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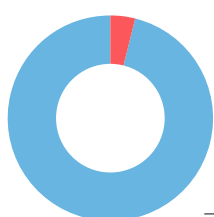
Aleksinac



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 43.098

Roma population 1.605



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	4%
Non-Roma	96%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Health



Education



Housing

ACHIEVEMENTS

To enhance its role as a venue for cultural and community events, the public space in Aleksinac experienced a comprehensive renovation. The improvements included the installation of two new doors, an inverter air conditioning system, visitor seating, computers, and specialized technical equipment for film and video displays, as well as a high-quality sound system. The entire venue has been branded appropriately, with donor contributions prominently acknowledged. The space is now fully equipped and furnished to host large audiences for seminars, training sessions, and public events.

Forty students from the “Vuk Karadžić” elementary school in Žitkovac, which has the highest percentage of Roma students, participated in thirty workshops on healthy lifestyle choices, healthy habits, and the value of sports. The workshops, which were divided into two groups of 20 students each, were designed to empower youngsters by teaching them about health prevention and helping them deal with health issues in the future. The workshops concluded with joint sports games in the schoolyard.

Twenty Roma and marginalized students from primary and secondary schools “Vožd Karađorđe in Aleksinac participat-

ed in a four-month English language learning program. Also, 20 tablets were given to Roma students to help them in the teaching process.

Four engaging lectures on health prevention were given to members of the Roma community and other marginalized groups.

How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community played a key role in various campaign activities aimed at raising public awareness and addressing the challenges they face. Celebrations such as World Roma Day served as a space to promote Roma culture, heritage, and rights, fostering greater understanding and appreciation among the wider community. Additionally, initiatives like the “Health Contest” promoted awareness about health issues, encouraged active engagement, and empowered the Roma population to take part in addressing critical challenges.

These campaigns contributed to breaking down stereotypes and misconceptions, while also motivating the Roma community to actively participate in finding solutions to their social and health-related concerns. By involving community members in these activities, the initiative helped build stronger connections and mutual respect within the wider society.

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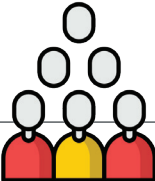
Aleksinac



IN NUMBERS




1 public space renovated and equipped




40 students from the primary school "Vuk Karadžić" in Žitkovac at

30 workshops on healthy habits and sports activities




21 users from the Roma community and marginalized groups at

4 interactive lectures on health prevention



20 students from primary and secondary school "Vožd Karadorđe" participated in learning English



20 students of Roma nationality and from marginalized groups who received support in learning English



300 community members underwent medical exams



20 tablets distributed to the best Roma pupils

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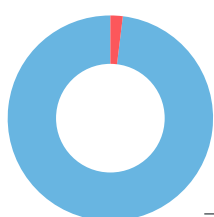


Apatin



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population	23.155
Roma population	416



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	2%
Non-Roma	98%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES

Education

Health

Infrastructure

ACHIEVEMENTS

To promote better education and reduce school dropouts, some measures are being implemented to create a more supportive and engaging learning environment. This involves improving access to educational resources, such as providing modern equipment and learning materials, ensuring that all students—especially those from marginalized communities—have the tools they need to succeed. Two elementary schools, one in Apatin and one in Sonta, have upgraded their daily care centers with new furniture and technical equipment. This upgrade provided Roma children, and others, with better access to the Internet and teaching materials, creating a more supportive learning environment.

In addition, 14 workshops focusing on diversity and discrimination were conducted at Žarko Zrenjanin and Ivan Goran Kovačić schools. Over 250 young participants attended these sessions, helping to raise awareness and promote acceptance among students.

The project also supported the cultural and artistic society “Zlatno srce” by sewing traditional costumes within the Roma community. These costumes are now being used by members to showcase and celebrate Roma cultural heritage and diversity.

To further enhance community activities, an air conditioner was installed in the House of Culture in a local Roma settlement. This improvement will make the space more comfortable, allowing workshops and community meetings to be held successfully.

How Roma Community participated?

Representatives of the Roma community played a key role in shaping the workshops by actively participating in the selection of topics. This approach ensured that the activities were closely aligned with the actual needs and interests of the community. Their involvement didn't stop there—they also collaborated with educators in developing workshop materials, offering insights and feedback to make the content more relevant and engaging.

Additionally, community members contributed to the selection of traditional folk costumes, helping to preserve cultural authenticity and enrich the workshops. By involving the community in these crucial decisions, the project not only reflected their traditions but also promoted a sense of ownership and pride in the initiatives.

