

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Good news

- 2004 *Strategy for Roma in the Republic of Macedonia* still relevant
- Successful programmes continued
- Health mediation programme introduced

Bad news

- NAPs in Decade priority areas expired at end of 2011
- Problematic coordination
- Insufficient funding
- Little monitoring and evaluation

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Overrepresentation of Romani children

- No complete official data from single source
- Rough estimates:
 - 36% of children in special primary education
 - 28% of children in special secondary education

Explaining overrepresentation

- Unclear regulations on assessment (“categorisation”)
- Attraction of social benefits
- Low parental awareness

QUESTION 1

- Number and proportion of Romani children in special schools and classes in primary and secondary education
- Measures to prevent enrolment of non-disabled Romani children in education for children with mental disabilities

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EMPLOYING ROMA

Romani Information Centres (since 2007)

- Link between local and national levels
- Established in 10 municipalities
- Staff employed on temporary basis through private employment agencies

Public pre-schools (since 2007-2008 school year)

- Adult Roma facilitate integration in mixed groups
- 380 children in 18 municipalities (2011-2012)
- Short-term employment and sporadic payment

Romani health mediators (since mid 2012)

- Based in municipal public health centres
- 15 mediators in 8 municipalities
- No contracts or payment for work from January to April 2013

QUESTION 2

- Employment status of:
 - Coordinators of Romani Information Centres
 - Roma engaged through project “Inclusion of Romani Children in Public Pre-Schools”
 - Romani health mediators
- Prospects for sustainability through and beyond the Decade

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LEGALISATION OF ILLEGAL DWELLINGS

Context

- 70% of Roma lack ownership documentation
- Poor fit between urban planning priorities and Romani settlements

The *Law on Procedure for Illegally Built Structures* (2011)

- Compatibility with urban planning priorities required
- Demolition in cases of rejected applications for legalisation

Implementation

- Required documentation sometimes unavailable
- Low levels of awareness
- Backlog in processing applications
- Anticipated cases of homelessness

QUESTION 3

- Approach to issues related to legalisation of Romani settlements
- Measures to prevent rejection of individual applications for legalisation from resulting in homelessness

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**THANK YOU
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