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Presentation of supported social services in three pilot municipalities – Nikšić, Bar and Bijelo Polje

What: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro, in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare will organize a round table with an aim to present supported community based social services in three pilot municipalities - Nikšić, Bar and Bijelo Polje, within the framework of the IPA 2010 Project: “Reform of the Social Welfare and Child Care System – Enhancing Social Inclusion in Montenegro” funded by the EU.

Speakers at the opening of the Round Table will be:

Suad Numanović, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare in the Government of Montenegro
Dawn Adie-Baird, Task Manager at the Delegation of the EU to Montenegro
Rastislav Vrbensky, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro

Supported social services will be presented by:

Nebojša Radojičić, Mayor of Nikšić
Dragan Simović, Deputy Mayor of Bar
Tufik Bojadžić, Deputy Mayor of Bijelo Polje

When: Wednesday, 23 November 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Podgorica Hotel, Podgorica

The presentation of social services will be followed by a session dedicated to the discussion on challenges, opportunities and future steps in the implementation of community based social services. Participants in the round table will be representatives of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, EU Delegation to Montenegro, UNDP, representatives of municipalities Bar, Nikšić and Bijelo Polje, supported service providers, representatives of the Union of municipalities of Montenegro, UNICEF, CRNVO, FaKT, etc.

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Within the framework of the project and through competitive grant application process, UNDP will support 12 social services whose beneficiaries will be persons with disabilities, young people and families at risk, psychoactive substances addicts, elderly people in urban and rural areas, women victims of domestic violence and single mothers. The support to socially vulnerable categories of citizens will be provided through different types of services such as daily care centers, support and mediation in employment, home visits, psycho-social support, re-socialization etc.. The following institutions and organizations are grant recipients responsible for the implementation of the mentioned services: Social Welfare Center of Nikšić, Plužine and Šavnik; Association of the blind of Nikšić, Plužine and Šavnik; Association for help to persons with disabilities of Nikšić; Red Cross Nikšić; SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence of Nikšić; NGO Preporod of Nikšić, NGO Humanitarac of Nikšić, NGO Association of plegics of Nikšić, Association of paraplegics of Bijelo Polje and Mojkovac; SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence of Bijelo Polje; Public Institution Center for support to children and families of Bijelo Polje; NGO Women for better tomorrow of Bijelo Polje; Red Cross Bar and NGO Adria Bar.

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The project is funded by the EU with 3 million Euros, and is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and the Ministry of Education and Sports, with technical and expert support from the UNDP and the UNICEF in Montenegro. It is comprised of three components: 1) Inclusive education services; 2) Social welfare reform and 3) Child Care System Reform, and it aims at establishing a comprehensive, inclusive and sustainable social and child welfare system. UNDP implements component No. 2 worth 1.3mil Euro dealing with Social welfare reform.

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