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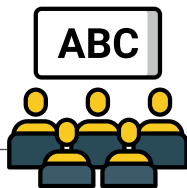
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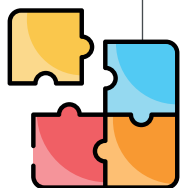
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2 spaces were equipped for daily care



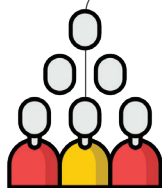
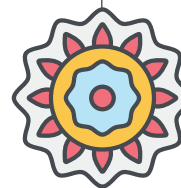
310 pupils use renovated and equipped classroom for extracurricular activities



14 workshops were organised

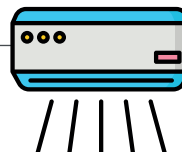
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folklore Roma costumes



250 Roma pupils attended extracurricular workshops

1 air condition was purchased



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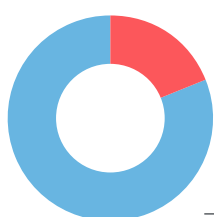


Kostolac



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population	12.901
Roma population	2.956



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	19%
Non-Roma	81%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES

Education

Employment

Infrastructure

ACHIEVEMENTS

Six Roma families, consisting of approximately 40 members, improved their living conditions through the reconstruction and adaptation of their homes. This initiative focused on enhancing housing standards, health, and hygiene, contributing to a better quality of life for families.

Additionally, two children's playgrounds in the Kanal and Didino Selo settlements were reconstructed and equipped with new facilities, creating a safer and more engaging environment for children to play and socialize. More than 100 children live in these two settlements and have the opportunity to play in a much better place.

To improve employability and mitigate the socio-economic challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, 54 individuals were provided with essential tools and materials. This support enabled them to enhance their service delivery capabilities and expand their income-generating opportunities. Together with their families more than 300 people benefited from this action.

In addition, 50 best, but socially disadvantaged elementary school students received tablets to facilitate their learning and skill development, ensuring they have access to the digital resources necessary for their education.

How Roma Community participated?

Community Action Group (CAG) members worked closely with the local Roma community to develop the project. They actively participated by suggesting potential beneficiaries and analyzing the community's needs to ensure the project addressed real issues. The project plan was crafted through a collaborative process, where CAG members' proposals were thoroughly discussed and refined with input from the broader Roma community.

All decisions were made jointly, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and ownership. Throughout the project, strong cooperation was maintained with a dedicated facilitator and a key contact person from the City Municipality. This partnership ensured that the activities were effectively aligned with community needs and supported by local authorities.

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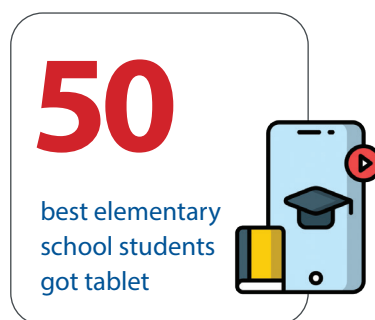
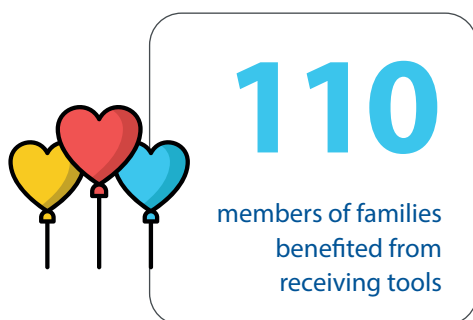
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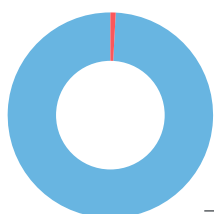
Kragujevac



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 171.186

Roma population 1.444



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	1%
Non-Roma	99%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Education



Employment



Health

ACHIEVEMENTS

As an incentive to encourage the continuation of education, a special initiative was launched to support Roma students graduating from junior high school. 39 youngsters, seventeen girls and twenty-two boys received essential items, including clothes, shoes, and hairdressing and makeup services, to help them celebrate this important milestone with dignity and pride.

With joint efforts, the schools identified all Roma students who had completed elementary school within the city and awarded them with a voucher specifically recommended for the procurement of school supplies and equipment. This activity aims to facilitate their transition into secondary education but also demonstrates a commitment to supporting the educational aspirations of the Roma community.

Workshops focused on enhancing employability skills were conducted for unemployed individuals, specifically targeting improvements in CV writing and online trade training. These sessions aimed to equip participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the job market more effectively. More than 90 unemployed Roma persons benefited from these educational activities.

As part of this initiative, ten Roma individuals received specialized training in professional development, designed to enhance their employability and increase their chances of securing employment. This targeted support is crucial for empowering the Roma community and fostering economic independence.

In addition to these professional development workshops, psychological workshops were organized to provide participants with coping strategies and empowerment techniques, particularly in light of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. These sessions addressed mental well-being and resilience, helping individuals navigate the uncertainties of the current economic landscape while promoting a positive mindset and community support.

How Roma Community participated?

