



PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN
SWISS-ROMANIAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Social inclusion and improvement of living conditions for Roma and other vulnerable groups

Programme Management Unit

Reform Fund linked to the Inclusion of Roma and other Vulnerable Groups

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Project Information

Line of intervention	Actions	Results
Education	After school Summer kindergarten School-Parent liaison	62 after schools groups 50 teachers trained 3500 beneficiaries per year
Health and Social Assistance	Awareness campaigns Home Medical Assistance with Roma for Roma Social Assistance Services	500 people informed 4 communities out of 5 160 beneficiaries - MC
Housing	Rehabilitation and build up houses	28 houses rehabilitated
Economic Empowerment	Microcredit Counselling and vocational training Mediation on the employment market	17 families 86 beneficiaries

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Strengths

- Selection of the communities based on the commitment and willingness of the local authorities to co-finance the project activities (approximately 40%);
- Holistic approach constructed around Roma family in key areas with great impact for its social inclusion;
- Efficient tools of intervention (multidisciplinary team, after school methods etc.);
- Enhancing within the communities the mutual understanding, respect and cooperation among the several ethnic/national groups;
- Economic empowerment of Roma families;



CHALLENGES 1

- Political changes at local level - election planned in summer 2016;
- Unsteadiness of the financial support because of the annual local budgetary negotiation;
- Lack of the financial resources of the local governments/state budget in areas of the project activities (e.g. ASP);
- Lack of support from the majority for investment in Roma inclusion;
- Frequent changes within the local authorities priorities/interests;
- Launching of the European Structural Funds;



CHALLENGES 2

- Lack of community development component - decreased capacity of the community to engage with local authorities to address genuine community priorities;
- Housing rehabilitation for Roma families;
- Lack of specialized human resources at local level;
- Communication and efficient negotiation with 50 local authorities;
- Various needs to be fulfilled for Roma families – several stakeholders involvement.



Key interventions 1

- Combined action at local and national level through advocacy to determine stakeholders to make the required changes (funding and policy level);
- Building up the capacity of the EA and its partners in advocacy and lobby and providing assistance and support in developing their strategies;
- Additional funding sources for continuation of project activities;
- Involvement of the Roma community in the advocacy actions at local/national level;



Key interventions 2

- Promotion of the good practices produced in ASP as evidence for policy makers to measure the impact of ASP and to reallocate state funds;
- Improve ASP national methodology to strengthen the quality and efficiency of the technical framework of implementation;
- Increase the visibility of the project's success and impact at stakeholders level for enabling the negotiation and advocacy actions.



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