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DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION
Progress Report 2010

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Decade of Roma Inclusion in Serbia is based on

- Legal, strategic and institutional framework set up,
- Inclusive laws and bylaws in all relevant areas,
- Strategy and Action Plan for Improvement of Status of Roma, sector strategies mainstreaming Roma issues.
- Regular budget allocations for the Strategy
Implementation in 2010 was around 4 million EUR.
- Structures for implementation at national, level of the AP Vojvodina and local level.
- Support to the 10 Basic Principles for Roma Inclusion as well as to the EU Framework for the National Roma Integration Strategies
- Seminar on Roma Inclusion organized on June 22, all stakeholders addressed achievements and challenges

Three year program of the MHMRPALSG for the Implementation of the Strategy has a

Total value of 2.7 million EUR, and it is financed from the budget resources and supported by SIDA. Main implementing partner is OSCE Mission to Serbia.

Main components are:

- **Quality and Quantity of Information on Situation of Roma and on Impact of Roma Inclusion Policies,**
- **Quality of Co-ordination and Monitoring Mechanisms,**
- **Participation of Roma in the Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of Roma Inclusion Policies,**
- **Pilot Municipalities For Good Practice Policies on Roma Inclusion with 2 grants schemes: 5 pilot LSG - 250.000 EUR per LSG and small grants in total worth of 300.000 EUR for around 30 Local Self-government.**

Special focus in this program will be on Census that will be in October 2011, cooperation with the authorities of the City of Belgrade and access to personal documentation.

EDUCATION

implementation of foreseen measures in education are:

- Measures for the preschool enrollment
- New non-discriminative enrollment and program policy
- Support measures in education
- Affirmative action measures
- Second chance
- Local inter-sectoral support systems like health, education and social care at local level

These measures are based on the outcome document of the Belgrade Education Conference from 2009 and the Prague Conference in May 2011

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preschool and non discriminative measures

1. Measures for the preschool enrollment are:

- Free preschool preparation program
- Children from vulnerable groups are priority in preschool education

2. New non-discriminative enrollment and program policy is based on:

- Individual plan of support- no more “categorization”
- Roma language with elements of national culture (723 children in 27 primary schools and 14 municipalities in Vojvodina)
- Legal prohibition of discrimination and bylaw on defining criteria for recognizing forms of discrimination in education institution

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3. Support measures in education

- Free textbooks for children from 1-3 grade elementary school
- 180 pedagogical assistants paid from the state budget
- 46 undeveloped municipalities got grants to support inclusive education policies (DILS – Financed by the World Bank)
- Scholarship and mentoring system in the AP Vojvodina for the 860 students in the period from 2007 to 2011
- New programs for pre-, primary and secondary school teacher trainings
- Bilingual education of the preschool teacher in Vrsac

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4. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION** measures for enrollment of students in secondary schools and universities- in cooperation of the MoES and the MHMRPALSG
5. **FUNCTIONAL ADULT EDUCATION** (207 adults in 13 schools, from September in additional 40 schools)
6. **LOCAL SYSTEMS**

Promotion of the Inclusive Education- 100 round tables in 100 cities held in cooperation with the NGOs and international organizations

- 35000 EUR grants for 56 LSG and Roma mentors in 20 municipalities
- Local inter-sectoral commissions for assessment of the child needs trained 600 professionals in education, health and social welfare

HEALTH

- 75 Roma Health Mediators in 60 LSG in Serbia-all women...
- Joint Programs of the Health Institutions and NGOs, antidiscrimination as a cross cutting toping...
- Best practice and step forward already presented...

HOUSING

- Two of the 8 municipalities, that received funds from the Ministry of Environment, Urban Planning and Mining, completed the 'legalization' of Roma settlements-960 residents, which provides the base for further improvement of housing conditions, infrastructure and individual.
- The Ministry of Labor and Social Policy spent Euro 57,700 for the housing and reintegration of 53 Roma families (240 persons) resettled from the informal Roma settlement under the Gazela Bridge in Belgrade.
- The Roma constitute approximately 20% of the some 950 refugees and internally displaced persons accommodated in collective centers throughout Serbia. In 2010, the Commissariat for Refugees spent Euro 250,000 for the housing of the Roma families.
- The authorities of the AP of Vojvodina constructed new roads in the Roma settlements in the municipalities of Vrsac and Novi Becej, and it is planned to instal street lights in those settlements, powered by alternative energy.

EMPLOYEMENT

Implementation of the Active Employment Measures

In 24.152 cases Roma were using some of these measures

EUR 1.087 million was spent on implementation of these measures:

- Further developed of the database and relevant records within the National Employment Service relating to unemployed Roma
- Provision of careers advice and vocational education and training
- Organized job and employment fairs targeting Roma communities
- Creating additional positions to be filled by Roma men and women
- Organized training programmes for entrepreneurship, and provision of start-up grants for small scale enterprises
- Implemented extensive public work's programmes targeting the Roma community
- Revised the national system of classification of occupations to recognize the collectors of recyclable materials as a new occupation

Thank you for your attention!

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