



Free Legal Aid



(Photo: Roma World)

During the panel discussion “Free legal aid to Roma population – the good news and work still to be done”, held on 2 November 2015, the results of the project “European Support to Roma Inclusion” in the area of free aid for legally invisible persons were presented. CSO Praxis, as a project partner, identified 1,100 legally invisible persons in 97 municipalities and initiated 969 legal cases for Roma in two

years. As a result, the beneficiaries who obtained their personal documents now have more opportunities in the field of education, health protection and employment. Beneficiaries of free legal aid and Praxis mobile legal team members shared their experiences during the panel discussion.

Support provided to members of Roma community in obtaining personal documents and free legal aid is illustrated in the following video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUo29_cVDkM&feature=share



Pristup osnovnim pravima

Projekat obezbeđuje podršku pripadnicima romske zajednice da dobiju lična dokumenta i pravnu pomoć, kao i da postanu korisnici zdravstvenih, obrazovnih i usl...

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Cooperation of CSOs and Local Self-governments

Experiences and practices of successful cooperation between local self-governments and civil society organizations (CSOs) in implementing policies for Roma men and women in 20 pilot municipalities/towns in Serbia were presented at the Conference organised on 26 November 2015.

Participants discussed experiences in promoting citizens’ participation in



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the development, monitoring and reporting on local policies for Roma – strategies, local action plans, as well as development of local budgets and participation in the work of advisory bodies of local self-governments. The results and benefits of the Training and Mentorship Programme that selected CSOs participated in were also presented.

In numbers: 250 representatives from 31 CSOs participated in Training and Mentorship Programme

Training for Pedagogical Assistants

Training for pedagogical assistants employed in elementary schools and preschool institutions was held on 15 December 2015. Pedagogical assistants, as part of the mobile teams for Roma inclusion, provide additional support to students to complete their education. They also assist teachers and associates in improving their work with students who need educational support. Their job also includes working with Roma and non-Roma children and performing field visits.



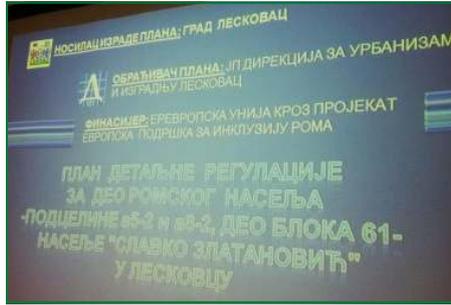
The project provides support to improved access of Roma to basic rights, labour market, education, health and social security, adequate housing, job creation and civic participation.



Housing Is a Basic Human Right

Provision of adequate housing for the most vulnerable groups, including the Roma population, represents a complex issue that needs to be tackled in several phases. A large number of Roma settlements are not covered by urban plans, and without plans it is not possible to construct any communal infrastructure (roads, water, sanitation, power grid, etc.).

Within the activities of the “We are Here Together” project, urban plans for 13 substandard Roma settlements in 11 municipalities were developed, and presented at the workshop held in Vrsac on 10 February 2016. Some of the settlements, like Gornja Grabovica in Valjevo, are covered by plans of general regulation, while Midzor, Vrbak and Murica in Bela Palanka got plans of detailed regulation for the first time. In the plan that was developed for Gornja Carsija settlement in Vranje, the most important issue is infrastructural equipment of the settlement—the construction of water and sanitation network, says Danijela Bando- vic from Vranje Institute for Urban Planning. She stresses



that the plan will enable legalisation of the houses after the property issues are resolved. In Bojnik, due to seasonal flooding of the settlement, the plan was used to regulate riverbeds of Kamenicka and Pusta rivers, as well as the construction of sewerage. By developing the plan of detailed regulation, Slavko Zlatanovic settlement in Leskovac was included in the central communal waste collection system, and amendments of the plan of general regulation of Starcevo settlement in Pancevo provided the additional space for the extension of existing social housing buildings.

The next important step is developing technical documents for selected priority interventions for settlement upgrading, in which municipalities also have support from the project. At the moment, 14 municipalities are developing technical documents for 15 infrastructure designs. For more information about the activities on improvement of housing conditions, see the short movie https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQPUxzVC__A

Training for health mediators



Health Mediators, who play an important role in improving the health of Roma, are members of the mobile teams for

Roma inclusion. Between October 2015 and January 2016 three training cycles of “Professional development programme for health mediators” were organised. The training topics included functional and dysfunctional family, child protection, and legal principles of family protection. about the training also covered prevention of contagious diseases, women’s reproductive health, hygiene, first aid, safety and health at work, and verbal/non-verbal communication. The teachers from the Medical School “Beograd” presented healthcare and social protection system, community based services, co-operation of the social institutions and role of the Centres for Social Work.

Support for Employment



Seven enterprises received support in equipment through the project since November 2015, providing sustainable jobs for Roma men and women. One of the enterprises, Diljaj

Construction Material Storage from Beocin, received a loader and employed two Roma men.

What are the impressions of the employed Roma, as well as supported entrepreneurs about the Program of Support for Roma Employment? Check out the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVj6xYsF7qE>



Održivo zapošljavanje
 U cilju stvaranja novih mogućnosti za zapošljavanje Roma, izabranim preduzećima koja imaju potencijal za zapošljavanje Roma, kao i romskim preduzetnicima, ob...

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