The administration of the City of Kragujevac is deeply engaged with the Roma community, fostering a strong connection aimed at addressing their needs and promoting inclusivity. A dedicated Roma coordinator plays a crucial role in facilitating communication and collaboration between the city administration and the Roma community.

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In addition, a mobile team focused on the inclusion of Roma operates within the city, providing targeted support and outreach to ensure that community members have access to necessary services and resources. This team works closely

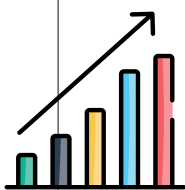
with representatives from the Roma community, engaging in joint efforts to achieve shared goals and implement initiatives that benefit all parties involved.

IN NUMBERS

39



Roma pupils awarded with equipment for high school graduation



10

special trainings for increasing employment

90



unemployed Roma participants benefited from the training

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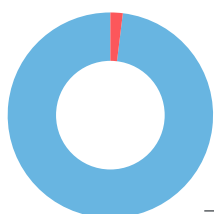
Kruševac



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 113.582

Roma population 2.063



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma 2%
Non-Roma 98%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Education



Employment



Housing

ACHIEVEMENTS

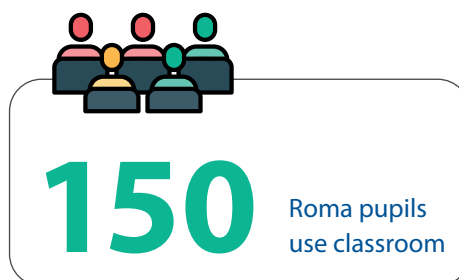
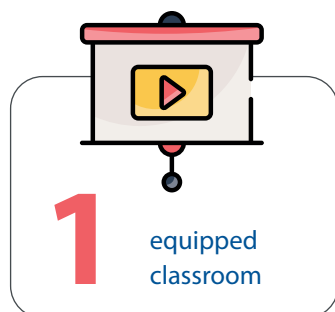
The Roma Cultural Center, located in the Roma settlement of “Marko Orlović,” has been fully equipped with modern technology, including a range of essential resources, including computers, monitors, and a projector, to facilitate digital learning and presentations. This enhancement has empowered more than 150 youngsters by providing them with improved facilities and resources to gain essential knowledge and skills. As a result, the center has become a key support hub, fostering greater inclusion of community members in various social, educational, and economic spheres. Additionally, the center is furnished with school desks and chairs to create a conducive learning environment, along with a dedicated teacher’s desk and chair to support instructional activities. A security camera system has also been installed to ensure the safety and security of the premises.

How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community played an active and central role in the project’s design, as it was based on research that specifically explored their needs. Through ongoing cooperation and consultation with local Roma associations and individuals, the project was shaped to address the community’s priorities and concerns.

Given that the “Marko Orlović” settlement houses 90% of the city’s Roma population, it was identified as the most suitable location for implementing the project. This choice ensures that the initiatives directly benefit those who need them most, while also reflecting the community’s input and insights throughout the planning process.

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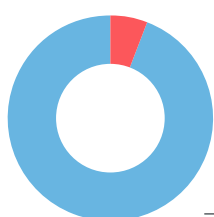
Lebane



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 18.119

Roma population 1.247



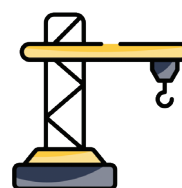
Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma 6%
Non-Roma 94%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Education



Infrastructure



Housing

ACHIEVEMENTS

A new sewerage system was constructed in Bošnjaci, the largest Roma settlement in Lebane, significantly improving sanitation and infrastructure in the area. As a result, 21 families now have direct access to this modernized system, which enhances their living conditions, promotes better public health, and reduces environmental risks. This development represents a vital step in addressing the settlement's infrastructure needs and improving the quality of life for its residents.

To support Roma students in their education, monthly transportation passes were provided to 15 high school pupils, ensuring reliable access to their schools. This initiative aims to reduce barriers to education and promote regular attendance. More than 25 youngsters participated in the two workshops dedicated to enhancing education and importance of the education.

Additionally, at the start of the school year, 240 children attending three schools in Lebane—Radoje Domanović,

Bošnjace, Vuk Karadžić, and Radovan Kovačević Maksim—received essential school supplies. This effort helps improve financial pressures on families and ensures students are equipped with the necessary materials for successful learning.

How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community actively contributed to identifying key issues by participating in the Community Action Group as part of the Romacted program. This collaborative effort, which included representatives from local self-governments, focused on defining infrastructure priorities that directly addressed the community's needs.

To strengthen the Roma community's involvement during the project's implementation, a dedicated coordinator was hired to maintain communication with community members. This role ensured ongoing participation, provided oversight, and promoted transparency throughout the project's execution, fostering a sense of ownership and inclusivity.

