



SUPPORT TO ADDRESSING COVID-19 CONSEQUENCES IN SUBSTANDARD SETTLEMENTS



PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 2021



- 2** ONLINE INFO-SESSIONS
- 77** PARTICIPANTS
- 19** LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS
- 26** CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

EVALUATION PROCESS MARCH - APRIL 2021



- 38** PROJECT PROPOSALS
- 33** CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS
- 5** LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CSOs

THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS WAS OPEN FROM 25 JANUARY TO 26 FEBRUARY 2021

RESULTS



- 19** PROJECTS APPROVED
- 7** Šumadija and Western Serbia
- 12** Southern and Eastern Serbia

SWISS PRO CONTRIBUTION: **233,335 EUR**

CO-FUNDING: **9,190 EUR**



THEMATIC AREAS

10
PROJECTS
ACCESS TO
EDUCATION

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PROJECTS
IMPROVING
SANITATION
CONDITIONS



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PROJECTS
ACCESS TO
HEALTH SERVICES

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PROJECTS
WORK SAFETY
AND SUPPORT
FOR LIVELIHOOD
RECOVERY



Through the Swiss PRO Programme, the Government of Switzerland supports local self-governments and civil society organizations to perform projects aimed at mitigating COVID-19 consequences through the **implementation of social inclusion** policies and practices. These projects will enhance access to the rights and fulfilment of the needs of **at least 2000 citizens living in Roma substandard settlements**.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES ACCESS TO EDUCATION

 **10**
PROJECTS

 **395**
BENEFICIARIES

CITY / MUNICIPALITY OF IMPLEMENTATION	LEAD APPLICANT (CSO OR LSG) / IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S)	CONTRIBUTION	PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Bor	Association "Kokoro" Roma initiative for Youth "Gipsy Soul" Centre for Social Work Bor	Swiss PRO 12,793 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,793 EUR	Support for a better tomorrow Improving access to education rights for children and youth from three substandard Roma settlements (Sever, Stari centar and Staro Selište) in Bor through support in learning English, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, IT courses, psychological support, informative-educational workshops and professional orientation which will increase their school achievements and continuing of education as well as their personal, emotional and social maturity.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 80
Vranje	Association "Bakija Bakić" Roma Association "Flower Heart" with support of the City of Niš	Swiss PRO 12,681 EUR Co-funding 1,280 EUR Total Value 13,961 EUR	Providing support for Roma children in maintaining continuity in education during COVID-19 Support to the children in the area of education for 20 Roma children aged 7-14 years, elementary school pupils from substandard settlement in village Pavlovac who have low grades in school and not regularly present in the classroom through mentoring support in mathematics and Serbian language as well as provision of tool for distance learning. In case of online teaching, children will be using wi-fi internet for communication from a local router that will be placed in workshop space. In addition to mentoring support in education for the main school subjects, the intervention includes work with children on fostering their psychological abilities for education such as greater confidence, responsibility and work habits, creativity and socialisation.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 20
Niš	Association for Development of Children and Youth – OPEN CLUB Roma Association "Flower Heart" with support of the City of Niš	Swiss PRO 12,360 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,360 EUR	ON THE WAY TO THE SHELTER Improving access to education rights for children from Niš substandard Roma settlements, especially to so called "street children", through mentoring support in learning, educational and creative workshops and psycho-social assistance for children and their parents. The activities will be performed in the premises of Roma Cultural Centre, owned by the City of Niš, and the intervention represents a transition measure that will lead to establishment of shelter for children. In addition, direct beneficiaries will raise awareness of COVID-19 by increasing knowledge in health workshops and encouraging behavioral change.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 90
Vranje	Centre for Social Integration Vranje City of Vranje	Swiss PRO 12,752 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,752 EUR	Support for Social Cohesion of Roma Children Support to the preschool children in social inclusion for 15 Roma children aged 5-7 years from substandard settlement Raška in Vranje through various workshops with the aim of strengthening their cultural and hygienic competencies, thus facilitate their easier inclusion into preschool or school system. In addition, parents will be also direct beneficiaries since they could actively work with their children through established e-platform with the content of workshops or through printed Manual with explained methodology how to guide their children in gaining the knowledge in creative way.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 30
Novi Pazar	The Muslim Humanitarian Society "Merhamet-Sandžak" The Primary and Secondary School "Vule Antić"	Swiss PRO 12,795 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,795 EUR	Learning and development support for Roma children as a response to COVID-19 Improving access to education for 30 Roma children from substandard settlement Blaževo in Novi Pazar through workshops for gaining digital competencies as well as the supply of IT equipment with the aim of increasing the capacity of Roma children to follow up online schooling and avoid any sort of school drop-out.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 30
Vranje	The Association of Persons with Paraplegia "Vranje" The Primary and Secondary School "Vule Antić"	Swiss PRO 12,775 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,775 EUR	Support in the area of education to Roma children with disabilities living in the substandard settlements in the Pčinja District Improving access to education for 39 Roma school children with developmental disabilities through provision of tools for distance learning and training for better employability.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 39
Trstenik	Municipality of Trstenik Association "Roma Cultural Centre"	Swiss PRO 11,089 EUR Co-funding 1,280 EUR Total Value 12,369 EUR	Support to students of substandard Roma settlements in taking entrance and remedial exams in the municipality of Trstenik during COVID-19 pandemic Improving access to education for 51 Roma children from substandard settlements in Trstenik through online training for taking entrance and correctional exams for primary and secondary school students along with the provision of tools for distance learning. In addition, filming and broadcasting of the promotional film "Roma life in substandard settlements of Trstenik municipality" with the aim of raising awareness of general public on Roma living conditions.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 51

