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European Support for Roma Inclusion - Project results in the field of housing

Strengthening National Capacities for Sustainable Housing



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Project Objective:

To support the implementation of the Strategy for Improvement of the Status of Roma in the Republic of Serbia in the areas of access to basic rights and civil participation, labor market, education, health, social welfare, adequate housing and job creation through technical assistance for the realization of the Government of Serbia's Sector Fiche for social development (Measure 5).



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- Result 1: Access of Roma to Basic Rights Improved
- Result 2: Joint Mobile Units for Roma Inclusion Created, Equipped and Functional for Effective and Efficient Field Work
- Result 3: Roma Civil Society Organizations' Capacity Strengthened to Actively Engage in Civic Initiatives
- Result 4: Drop-out Prevention Programmes for Roma Children Rolled Out to all Parts of the Country
- **Result 5: Regulatory Preparations in Place for Infrastructural Improvement of Housing Conditions**
- Result 6: Enterprises with Potential for Offering Sustainable Employment Opportunities for Roma Supported



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HOUSING COMPONENT:

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Objectives:

- Support to Local Self – Governments in upgrading and regularization of substandard Roma settlements through the development of technical documentation needed for application for IPA2013 funds.
- Support to the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure in creating the preconditions for efficient and effective monitoring of status of substandard Roma settlements, in order to be able to plan future investments at the national level.



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HOUSING COMPONENT:

1. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR MONITORING THE STATUS OF SUBSTANDARD ROMA SETTLEMENTS
2. DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS
3. DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN PLANS FOR SUBSTANDARD ROMA SETTLEMENTS
4. DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF SUBSTANDARD ROMA SETTLEMENTS IN PILOT MUNICIPALITIES
5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION FOR UPGRADING OF SETTLEMENTS



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NORTH:

Sombor, Odžaci, Novi Sad, Kovin, Pančevo

BELGRADE:

Palilula, Zvezdara

WEST:

Koceljeva, Valjevo

EAST:

