



**Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Republic of Montenegro
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

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Project for Enhancing Social Development and Greater Social Inclusion of Roma Population

What: The Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro will sign tomorrow a **Memorandum of Understanding concerning cooperation on enhancing of social development and greater social inclusion of Roma population.**

This initiative is a part of a regional project which is implemented in Serbia, Kosovo - UN administered territory under UN Security Council Resolution 1244 and Montenegro, titled "Improving institutional capacity and monitoring capabilities at central and local level for decreasing vulnerability of Roma in Western Balkans". The project is financed by the Swedish Agency for International Development (SIDA) and the UNDP Montenegro.

The amount of funds at disposal for implementation of this two-years project is cca € 500,000, and its general aim is to reduce the poverty of domicile Roma population in targeted municipalities (Berane, Nikšić, Bar) through sustainable social inclusion, improved employment opportunities and improved development possibilities. Two key fields for project activities will be social protection and employment.

Within the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, the UNDP's key partners in this project will be Centers for Social Welfare, the Employment Agency i.e. its Employment Bureaus and nongovernmental organizations dealing with the problems of Roma population.

The Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by:

Docent Dr. Miodrag Radunović, Minister of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Republic of Montenegro
Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro

When: Monday, October 8th, at noon
Where: Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, Hall No. 5, Podgorica, Montenegro

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