Pilot Project
European Child Guarantee in Bulgaria

Interim Report *October 2020 – March 2022*

3 supported groups:

- Children with disabilities and developmental difficulties
- Children from marginalized Roma communities
- Children in precarious family situations

4 types of services:

- Home visiting for provision of individualised support to families with children under 3 years of age
- A system approach to early childhood intervention for families with young children with disabilities and developmental difficulties
- Quality inclusive pre-school education for children with disabilities and learning difficulties
- Outreach child- and family-centred preventive and support services to children in precarious family situations and their families



- **48% of children** under three years of age in the region of Sliven were covered by the home visiting service
- **15,734** home visits were conducted
- **3,206 families with 3,879 children** aged 0 to 3 received individualised support
- **804 pregnant women g**ot access to prenatal care
- **491 babies** of nine months of age and 538 children of 18 months of age underwent ASQ-3 child development screening



- **196 parents and 186 children** were covered by the Early Childhood Intervention teams, and 33 of those families received intensive support
- **99 specialists** in the area of ECI, including general practitioners, home visiting nurses, healthcare professionals attended training to conduct screening
- **9 additional specialists** were hired and three mobile teams for ECI were established
- 31 specialists took **84 hours** of intensive training in ECI



- **6,586 children** from wich 193 with special educational needs in 30 kindergartens with access to improved inclusive education
- **489** directors, teachers and specialists attended a multi-modular training programme
- **44 additional specialists** were hired – speech therapists, psychologistsand special education teachers
- 65 members of staff of three RCSIE took additional trainings
- **30 kindergartens** implemented small projects to improve the environment for children



- **7 mobile teams** with a total of 22 newly-hired social workers and assistants were established
- **2,066 children** and **1,482** parents in vulnerable situations were mapped
- Intense case work in the cases of **381 children** and **238** parents
- Provided access to education and healthcare to **281 children**, provided access to social assistance benefits and other services to **435** parents
- **11 additional social workers** joined the teams of 10 CPDs, who received trainings
- Intensive training for a total of **67 social workers** and assistants

768 Professionals, from diverse sectors, trained and with strengthened capacity — Supported

- **13,180** children
- **5357** parents and caregivers
- **15,734** home visits of pregnant women and children under three years of age

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