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Montenegro

Decreasing Vulnerability of Roma

“Improving institutional capacity and monitoring capabilities at central and local level for decreasing vulnerability of Roma in Western Balkans” is a regional project which intends to decrease vulnerability and human security risks Roma are facing through improving their access to social services and development opportunities. The project involves both central and local levels, it engages Roma NGOs as representatives of Roma communities, and is being implemented in the interrelated priority areas of social security, welfare system and employment.

The overall objective for Montenegro component is to reduce poverty of the targeted Roma for 25-30% ensuring improved and sustainable social inclusion, better employment and development opportunities. Wider project impacts are development of enhanced local, vulnerable groups oriented social security system and development of an environment supportive of disadvantaged Roma to improve their life quality with own endeavours.

The project impacts human rights and poverty reduction but it exceeds to democracy and good governance, women empowerment, social and human development, social security for inclusion and employment opportunities.

Corporate thematic area/Relevant cross-cutting themes

Social Inclusion / poverty reduction but it impacts the human rights and women empowerment

Project status

Operational

Location

Serbia, Montenegro and the UN Administered province of Kosovo.

Montenegro component is implemented in the municipalities of Berane, Nikšić and Bar.

Project duration

January 1st 2007 – 31st December 2010

UNDP Project Officer in charge

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Donors/Major sources of financing

SIDA, USD 1,009,068 (for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010)

Partners

Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare (through Centres for Social Welfare), Ms. Snežana Mijušković – Deputy Minister; Employment Agency (through Employment Bureaus), Ms. Nevena Šuković – Project Coordinator; Implementing NGOs: Coalition of NGOs “Romski krug”, Mr. Sokolj Beganaj - Coordinator; “Početak”, Mr. Veselj Beganaj – Director; “Enfants”, Mr. Smail Pepić – Director; “Mladi Romi”, Mr. Samir Jaha – Executive Director, “SOS telefon za žene i djecu žrtve nasilja, Nikšić”; Ms. Nataša Međedović-Programme Coordinator, “Starobarani”, Mr. Jašar Badžović-Coordinator.

Delivery in previous fiscal years

USD 278,461

Interim results and evaluation reports

N/A

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