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Vladičin Han	The Association of Roma intellectuals	Swiss PRO 12,769 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,769 EUR	Rebuilding the Socio-Economic Relations in the Roma Community Formal learning through vocational training on processing fruit and vegetable products for 15 Roma youth up to 30 years of age who will receive counselling support to start business in the field of agriculture.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 15
Leskovac	The Romani renewal of the cooperation and alternative - ROSA	Swiss PRO 12,509 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,509 EUR	Economic Empowerment of Roma Men and Women: Improving Employment and Self-Employment Capacities Empowerment of Roma youth through vocational training for 10 Roma youth up to 30 years of age.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 10
Bela Palanka	Romano Drom	Swiss PRO 12,624 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,624 EUR	Support to endangered Roma children in the municipality of Bela Palanka Support in education of 30 Roma school children through provision of tools for distance learning and mentoring support.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 30

IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES ACCESS TO HEALTH

 **4**
PROJECTS

 **1644**
BENEFICIARIES

CITY / MUNICIPALITY OF IMPLEMENTATION	LEAD APPLICANT (CSO OR LSG) / IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S)	CONTRIBUTION	PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
Vrnjačka Banja	Municipality of Vrnjačka Banja Association "KORTEKS"	Swiss PRO 11,089 EUR Co-funding 1,450 EUR Total Value 12,539 EUR	To be Roma Considering poor hygienic situation in substandard Roma settlements in villages Vrnjci, Gračac and Podunavci, ten most vulnerable Roma families with 52 family members will be provided with boilers and washing machines that will contribute to the improved health protection of the families; 69 children from final grade at primary school will be supported with provision of distance learning tools and mentoring support; organisation of the public health workshops on COVID-19, public and personal health measures along with regular visits and consultations with health mediator.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 171
Novi Pazar	City of Novi Pazar Association "Open hand"	Swiss PRO 12,369 EUR Co-funding 1,565 EUR Total Value 13,934 EUR	Improving the provision of health services in Roma settlement Blaževo in Novi Pazar Improving the provision of health services in Roma settlement Blaževo in Novi Pazar for 72 Roma families (almost 400 family members) through medical examinations, lectures and provision of hygiene packages.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 393
Kruševac	Health Workers Association of National Association of Rasina District Roma Association "Romani Cikna"	Swiss PRO 12,228 EUR Co-funding 391 EUR Total Value 12,619 EUR	We also Have a Right to Lead a Healthy Life! Improving access to health and social protection services and raising awareness of COVID-19 and encouraging behaviour change for 30 families from substandard settlement in Kruševac. They will be informed and trained how to use digital technology with the aim of easier access to health and social protection services while direct counselling will be provided by expert team consists of social worker, psychologist, doctor and nutritionist. Medical examinations will be provided for elderly and chronic patients while the health mediator will conduct regular field visits.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 80
Valjevo 20 LGs	Association of Coordinators for Roma Issues	Swiss PRO 10,869 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 10,869 EUR	Immunisation for Inclusion Support in immunisation process of Roma citizens living in informal settlements in 20 cities and municipalities.	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 1000