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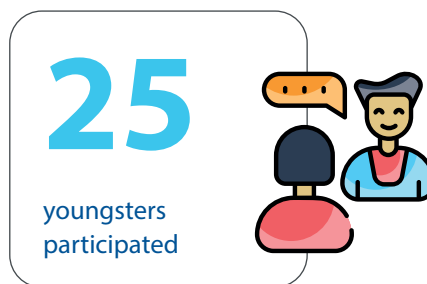
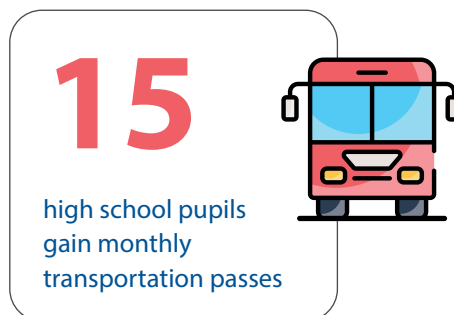
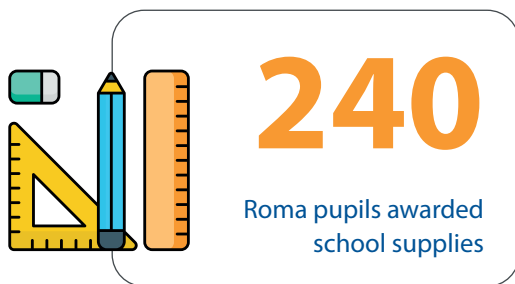
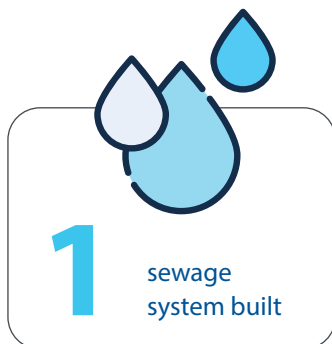
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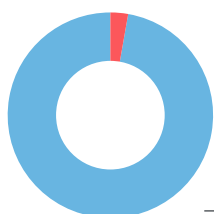
Niš



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 249.501

Roma population 5.803



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma 3%
Non-Roma 97%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Infrastructure



Employment



Social Protection

ACHIEVEMENTS

The implemented activities focused on providing additional education and training in social protection for the Roma population in Niš. Through this initiative, 10 individuals completed a comprehensive training program and received certification as caregivers. This project not only enhances the skill set of participants but also addresses the growing need for qualified professionals in social care, ultimately benefiting the broader community. As part of the program, five entrepreneurs, including car mechanics, hairdressers, and beauticians, received essential equipment to enhance their business operations. This support significantly improved their living and working conditions, enabling them to provide higher-quality services to the Roma population. By equipping these entrepreneurs with the necessary tools, the initiative fosters economic empowerment and encourages sustainable livelihoods within the community.

42 Roma households received essential assistance in the form of firewood, stoves, and carpentry services. More than 150 family members benefited from this. This support was crucial in enhancing their quality of life, particularly in preparing for the winter months. By providing reliable heating sources

and necessary home improvements, the initiative aimed to ensure the safety, warmth, and well-being of these families during the colder season.

How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community played an essential role in every phase of the project. They organized meetings, formed focus groups, and prepared public invitations to ensure the community was engaged and informed. This collaborative approach included both community members and city officials working together to promote the program and spread awareness about available opportunities.

To better address community needs, a Working Group was established, consisting of community members who participated actively in decision-making. Through focus groups, they identified the real needs and priorities of the community, ensuring that the project's activities were relevant and impactful.

A dedicated facilitator played a vital role in keeping the community informed about the program. The facilitator also guided community members through the process of accessing grant aid, helping them make the most of the opportunities provided by the project.

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Promoting good governance
and Roma empowerment
at local level

Niš



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10

people trained and
received certification
as caregivers

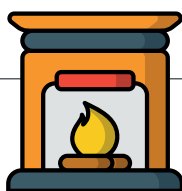


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employed Roma women and
men trained and equipped
to start its own business

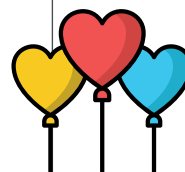
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and carpentry services



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family members
benefited from
improved households
and living conditions



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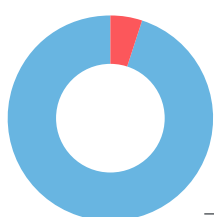
Pirot



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 49.601

Roma population 2.442



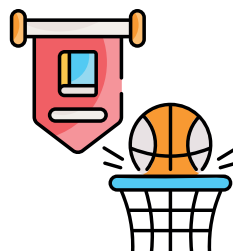
Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	5%
Non-Roma	95%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Infrastructure



Culture and sport



Employment

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Coordination Group of the Roma Cultural Centre (RCC) was established, comprising members from diverse sectors, including representatives from the City of Pirot and local Roma non-governmental organisations. To enhance the center's functionality, essential equipment was procured, including audio devices and musical instruments.

