

# RESULTS OF PROJECTS

# for Socially Integrated Services of Civil Society Organisations

in Partnership with Local Institutions





20

IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

13

in South and East Serbia

7

IN ŠUMADIJA AND WEST SERBIA



The projects were implemented from October 2023 to November 2024

PROGRAMME'S CONTRIBUTION

283,419 EUR



**BENEFICIARIES** 

6,315



### **SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE GROUPS**



3,738

WOMEN (59%)



2,778

ROMA (44%)



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (2.8%)



AND YOUTH (27%)



PERSONS ENTITLED TO SUPPORT UNDER THE SOCIAL PROTECTION LAW (23%)

### THEMATIC AREAS

8 PROJECTS

Social Protection, Education and Health

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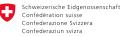
Education and Health

Through the PRO programme, the Government of Switzerland supported civil society organisations (CSOs) in implementing socially integrated services in partnership with local institutions, addressing the needs of vulnerable groups and promoting their social inclusion, thereby improving the status of vulnerable groups in local communities.



The "PRO - Local Governance for People and Nature" Programme is jointly implemented by United Nations agencies in Serbia – UNOPS, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNEP – in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Serbia and with financial support from the Government of Switzerland. The Programme will directly support 20 local civil society organisations in implementing socially integrated projects addressing the needs of over 6,000 citizens from vulnerable groups at the local level.

















# SOCIAL PROTECTION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH





MUNICIPALITY/CITY /IMPLEMENTATION SITE

LEAD CSO/PARTNER(S

PROGRAMME

PROJECT NAME/BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bor

#### "Kokoro" Association

Bor Social Welfare Centre "Bora Stanković" High School Bor Health Centre Total Value

14,987 EUR

14,400 EUR

### **Together without Violence**

With a view to preventing risky behaviours among young people and parents from families with disrupted relations registered with the Social Welfare Centre, a total of 670 young people and 64 parents were empowered with the support of a cross-sectoral team at the Counselling Centre for Advisory-Therapeutic and Educational Services. As an added value, 45 professionals from local institutions and 20 volunteers completed accredited training, entitled "Prohibition of Corporal Punishment and Positive Parenting Skills", to enhance their competencies for the practical implementation of preventive programmes.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

700

### Bujanovac

### Association of Roma Women Bujanovac

Bujanovac Social Welfare Centre

Buianovac Health Centre

Bujanovac Municipality

"Branko Radičević" Primary School

Human Rights Committee -

Safe Space Bujanovac

A total of 270 children and parents received support with a view to preventing early marriages through the "Safe Space" Counselling Centre, which extends its services every workday. In terms of sustainability, a Local Team for the Prevention of Child Marriages, comprising representatives of key actors (Social Welfare Centre, local government, police, Health Centre, schools, SOS hotline and civil sector), was established to continue providing support through a cross-sectoral approach.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIE

332

### Zaječar

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### Roma Society Association Zaječar

Zaiečar Social Welfare Centre

Total Value

14,960 EUR

### Healthy Child - Healthy Family!

Early intervention services were provided to a total of 42 Roma children under six with certain developmental problems and living with their families in rural Roma settlements in the villages of Avramica, Veliki Izvor, Rgotina, and Vratarnica. The early intervention team, comprising a social worker, health mediator, and psychologist, continuously worked with the children and parents individually and in groups. The support resulted in the children's emotional stability and improved communication skills, positively affecting their social relationships.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

80

### Ivanjica

### Ivanjica Cerebral Palsy and Poliomyelitis Society

"Prof Dr Nedeljko Košanin" Primary School Total Value

13,436 EUR

### **Equal Access**

Inclusive education has been improved thanks to the introduction of multi-sectoral advisory-therapeutic and social services in active work not only with children with disabilities and developmental difficulties and their parents, but also with teachers of two primary schools and paediatricians working in the Health Centre in the rural areas of Ivanjica. An Inclusive Education Rulebook was developed and the municipality established a Municipal Council for Inclusive Education, bringing together all relevant stakeholders in service provision.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

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### Kragujevac

### Serbian-Roma Civic Association "Integrative Global Centre"

Workers Health Care Institute "19th October" Primary School Total Value

14,579 EUR

### **Better and Higher Quality Life through Prevention**

A total of 561 Roma on welfare or lacking health insurance, especially school-aged children in rural areas, gained better access to healthcare services involving preventive and specialised examinations, referrals for further treatment, and workshops on medical and social insurance rights and on mental health preservation and improvement.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

561

### Kruševac

Association of Health Professionals of the National Association of the Rasina District