IMPROVING SANITATION CONDITIONS

 **3**
PROJECTS

 **373**
BENEFICIARIES

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Kragujevac	Global Centre for Integration Kragujevac City of Kragujevac	Swiss PRO 12,637 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,637 EUR	Together for a healthier and tidier life for Roma in Korman Improving the sanitation conditions for 23 Roma households in substandard settlement Korman near Kragujevac through cleaning and removing garbage from the settlement, provision of waste containers, waste bins and waste bags in coordination with PUC "Šumadija", complete disinfection, dissection and deratization in cooperation with the Institute of Public Health and improving access to the settlements by securing the existing bridge with handrails on both sides. In addition, the residents will be educated on health and socio-economic issues as well as on the importance of health and hygiene for health, especially in terms of COVID-19 pandemic.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 70
Lebane	YUROM Centre Roma Association "Avutnipe", Lebane	Swiss PRO 10,833 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 10,833 EUR	Water and Sewage, in the first place! Improving the sanitation conditions by ensuring access to water for the residents of four Roma settlements in Lebane (Bošnjaci 1, Bošnjaci 2, villages Čenovac and Štulac) by developing technical documentation for water supply and sewage systems.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 283
Zaječar	Roma Association Zaječar City of Zaječar Public Health Institute "Timok" Zaječar	Swiss PRO 12,763 EUR Co-funding 2,175 EUR Total Value 14,938 EUR	Health Connects Us! Improving sanitation and health conditions by ensuring access to water for the residents of four Roma families in village settlement Rgotina through construction works for a permanent connection to the water supply network in coordination with PUC "Vodovod", construction of four bathrooms and four septic tanks.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 20

WORK SAFETY AND SUPPORT FOR LIVELIHOOD RECOVERY

 **2**
PROJECTS

 **68**
BENEFICIARIES

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Leskovac	Vučje-Porečje	Swiss PRO 12,733 EUR Co-funding - Total Value 12,733 EUR	Even after the pandemic, we are staying with collectors Improvement of work safety and support for livelihood recovery for 53 Roma waste collectors from substandard settlement Podvrće through the donation of a complete package of protective equipment and by increasing their income through provision of one baling press, which will increase the price of secondary materials. In addition, the beneficiaries will be motivated to establish or join already formed association of collectors in order to legalise their work and improve labour status in terms of pension contribution.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 53
Niš and Pirot	Republic Union of Waste Collectors Association "Amala" from Niš Association "Amala 1" from Pirot	Swiss PRO 12,667 EUR Co-funding 1,049 EUR Total Value 13,716 EUR	Business instead of garbage Establishment of a new innovative way of waste collection through web-platform odnesi.com (takeaway.com) which will ensure the collection of larger quantities of recycled materials in a safe way for human health as well as livelihood recovery for at least 15 waste collectors from substandard settlements in Niš and Pirot who will use equipment for recycling within the Recycling Centres in Niš and Pirot, formed by the Republic Union of Waste Collectors. Finally, it will create opportunities for the transition of collectors to legal flows of economic activities and better waste management system.
			NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 15

Total Swiss PRO contribution

EUR 233,335

Total co-funding

EUR 9,190

TOTAL FUNDING:

EUR 242,525