The KRC undertook various initiatives, such as forming volunteer groups and increasing its visibility through the creation of logos and promotional materials. The center's work program was developed based on community feedback, and the interior was adorned with elements of Roma culture, reflecting the community's heritage.

The ceremonial opening of the center was successfully organized, featuring a vibrant artistic program that showcased local talent. Additionally, an e-classroom was established to support children's learning, while a club for the elderly was formed to foster social engagement.

Educational workshops for Roma women focused on health and violence prevention, and creative sections for youth were organized, emphasizing music and dramatic arts. Furthermore, workshops on energy efficiency were conducted to inform the community about strategies to reduce energy costs, thereby enhancing their overall quality of life.

The implemented activities generated significant results, notably improving relations between the Roma community and the majority population. This progress was facilitated through various cultural programs and events designed to promote a better understanding of Roma culture, effectively reducing prejudices and stereotypes.

As a result, the Roma community became more proactive in preserving its identity and culture, exemplified by the establishment of a working group dedicated to the development of the Roma Cultural Centre (RCC) programme. The empowerment of older Roma individuals through clubs and workshops has led to increased self-confidence and more active participation in community affairs.

Furthermore, over 80 Roma women participated in educational workshops focused on reproductive health and violence awareness, significantly enhancing their knowledge and understanding of these critical issues. In addition, workshops on energy efficiency equipped more than 90 citizens with valuable information, enabling them to reduce energy costs and improve their economic situation. Collectively, these initiatives have fostered a stronger, more engaged Roma community while promoting inclusivity and understanding within the broader society. More than 70 Roma children used the e-classroom, while over 40 elderly Roma actively participated in the club for the elderly.

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Pirot



How Roma Community participated?

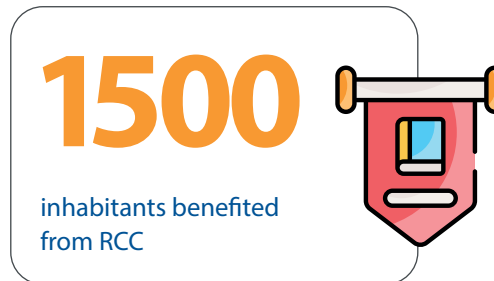
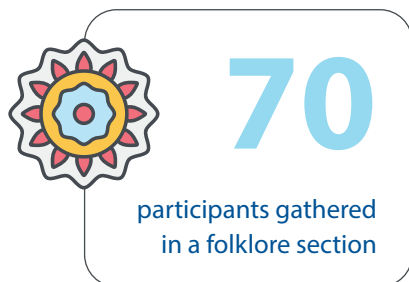
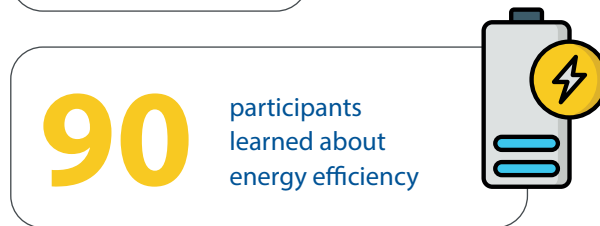
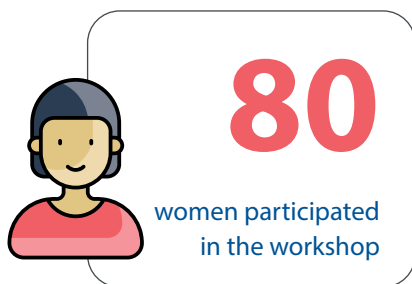
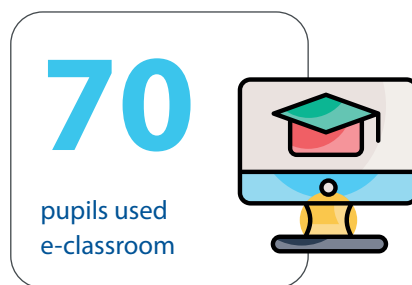
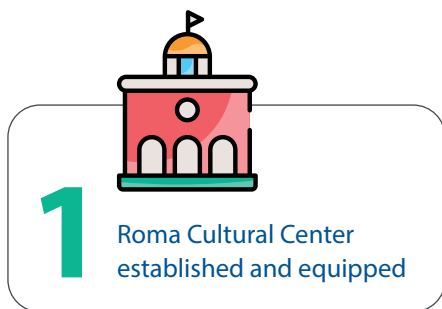
Community members were deeply involved in both the design and implementation of project activities, positioning themselves as active partners in addressing their own challenges. Through participatory workshops, they had the opportunity to voice their needs and concerns, which allowed the project to be tailored specifically to those requirements.