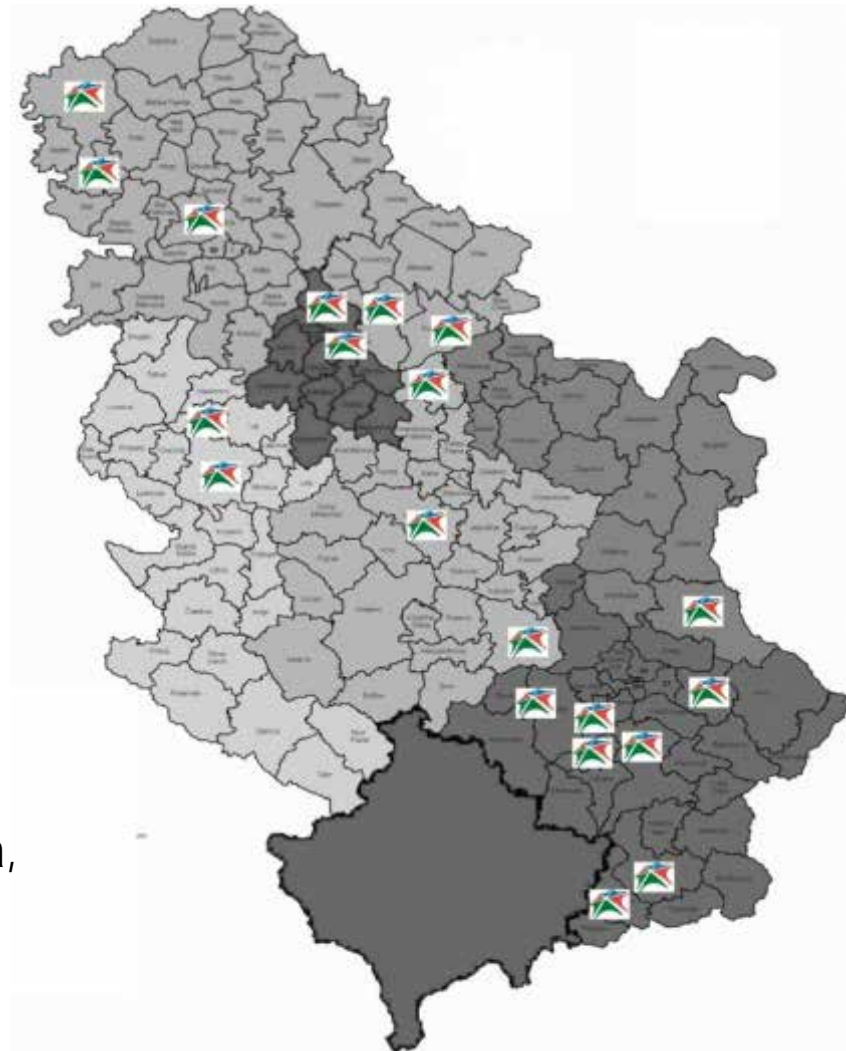
Knjaževac

CENTER:

Kruševac, Smederevo, Kragujevac

SOUTH:

Bujanovac, Leskovac, Bojnik, Bela Palanka,
Vranje, Prokuplje, Žitoradja





1. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

GIS FOR MONITORING OF THE SITUATION IN SUBSTANDARD ROMA SETTLEMENTS: all the substandard Roma settlements in Serbia were mapped (583 in total). System is in the ownership of the **Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure**, and will serve as the basis for long term strategies for regularization, upgrading and improvement of housing in substandard settlements, IPA programming and other national level projects.

System will integrate data from existing databases:

- **National census from 2011** – data on substandard housing units and households;
- **National Registry of Spatial Units** – administrative boundaries;
- **Local self - governments** – data on existing urban plans, infrastructure, etc.



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2. DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS:

DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE MODELS FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS IN ROMA SETTLEMENTS:

- Housing models that were used in Serbia so far were analyzed and evaluated, through consultations with relevant national and local institutions and departments, Roma coordinators and Roma CSOs.





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2. DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS:

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING MODELS FOR SUBSTANDARD ROMA SETTLEMENTS:

- Through further consultations with relevant actors from local and national levels, guidelines for implementation of models were developed, containing conceptual design, description of necessary steps to be taken, institution that need to be involved, timelines and rough budget estimations.





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3. DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN PLANS:

IN 11 MUNICIPALITIES, FOR 13 SETTLEMENTS IN TOTAL:

Plans of Detailed Regulation: Vranje, Leskovac, Bojnik, Bela Palanka (3 plans), Kragujevac, Kruševac, Sombor.

Plans of General Regulation: Odžaci, Pančevo, Valjevo, Knjaževac.

Enhancing local capacities:

Local public urban planning enterprises were contracted to develop urban plans for substandard Roma settlements in their respective cities/municipalities.

Full participation of local communities for which plans are developed:

- Formation of settlement committees, involvement of women, regular meetings of planners and relevant local government departments with settlement committees, etc.

Next steps:

- 6 plans completed and adopted. 7 plans to be completed shortly.





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4. DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF SUBSTANDARD ROMA SETTLEMENTS IN PILOT MUNICIPALITIES :

OBJECTIVE: To collect data on all the settlements in pilot municipalities – spatial characteristics, socio – economic profiles of households, etc. in order to precisely define the list of priorities for interventions to be funded through IPA 2013.

- **EHO – RCC** was selected as the implementation partner.
- **Obrenovac** was added into assessment after the catastrophic floods in May 2014.





5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION FOR IPA 2013:

- Selection of priorities based on the analysis of the situation in substandard Roma settlements and consultations with LSGs;
- Infrastructure projects (water, sewage, road network, etc), projects for flood protection (embankments, defence against ground water, drainage, etc.), projects for construction of workshops and residential buildings.
- SET company from Sabac selected to provide 16 sets of technical documentation in 15 municipalities.
- Support for towns and municipalities in applying for IPA 2013 funds for the construction of the designed facilities and infrastructure.



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