Macedonian language of Roma - children,
- Increasing the abilities of teacher and assistants personnel in combating prejudice and stereotypes against Roma;
- To raise the public conciseness about the problem with Roma children and to involve authority in the Local municipalities

# ***EDUCATION***

## ***primary education***

Inclusion tools used by elementary schools (teacher, assistants, Individualized education plans, other inclusion measures

1. Exemption from payment of the administrative fee for a certificate for the immunization
2. Handbook of non-discrimination in the education system in Republic of Macedonia
3. Construction of the secondary school in the municipality of Suto Orizari

# ***EDUCATION***

## ***Secondary education***

- 1. Reduced criteria for registration of the Roma students in the public secondary schools**
- 2. Free textbooks, transportation and accommodation in dormitories**
- 3. Scholarships and mentoring for Roma students**
- 4. Project for awarding scholarships, mentoring and tutoring of Roma high school students**

# **EDUCATION**

## ***secondary education***

- **Scholarships** –

***Financial assistance in the amount of 2,200.00 Euros for nine months of 444 Roma high school students with middle average of 3, 00 and more, for academic year 2009/10 year.***

- **Mentoring**

***93 teachers engaged in mathematics from secondary schools to work with Roma secondary school students who are scholars and all other Roma who are not scholars but are entitled to use mentoring and tutoring assistance. The learning process in this case, a supervisor working on a further 16 hours with a group of 15-20 students, monitor progress of all students, their attendance, inform them of the regime and the conditions for learning, opportunities for involvement in extracurricular activities and the possibilities for using student service departments, exercised contacts with parents mentored students informed of their progress to the project team.***

- **Tutoring**

***68 teachers engaged in different professional and social subjects that the students themselves are asking extra help in order to master the particular subject.***



# Employment

- There are a total of 321,341 unemployed persons on national level. The Employment Agency of the Republic of Macedonia has registered 15,377 unemployed Roma persons, of whom 6,508 are women.

## **OVERVIEW of registered unemployed Roma persons by level of education**

<b>Level of Education</b>										
	Non- Qualified	Semi- Qualified and Incomplete Secondary Education	Qualified	Highly- Qualified	Secondary Vocational Education	Higher Education	University Education	Masters	Doctors	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	13640	320	745	1	619	4	46	2	-	<b>15377</b>
<b>Women</b>	6020	58	152	-	258	1	19	-	-	<b>6508</b>

# Employment

Ministry of labour and social policy with Employment Agency Implements the active measures/programs regarding the employment from the Operational Plan for Active Measures and Programs on Employment

The 2010 Operational Plan contains 2 programs specifically aimed at the employment of unemployed Roma persons:

Self-Employment Program, where one of the target groups are the registered unemployed Roma. This Program is implemented through trainings for unemployed persons interested in acquiring knowledge about entrepreneurship, elaboration of solid and sustainable business plans, assistance when registering own Business and subsidies for launching own business.

# Employment

## Roma Support Program

The training will be aiming at vocations deemed deficient on the labour market, based on the results from the Analysis of Necessary Skills on the labour market in the Republic of Macedonia.

The training will be implemented in the period of 3 months in particular institutions. Upon completion of the training, the candidates will perform practical work in real conditions with the potential employers in duration of 1 month, after which the employer wards them a certificate for completed practice. After successful passing of the exam, the unemployed person will receive a certificate for vocational qualification.

# **Roma Information Centers**

## Roma Information Centers

Roma Information Centers (RIC) have been opened in the 9 municipalities (towns of Skopje, Tetovo, Gostivar, Bitola, Prilep, Stip, Kocani, Kumanovo and Delcevo). The hired staff has been selected through a public announcement process implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy in January 2007.

**The aim of RICs is to share information between Roma community, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Local Government Units, local-level services of ministries and institutions about the objectives and activities deriving from the Roma Strategy and Action Plans for implementation of the Decade for Roma Inclusion, and assistance to members of the Roma community in implementation of the rights deriving there from.**

# **Health**

- ROMA HEALTH MEDIATORS

# HOUSING

Ministry of Transport and Communication in cooperation with the municipalities has implemented the following projects in 2010:

- Reconstruction of water supply and sewerage system in following municipalities: Stip, Prilep, Kicevo, Gazi Baba and Kumanovo
- Replacement of the water supply network and repairs in municipalities Bitola, Delcevo and Vinica,
- Construction, adaptation and asphaltting in Prilep
- Construction of support wall in the in Kocani

# HOUSING

- Based on the announcement published in 2009 in daily newspapers for allocation of apartments constructed as part of the Housing Project for Socially Vulnerable Groups in 2010 in the City of Skopje, out of the 102 apartments in two buildings, 19 apartments were allocated to Roma families,
- in 2010 for allocation of apartments constructed as part of the Housing Project for Socially Vulnerable Groups, for the apartments constructed in the towns, members of the Roma community who have received an apartment to rent and who have applied for social apartments on grounds of all categories is as follows: in Ohrid 10 families, in Kicevo 4 families, in Kavadarci 9 families, in Kocani 7 families and in Kriva Palanka 12 families.
- From the implemented allocation by 2010 in 8 constructed buildings as part of the Housing Project for Socially Vulnerable Groups, out of the 339 social apartments 61 social apartment was allocated to members of the Roma community.
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## ***Recommendations for systemic changes on national level***

- Increasing the budgetary allocations at national level for implementation of the Decade of Roma:
- Increasing the human resources within the ministries (employment of Roma in public administration at national and local level);
- Preparation of LAPs or revise them if they are already prepared, in order to have faster implementation of the Decade of Roma at local level;
- Larger access to EU funds and opportunity for their usage;
- Increased cooperation between the countries involved in the decade for joint implementation of projects and utilization of EU funds;

# Progress report 2010

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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