The engagement of volunteers from within the community further enhanced the sense of connection among residents. This

collaboration not only fostered a spirit of teamwork but also encouraged individuals to take ownership of the initiatives.

Activities were organised based on the interests and preferences of community members, leading to enthusiastic participation and positive feedback. As a result, these efforts not only addressed pressing issues but also strengthened social ties, creating a more cohesive and supportive community environment.

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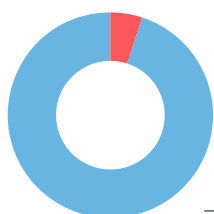
Prokuplje



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 38.054

Roma population 2.046



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	5%
Non-Roma	95%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Health



Infrastructure



Education

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Vuk Karadžić Elementary School in Žitni Potok has been provided with a fully equipped classroom designed to enhance the educational experience for all students. With over 90% of the student body comprising Roma children, this classroom provides essential resources and equipment that will enable them, along with their peers, to engage in quality leisure activities. This initiative aims to foster an inclusive environment that supports the educational and social development of all students, promoting a sense of community and belonging within the school. More than 400 youngsters will benefit from this space.

The City Medical Centre has been awarded a significant contribution of medical equipment, enhancing its capacity to provide high-quality healthcare services to the community. This new equipment is expected to improve patient care and operational efficiency, allowing medical professionals to deliver a wider range of diagnostic and treatment options. The

investment in medical resources underscores the commitment to advancing healthcare standards and meeting the needs of the population effectively.

How Roma Community participated?

The activities were carefully organized to align with the interests and preferences of community members, which resulted in enthusiastic participation and encouraging feedback. By prioritizing what the community wanted and needed, these initiatives successfully attracted a diverse group of participants eager to engage.

This tailored approach not only addressed pressing issues within the community but also fostered stronger social ties among residents. As individuals came together to participate in shared activities, they built connections and cultivated a sense of belonging. Ultimately, these efforts contributed to a more cohesive and supportive community environment, where collaboration and mutual support became the norm.

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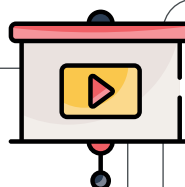
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ECG provided for City Health Center



1

classroom renovated and equipped



400

youngsters benefited from the space

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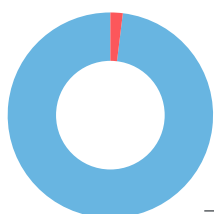
Subotica



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 123.952

Roma population 3.432



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma 2%
Non-Roma 98%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Education



Infrastructure



Employment

ACHIEVEMENTS

In collaboration with Komval, a program has been initiated for the periodic cleaning of substandard settlements, focusing on the removal of excessive vegetation. This effort aims to enhance the living conditions within these areas for more than 250 people benefited from it. Additionally, a system for regular garbage removal from Roma settlements has been established, with pickups scheduled every two weeks. This initiative not only promotes a cleaner and healthier environment but also demonstrates a commitment to improving public health and sanitation in the community.

Workshops were conducted for students from the Roma community, aimed at equipping them with new skills and knowledge to enhance their educational and personal development. Additionally, six trips were organized, benefiting 20 participants, and providing them with valuable experiential learning opportunities outside the classroom.

To strengthen engagement and support for the students, three meetings were held with parents, fostering communication and collaboration between families and educators. 120 pupils and parents attended workshops.

Furthermore, 19 individual interviews were conducted to better understand the specific needs and aspirations of the students, ensuring that the programs are tailored to effectively support their growth and development.

In total more than 200 community members benefited from the different activities that were organized.

How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community took an active role in selecting members of the Community Action Group Čantavir, establishing themselves as the "voice of the community." This involvement empowered community representatives to participate in defining priorities and organizing activities that directly addressed their concerns.

Through collaboration with educators and various institutions, the community was able to articulate its needs and challenges effectively. This partnership not only facilitated open dialogue but also ensured that the community's perspectives were considered in decision-making processes. As a result, the Roma community gained a stronger foothold in shaping initiatives that impact their lives, reinforcing their agency and commitment to collective progress.