Kruševac General Hospital "Dragomir Marković Primary Total Value

14,596 EUR

### **RoMala Counselling Centre**

The establishment of a Counselling Centre in the substandard Roma settlement Marko Orlović in Kruševac, inhabited by over 2,500 people, helped raise awareness of reproductive health and reduce the number of adolescent pregnancies. Partnership with the General Hospital enabled over 150 Roma women to improve their reproductive health, while partnership with the educational sector motivated young Roma to continue their education.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

258

### Niš

### Digital Inclusion Centre

Social Protection Services
Centre "Mara"

Food bank

### Total Value

14,860 EUR

### Involve Yourself!

The integrated digital web platform "Resource Centre" has contributed to the social inclusion of over 1,500 beneficiaries from various vulnerable groups by improving their employment opportunities, access to educational programmes, use of public services, and offering them digital literacy training. Additionally, the "I Have-I Don't Have" app has established a sustainable mechanism for humanitarian donations by citizens and organisations, providing food, clothing, or furniture for vulnerable groups, and currently supporting over 450 families.

### NUMBED OF BENEFICIADIES

1,871

PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTION PROJECT NAME/BRIEF DESCRIPTION

**Novi Pazar** 

Moslem Humanitarian Society "Merhamet – Sandžak"

City of Novi Pazar

Total Value

14,290 EUR

### **Nexus Connect: Empowering Communities**

The digital integrated platform with relevant information about education, the health system and social protection facilitated access to information and services for vulnerable groups and empowered individuals to make informed decisions about their welfare. At the institutional level, the platform has improved the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery, promoting better collaboration between the civil sector and local institutions to achieve the best outcomes for service users.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

101

## SOCIAL PROTECTION AND EDUCATION





MUNICIPALITY/CITY /IMPLEMENTATION SITE LEAD CSO/PARTNER(S)

PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTION PROJECT NAME/BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Babušnica

### Roma Association "Zora"

Pirot,
Babušnica,
Bela Palanka
and Dimitroygrad

Pirot (District) Social Welfare

"Dobrinka Bogdanović" Primary School

"Vuk Karadžić" High School

Total Classroom of Knowledge, Support and Hope

14,987 EUR

A multisectoral approach involving the Social Welfare Centre, school dormitories, and the civil sector prevented children from 11 socio-economically disadvantaged families from dropping out of school by jointly supporting their admission to dormitories for

from dropping out of school by jointly supporting their admission to dormitories for primary and secondary school students, thus facilitating their access to quality, free and safe education. Additionally, primary school education has been improved by the establishment of an e-Classroom and the introduction of extracurricular programmes.

NUMBED OF BENEFICIADIES

70

### **Čajetina**

### **Zlatibor Circle**

Municipality of Čajetina
Three primary schools
One secondary school
Čajetina Social Welfare Centre

Total Value

12,730 EUR

### Bridge

Intersectoral cooperation in preventing risky behaviours among children and youth has been enhanced by establishing a Counselling Centre and engaging a multisectoral team comprising a psychologist, social worker and pedagogue. In addition to individual counselling, the professionals held workshops on prevention of school violence. The municipality continues to fund the psychologist's services, while the school will provide premises for the Counselling Centre.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

284

## SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HEALTH





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LEAD CSO/PARTNER(S)

PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTION PROJECT NAME/BRIEF DESCRIPTION

### Vlasotince

### Education Centre

Vlasotince Health Centre

"OSMEH"

Value

14,580 EUR

### Improved Cooperation of the Social and Health Systems in the Vlasotince Municipality

The integrated social and healthcare service is extended jointly by the Health Centre, which provides domiciliary care and treatment for palliative patients, and the lead civil society organisation, a licensed provider of domiciliary care services to individuals not covered by the healthcare system. This integrated service has supported 21 terminally-ill individuals and improved hygiene conditions in the homes of 30 elderly patients. Additionally, a significant number of caregivers have been trained to work with palliative patients.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

73

### Leskovac

### Vučje-Porečje

Leskovac Social Welfare

Roma Cultural Centre

Total Value

14,987 EUR

### Strengthening Intersectoral Cooperation to Improve the Status of Waste Pickers

Improvement of the health status of waste pickers has been achieved through workshops on proper handling of hazardous waste, occupational safety, regular free medical check-ups at the Health Centre and the provision of protection equipment. The sustainability of the measure will be ensured by its inclusion in the Local Waste Management Action Plan, which will improve the status of waste pickers in the long term.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

