

ROMA PROGRAM

CIVIL INITIATIVES FOR LOCAL POLICY CHANGES

Project Objectives

Organization of initiatives for changing local policy in the field of:

- Desegregation of Roma schools;
- The access to all-day education;
- The access to health cares and introduction of the position of health mediator;
- The issues, associated with the residential policy in Roma neighborhoods.

Project Implementation Tools

Conducting advocacy campaigns on local level in the city of Sofia and the towns of Dupnitsa, Valchedram, Samokov, Pazardzhik, Plovdiv (Stolipinovo), Sliven, Yambol, Burgas, Varna.

Working with advocacy and lobbying consultants.

Project Status

In progress

Project Development

- Establishment and strengthening of a network of 12 Roma Community Centers in the big Roma population neighbourhoods in the country (2000-2005);
- Training for capacity building for conducting advocacy actions and carrying out civil actions for change (2005);
- Development of a pattern for designing and supporting projects for advocacy campaigns in view of changing local policies (2005).

Results

Drawing up a specialized training program on advocacy and lobbying for civil interests and organization of an advocacy campaign.

Information of the centers and their activity – ATT document.

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