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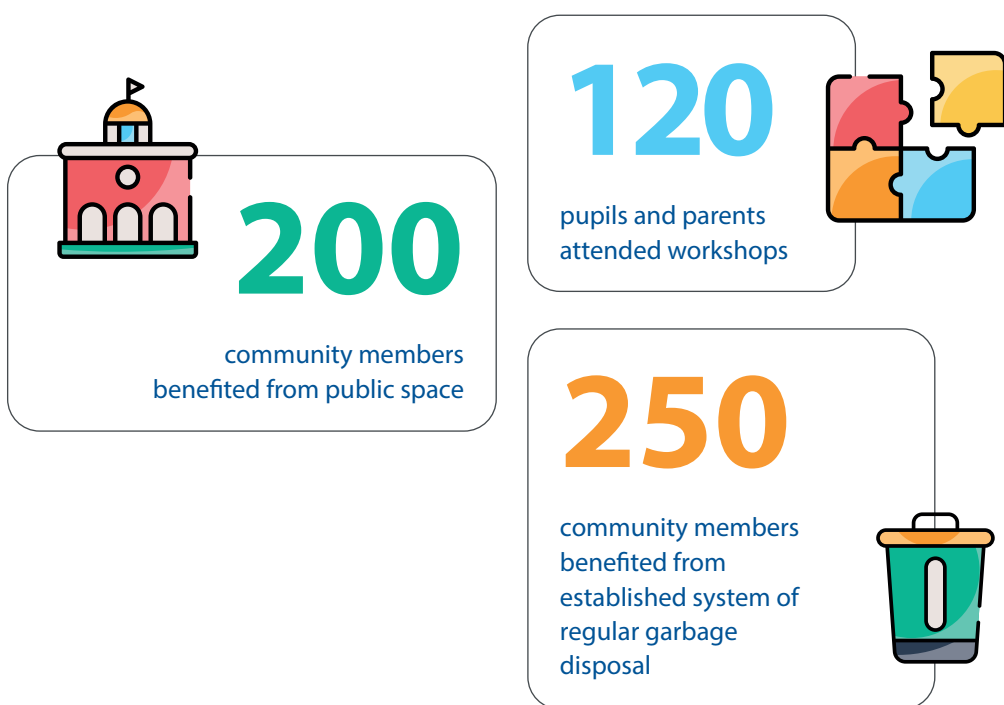
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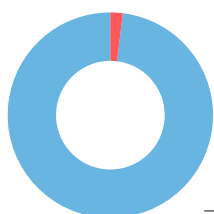
Vrnjačka Banja



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 25.065

Roma population 348



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma 2%
Non-Roma 98%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Infrastructure



Education



Employment

ACHIEVEMENTS

The initial key activity involved the distribution of four packages of building materials to four families urgently in need of adapting their living spaces. This initiative aimed to improve housing conditions for four Roma families, providing them with the essential materials required for the rehabilitation of their homes. By addressing immediate housing needs, this effort not only enhances the safety and comfort of the living environments for 19 family members but also contributes to the overall well-being and dignity of the families involved.

Ten lawn mowers were allocated to members of the Roma community, empowering them to become self-employed and enhance their economic potential. This initiative not only provided the means for individuals to earn their income for the 43 family members but also fostered entrepreneurship within the community.

In addition, a classroom in an elementary school located near the Roma settlement was adapted to ensure better access to education and facilitate extracurricular activities, supported by a dedicated Roma pedagogical assistant. This adaptation is expected to significantly improve educational outcomes for 139 Roma students, contributing to their long-term social integration and success.

Furthermore, due to cost savings achieved during procurement, additional materials, such as white goods and computers, were acquired. These resources will further enhance the quality of education and improve living conditions for the Roma community, creating a more supportive and enriching environment for both learning and daily life.

How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community is actively engaged in every stage of the project's design and implementation process. A key player in this initiative, the Center for Social Work, was instrumental in developing a list of potential beneficiaries, ensuring that assistance is directed to the most vulnerable families within the community.

Coordinating all activities, the Office for Social Inclusion of Roma played a vital role in supporting the organization of events, and facilitating smooth collaboration between various stakeholders. This partnership helped ensure that the initiatives were effective and relevant.

Moreover, the Roma community provided valuable feedback throughout the process, which was crucial in identifying priorities and needs. This input enabled the project to be closely aligned with the real challenges faced by community members, ensuring that the support provided effectively addresses their specific circumstances and contributes to meaningful change.

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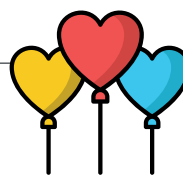
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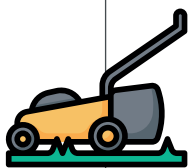
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4 Roma families were provided with building material



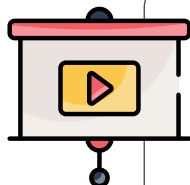
19 family members benefited



10 grass trimmers provided

43

family members benefited from self-employment



1 classroom renovated and equipped

139

children gained access to a renovated classroom



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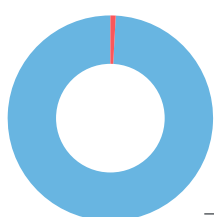


Zaječar



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population	47.991
Roma population	637



Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	1%
Non-Roma	99%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Education



Social Protection



Employment

ACHIEVEMENTS

The construction of six fully equipped bathrooms has significantly improved sanitary conditions for 28 members of Roma families, directly enhancing their health care and overall quality of life. Access to proper sanitation facilities is crucial in promoting hygiene and preventing health-related issues.

