Integrated services for Roma children in Bulgaria

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National Action Plan

Reduce child poverty
A key national priority

Long-term vision
Integrated approach

Access to services
Specific target groups, including Roma
Various measures at national, regional and local level
National Action Plan

**Nutrition**
- Healthy nutrition

**Healthcare**
- Quality healthcare

**Housing**
- Appropriate housing

**Inclusion**
- Early childhood education and care

**School**
- Inclusive education and school activities

**Employment**
- Employment and financial support for families
ESF+ - significant contribution to child well-being

2021-2027
Education Programme and Human Resources Development Programme

Budget
€41.5 MLN under the HRDP for the European Child Guarantee

Services
Pre-school and school education
Early childhood development
Early intervention for disabilities
Access to health & education

Results
At least 40,000 children supported through services
Early Childhood Development

EUR 36 345 000

Early Childhood Development Services Operation
Early Childhood Development

Step up on the base of the Social Inclusion Project (World Bank)

Pedagogical training for school readiness
Pedagogical support for children with disabilities

Parenting skills development
Foster kindergarten inclusion

Early disability intervention
Better access to health care and health promotion

Early Childhood Development Services Operation
EU Child Guarantee Pilot Project

Outreach
Burgas
Sliven
Stara Zagora

Objectives
Better living conditions
Increase access to integrated services

Target groups
Children with disabilities
Children in precarious family situations (Roma)

Components
Home visiting for parents of children (0-3 years)
Early childhood intervention
Inclusive pre-school education
Prevention and support
Support to families with young children
(focus on Roma)

1. Target groups
   - Families with children (0-3 years)
   - Pregnant women

2. Activities
   - Home visits by qualified nurses
   - Individual support

3. Services
   - Identification of developmental difficulties
   - Various services
Key results

Visits
12,663 home visits
3,402 families with individualized support

Support
691 pregnant women with access to prenatal care
735 children with health screening
The Prevention and Support Services

Objective
Better capacity for family support social services
Mobile teams for children and families support (Roma focus)

Services
Individual counselling
Better access to social assistance, child protection, healthcare, education

Activities
Mapping and family needs assessment
Integrated support

Key results
7 mobile teams cover 10 municipalities
1,638 children and 1,223 parents supported
Over 600 children & parents with access to services
Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

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