

# SUPPORT TO LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS

in Establishment of Local Coordination Mechanism to Protect Waste Pickers' Livelihoods

## PUBLIC CALL RESULTS



PROGRAMME SUPPORT  
**234,566 euros**

### Three values of financial support:

18,500, 22,500 and 44,500 Euros - depending on the number of household members of waste pickers residing in the territory of the local self-government, as well as the need to support the priority group with residence on the territory of other local self-governments



PROJECT DURATION  
**22 months**



### The objective of support:

To contribute to improved position and enhance access to rights for informal waste pickers in the context of modernisation of the waste management system



PROJECTS AWARDED  
**10**



### REGIONS

- 7** Vojvodina
- 2** Šumadija and Zapadna Srbija
- 1** Belgrade



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES  
**431**

### Support to the national Solid Waste Programme in Serbia

The Programme "PRO - Local Governance for People and Nature" is jointly implemented by the United Nations organisations in Serbia - UNOPS, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNEP, in cooperation with the Serbian Government, and with the financial support of the Government of Switzerland.

Considering that the Programme is designed to, among other things, enhance environmental governance and contribute to improving the quality of life of citizens, especially left-behind groups, in collaboration with the donor it was agreed to provide support to national Solid Waste Programme in Serbia, through this Programme within which the social measures to improve the position of informal waste pickers will be implemented.

The Solid Waste Programme will upgrade Serbia's waste management system through the closure of 15 municipal dumpsites and development of six regional waste management centres. Due to this, many informal waste pickers face the loss of their livelihoods, and in this regard the Programme "PRO - Local Governance for People and Nature" will provide support with the aim of improving the recovery of livelihoods and access to public services relevant to social inclusion (health, education and social protection).

## SUPPORT TO LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS IN ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL COORDINATION MECHANISM TO PROTECT WASTE PICKERS' LIVELIHOODS

MUNICIPALITY / AREA OF IMPLEMENTATION	PARTNERS	PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTION	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT
<b>BAČ</b>	Centre for Social Welfare National Employment Service Public utility company Roma Association	Total Value <b>18,460 EUR</b>	Besides institutional support through a local coordination mechanism (LCM) and engagement of a new person as Family Supporter (FS), the vocational training will be organised in accordance with the local labour market needs. At the policy level, new measures addressing the needs of waste pickers, mapped through a participatory process, will be included into the new Local Action Plan for Roma Inclusion 2024 - 2026 and Programme for Improvement of Social Protection. <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 42</b>
<b>LOZNICA</b>	Centre for Social Welfare National Employment Service Public utility company "Naš dom" OSD "Svetionik"	Total Value <b>18,460 EUR</b>	Besides engagement of FS, LG Loznica will use the existing resource i.e. Coordinating body for Roma Inclusion as LCM while the existing Mobile Team for Roma Inclusion will support outreach activities. The local community will be engaged through focus groups with local businesses, waste pickers and local institutions. Findings will be base for adoption of the Operational Plan for social inclusion of waste pickers and their families. Targeted individual waste pickers will be included in the employment programme related to the future recycling transfer station for waste separation. <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 65</b>
<b>VALJEVO VLADIMIRCI</b>	Centre for Social Welfare National Employment Service Red Cross Roma Association	Total Value <b>22,152 EUR</b>	Besides institutional support through a LCM and engagement of full-time FS, who will also support a priority target group in neighbouring municipality of Vladimirci, the focus will be on employment solutions for waste pickers in cooperation with the Business Council of the City of Valjevo that gathers more than 25 strong local businesses. Moreover, the expert support will be provided for development of individual employment plans for each working age family member of the target group. <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 35</b>
<b>KULA MALI IĐOŠ VRBAS</b>	Centre for Social Welfare National Employment Service Health Centre	Total Value <b>22,152 EUR</b>	Besides establishment of LCM, two local employees will overtake the roles of Family Assistants having in mind their previous experience in working with Roma population and project management, especially having in mind that LG Kula will support families in neighbouring municipalities Mali Idoš and Vrbas. Training on career development will be organised for the working age family members of the priority group. New measures related to social inclusion of waste pickers, determined through participatory approach, will be included into Local Action Plan for Roma Inclusion. <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 30</b>
<b>ŠID</b>	Centre for Social Welfare Public utility company "Standard" Health Centre	Total Value <b>21,215 EUR</b>	Besides establishment of LCM and engagement of full-time FS, the proposal envisages organisation of training modules related to improved employability or self-employment that will be adjusted to the needs of waste pickers. The initial assessment of beneficiaries needs was conducted while the concrete measures will be adopted within the intervention. <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 50</b>

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<b>ODŽACI</b> <b>ZRENJANIN</b>	Centre for Social Welfare  National Employment Service	Total Value <b>22,152 EUR</b>	The LG Odžaci will use the existing Mobile Team for Roma Inclusion as LCM which will prepare a waste pickers` database. The engaged FS will provide support to the priority group with residence in Odžaci and Zrenjanin. At the policy level, new measures based on determined needs of waste pickers will be included into new Local Action Plan for Roma Inclusion 2024 - 2027.  <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 50</b>
<b>PRIJEPOLJE</b> <b>SJENICA</b>	Centre for Social Welfare  National Employment Service  Public utility company "Lim"  Red Cross  Health Centre	Total Value <b>22,152 EUR</b>	Besides establishment of LCM and engagement of full-time FS who will also cover a priority group in Sjenica, the focus will be on regional cooperation with Priboj, Nova Varoš and Sjenica. LG Prijepolje has already conducted a needs assessment while the role of waste pickers will be defined and included into new Regional Waste Management Plan covering Prijepolje, Priboj, Nova Varoš and Sjenica.  <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 16</b>
<b>RUMA</b>	Centre for Social Welfare  Public utility company "Komunalac"  Mobile Team for Roma Inclusion	Total Value <b>22,105 EUR</b>	The LG Ruma will use the existing Mobile Team for Roma Inclusion as LCM having in mind that it has been functioning since 2018. The FS will be engaged full-time. The training for self-employment and better employability of the target group will be organised in accordance with determined needs of working age family members. The assessment of waste pickers needs was conducted in cooperation with PUC Komunalac while new measures will be included into inclusive systemic public policy.  <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 50</b>
<b>OBRENOVAC</b>	Centre for Social Welfare  National Employment Service  Health Centre	Total Value <b>44,304 EUR</b>	Besides establishment of LCM, the LG Obrenovac will engage two FS i.e. one for full-time and one municipal employee who already works with vulnerable groups. The focus groups with local businesses will be organised in order to determine potential for training or employment of the target group. Due to large number of listed waste pickers` households, a thorough survey will be conducted to determine the exact number of the members from the priority group. Based on the determined needs of waste pickers, the new measures will be included into the Local Development Programme.  <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 43</b>
<b>SREMSKA MITROVICA</b>	Centre for Social Welfare  National Employment Service  Public utility company	Total Value <b>21,414 EUR</b>	Besides establishment of LCM and full time engagement of the FS, the proposal envisages connection of local informal waste pickers with a municipal company for separation and sorting of waste in terms of their training and potential employment. Moreover, the previously established Local Office for Poverty Reduction will provide additional support through its activities related to working engagement of vulnerable groups in cooperation with PUCs "Vodovod" and "Komunalije".  <b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 50</b>