In combination with this construction, workshops on health care were conducted, engaging 100 participants, including 10 volunteers and 10 other relevant representatives of the institution. These workshops focused on health prevention and raised awareness about the importance of personal hygiene and healthy lifestyle habits. This educational initiative has played a vital role in reducing the risk of infectious disease transmission, particularly in the context of the ongoing pandemic. By fostering a greater understanding of health practices, the program has contributed to the well-being and resilience of the Roma community.

How Roma Community participated?

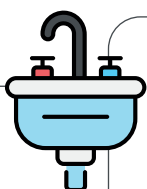
The active participation of the community helped identify the genuine needs of users. Regular meetings were organized with community representatives, providing a platform for gathering feedback and suggestions aimed at improving the project. This open line of communication ensured that the voices of community members were heard and valued.

Additionally, community members took part in the physical construction of essential facilities, such as bathrooms. Volunteers from the community were actively engaged in various tasks, from collecting materials to assisting with the actual construction work. This hands-on involvement not only fostered a sense of ownership and pride among participants but also strengthened the community's bonds as they worked together towards a common goal.

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6

Roma families were provided with bathrooms and septic tanks

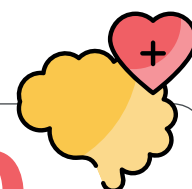


28

family members benefited from new bathrooms

120

students attended workshops on mental and reproductive health



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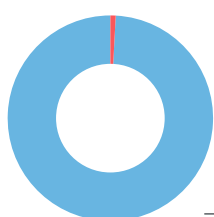
Zvezdara



DEMOGRAPHY

Total population 176.625

Roma population 1.590



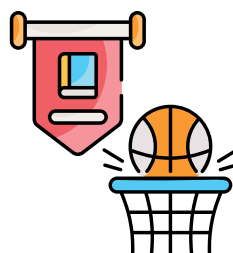
Percentage of Roma in the Municipality

Roma	1%
Non-Roma	99%

RECOGNISED PRIORITIES



Youth and Children



Culture and Sport



Education

ACHIEVEMENTS

The procurement of computer equipment and didactic materials for the Roma NGO "Aurora Mine" that gathered more than 60 women has significantly enhanced the organization's capacity to support the community. This investment aims to provide essential resources for educational and developmental activities, fostering a more conducive learning environment for Roma youth.

Additionally, improvements were made to the facilities of the chess club "Sloboda" which had 50 members, creating a better space for Roma youth to engage in this strategic and intellectually stimulating activity. By enhancing the club's conditions, the initiative encourages participation and skill development among young members of the Roma community.

Furthermore, the organization of remedial classes for 20 Roma children at risk of dropping out of the education system addresses critical educational gaps. These classes aim to provide targeted support, ensuring that at-risk students receive the necessary assistance to succeed academically and remain engaged in their education. Collectively, these efforts contribute to empowering Roma youth, promoting their educational success, and fostering their overall development within the community.

Psychological support services were organized for Roma parents and high school students, which included the facilitation of 10 workshops aimed at empowering parents with knowledge and tools to support their children's educational journeys. 52 parents of 100 Roma children empowered by responsible parenting skills. In addition to these workshops, tailored support was provided for 40 Roma high school students to address their unique challenges and promote their mental well-being.

To further assist Roma children at risk of dropping out of primary school, 50 sets of school supplies were purchased, ensuring that these students have the necessary materials to engage fully in their education. Additionally, 100 hygiene packages were distributed to Roma families, promoting health and well-being within the community.

Furthermore, four workshops, that gathered 50 participants focused on preventive health care were held, educating participants about essential health practices and encouraging proactive approaches to health management. These initiatives collectively aim to strengthen the Roma community by addressing both educational and health-related needs, fostering a supportive environment for families and youth.

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Zvezdara



How Roma Community participated?

The Roma community actively participated in the Community Action Group (CAG), contributing to the development of the Joint Action Plan. Their membership in the CAG allowed them to play a significant role in shaping strategies and initiatives that address their needs and aspirations.

As a result of this engagement, community members experienced a renewed motivation to participate in various ac-

tivities. This newfound enthusiasm not only strengthened their commitment to the CAG's objectives but also fostered a greater sense of community ownership and empowerment.

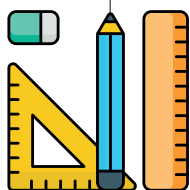
By being involved in the decision-making process, Roma community members are more likely to engage in initiatives that reflect their priorities and contribute to the overall development of their community.

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40

Roma high school pupils supported by additional psychological and pedagogical assistance



50

pupils were awarded school supplies



100

hygienic packages

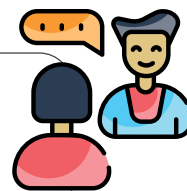
50

chess players in the Roma Chess Club



52

parents empowered by responsible parenting skills



100

Roma children benefited from responsible parenting



50

Roma men and women attended workshops for better healthcare prevention



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