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### Leskovac

### Leskovac Roma Women

Leskovac Social Welfare Centre Total Value

14,973 EUR

### Roma Women – for a Life without Violence

Over 250 Roma women have been empowered to recognise and report domestic or partner violence through an extensive campaign and education on gender-based violence in seven Roma settlements in Leskovac. Five Roma women were assisted in pursuing the prosecution of their abusers with the direct support of the Social Welfare Centre.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

25

### Leskovac

Leskovac, Surdulica, Vranje and Lebane

### ROSA – Roma Revival, Cooperation and Alternative

Leskovac Social Welfare

### Total Value

14,986 EUR

### Fight against Drugs - Fight for Life - Don't Get Hooked

More than 300 young Roma living in substandard settlements attended educational workshops aimed at raising awareness of drug abuse and promoting healthy lifestyle habits. Following its success in Leskovac, the implementation of the measure has been extended to three neighbouring municipalities. In addition to the Social Welfare Centre and the Health Centre, the Leskovac Police Administration played an active role, increasing control in the settlements and arresting five drug dealers. The association became a member of the city's Committee for Combating Drug Addiction and Substance Abuse to advocate the inclusion of this measure in the Local Action Plan for Roma.

#### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

**370** 

#### Niš

### **YUROM Centre**

Mental Health Institute
City Education
Administration
Public Health Institute

Niš Social Welfare Centre

### Total Value

14,949 EUR

### **Open Your Eyes!**

A total of 159 families with youth members abusing psychoactive substances received support from the Counselling Centre for referrals and therapeutic services, accompanied by an extensive anti-drug information campaign. This project service has been included in the City of Niš 2024-2027 Roma Inclusion Action Plan, with the city authorities allocating funds for its implementation over the next two years.

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### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

777

### Smederevo

Smederevo Cerebral Palsy and Poliomyelitis Society

"Sveti Luka" General Hospital

Total Value

### 12,960 EUR

### Mens Sana in Corpore Sano

Physical therapy has been introduced for individuals suffering from cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy who cannot afford this kind of service, wherefore it has been classified as a social protection service. The service has improved the quality of life of 30 beneficiaries, in particular, reduced their pain and improved their mobility. This service has been included in the Local Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities to ensure its continued provision.

#### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

30

### Ćuprija

### **Ćuprija Red Cross**

Health Centre Ćuprija Social Welfare Centre Total Value

### 14,288 EUR

### **Family Empowerment Corner**

The Family Counselling Centre, located in the Health Centre, provided support to over 30 families in crisis situations through an integrated approach by social and healthcare institutions (involving a psychologist, social worker, nutritionist, physician, and a pedagogue specialising in working with children with disabilities). Special attention was devoted to families reporting domestic violence, families with ill household members, Roma families, and perpetrators of peer violence. Additionally, workshops on health topics were organised for students, while a significant number of professionals received additional training to work with at-risk families.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

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### Užice

Užice Muscular Dystrophy Association

City of Užice

Užice Social Welfare Centre

Total Value

14,568 EUR

### Inclusive Centre

Social protection services for persons with disabilities were improved by the introduction of three additional health-related programmes, improving the social inclusion of 29 families with children and youth with developmental disabilities by fostering their independence and helping them acquire new skills. The City of Užice has continued to fund this service.

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# EDUCATION AND HEALTH





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PROJECT NAME/BRIEF DESCRIPTIO

### Vranje

Vranje, Bujanovac, Vladičin Han and Surdulica

### AD CSO/PARTNER(S)

Association Supporting Persons with Autism "Speak Loudly"

"Vule Antić" Primary and Secondary School

### Total Value

14,987 EUR

### **Empowering Children and Parents for Challenges Caused by Autism**

This intervention strengthened the capacity of school professionals to work with children on the autism spectrum. Comprehensive programmes—including sports, music and psychological support—benefited 50 children with autism and their parents. The programme has been integrated into the school's curriculum, as the school specialises in education of children with developmental difficulties.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

155

### Vranie

### Social Integration Centre

"Dositej Obradović" Primary School

Vranje Public Health Institute Local Anti-Trafficking Network - Vranje Total Value

14,996 EUR

### Corner of Trust

The establishment of the educational and information centre "Corner of Trust" within the school has helped the school's psychological-pedagogical team to provide individual and team-based assistance to children and their parents from marginalised groups in collaboration with the Public Health Institute. The Centre addresses challenging individual situations and prevents risks during puberty, such as peer pressure to use drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, peer violence and various forms of discrimination. The service continues to be offered as part of the school's regular programme.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

175