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A. Donor projects addressing pro-poor measures in education

Title	Program	Timescale	Budget*	Main activities
Delivery of Improved Local Services (DILS)	World bank	2009-2013	€12 m	<p>Assisting the Government to increase the capacity of institutional actors in order to improve access to and the efficiency, equity and quality of local delivery of services.</p> <p>Activities and results of activities focused on vulnerable groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to increase of coverage of students from vulnerable groups through grants for schools (364 grants- in 94% of municipalities there is a DILS covered school). Trainings for teachers, Intersectoral commissions, expert associates etc. • Improving of social inclusion for 10.000 Roma students through grants for 56 municipalities (140 schools, 54 preschools institutions, 55 of Roma NGOs and 56 LSG). This component was also in smaller part supported by the Roma Education Fund.
Inclusion through Education - Support to Roma and other Marginalized Groups- Joint Programme	UNICEF RED CROSS SDC	2009-2013	€8.0m	<p>The program aims to put in place, in at least 60 municipalities, models of education and appropriate institutional frameworks, which effectively include marginalized children into the public education system.</p> <p>UNICEF established Development Education Centers in 10 municipalities in 15 Roma settlements. Centers activities include increasing Roma children's developmental and school readiness, and further encouraging their inclusion, retention and school achievements, parental counseling on child-rearing practices and support to the educational process. Local Plans of Action for Children have been developed in 21 municipalities as a framework for harmonizing local policies with national strategies and programs.</p> <p>The Red Cross provided support to inclusion into the education system for approximately 2,851 vulnerable Roma children, children and youth with disabilities and their peers in elementary schools on annual base. This Program part operates in 64 municipalities through the institutional network of Red Cross branches in close cooperation with preschools, elementary schools and social welfare centers. "Pomocdeci" activities for improvement of Roma education in South Serbia operate in 6 municipalities. Support to preschool children is organized, a new building for preschool education in Bujanovac is built and equipped, 28 Roma assistants are trained and engaged, training for teachers, assistance in obtaining ID documents provided.</p>

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Improvement of pre-school education in Serbia (IMPRES project)	IPA 2009	2011-2014	€5.0m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a tool-kit for local self-government (LSGs) to systematically organize their pre-school networks, to optimize pre-school capacity and increase access for vulnerable groups; Expanding access to pre-school education for children from vulnerable groups by providing vehicles, mobile preschool, prefabricated facilities, equipment and reconstruction; Improving the quality of pre-school programs in targeted municipalities to better respond to the needs of children, families and the local communities, with particular attention to vulnerable groups.
Education for All - Increasing the availability and quality of education for children from marginalised groups	IPA 2008	2010-2012	€3.0m	<p>The project set up the system of pedagogical assistants, through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing of the capacities of the Ministry Preparing basic materials and operational tools Facilitating the process of selection, training and deployment of pedagogical assistants Pedagogical, social-psychological and cultural empowerment of relevant pedagogical groups (school and kindergarten principals, schools' and pre-school institutions' employees and pedagogical advisors) supported by training for new pedagogical methods, development of adequate learning materials, and a catalogue on innovative ideas for extra-curricular activities.
Strengthening and extending the system of Roma Teacher Assistants/Pedagogical Assistants.	OSCE REF	2007	\$2.0m	The Roma Teaching Assistant Program started as a pilot in 2002, implemented by various NGOs and in 2007 OSCE took over the coordination and financing. In 2009 the program has been institutionalized and is now under the coordination of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological development.
Inclusion of Roma students in secondary schools in AP Vojvodina Secretariate for Education, Vojvodina	REF	2007-2013	€0.85m	Stipends and mentorship programs for Roma Students in secondary schools, with a special incentive-creating administering scheme
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Equal opportunities in secondary education NGO partners	FOS Pestalozzi Children's Foundati on	2005-2013	\$0.86 m	Support to Roma students in secondary education through assistance in learning and homework, preparation for final exam and capacity building for schools. Several local NGOs engaged: Center for Interactive Pedagogy, Roma Education Center, Stabloetc
Developmental-educational centers in South Serbia Association for improvement of Roma settlements	UNICEF	2002-2012	\$0.67m	Project covered poor children and parents form 11 poorest municipalities. Activities covered support in school, preparation for school enrollment , afterschool activities, material support and work with school and teachers.
Kindergarten without borders CIP	UNICEF	2011-	\$0.38m	Increase in coverage of children 3-5 years in 10 LSG. Free programs in facilities adapted by LSGs, in close cooperation with IMPRESS project. Non-formal parent groups are established and included in activities.
Registration of children UNHCR Praxis	UNICEF	2007-2012	\$0.35m	Project has enabled registration and obtaining personal documents for children from vulnerable groups. 1000 children got registered and there was a change in legal acts that were an obstacle for accessing the education, social welfare and healthcare system.
Expanding access to Preschool Education in Serbia NGOs, LSGs	REF	2008-2009	€0.27m	The main project goal was to ensure better preparation of Roma children for mainstream primary education through enrolment and support for sustained participation in the preschool preparatory program and insure its institutional sustainability through active involvement of the LSG within the overall implementation process through coordination and cooperation with the NGO sector and Roma community. The project operated in the following localities: Arandjelovac, Bor, Kragujevac, Novi Bečej, Prokuplje, Smederevo, Surdulica, Subotica

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<p>Expanding Access to Preschool Education of Roma Children in Serbia</p> <p>NGOs, LSGs</p>	REF	2008	€0.22m	Support for sustained participation in the preschool preparatory program for Roma children, through cooperative actions of Roma NGOs, LSGs and preschool institutions at selected localities (Subotica, Smederevo, Kragujevac, Arandjelovac, Bor, Niš, Braničevskicounti, Zrenjanin, Prokuplje, Nova Crnja)
<p>Expanding Access to Preschool Education of Roma Children</p> <p>National Council of the Roma National Minority and Ministry of Education and Sport</p>	REF	2008	€0.2m	The project targeted 1400 Roma children from 42 municipalities and ensured that they successfully attend the preschool preparatory program, with the objective that 95% of Roma children supported by the proposed project successfully enroll in primary schools. The objective has been closely reached, and the project initiated a series of further activities and projects.
<p>Development of social centers in Southeastern Serbia</p> <p>Association for children development- OPEN CLUB</p>	UNICEF	2012-	\$0.1m	Support to activities of social centers focused on personal and professional development of children and youth in local communities of LSGs.
<p>Mother-Child Education Program</p> <p>Consortium of Roma NGOs</p>	REF	2011-2012	€ 0.1m	Improving access to Early Childhood Education for Roma children with special regard to the most disadvantaged, by developing the capacity of Roma NGOs to run community based education projects for mothers and children including a toy library project and to establish networks between stakeholders; empowering Roma mothers of preschool aged children both as mothers and as women through informal education projects to support their children in the process of education and schooling; drawing the attention of the public authorities to the importance of early childhood education and to their responsibilities

B. Donor projects in the area of social welfare

Title	Program	Timescale	Budget*	Main activities
Supporting the implementation of the Social Welfare Development Strategy (SWDS)	Norway and UK	September 2006 – December 2009	€4.19m	<p>Building capacity of MoLSP, local self-governments and other central and local stakeholders in the social welfare system to effectively implement the Strategy and Action Plan, and the broader social inclusion reform process. The support included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing coordination and implementation of SWDS, social policy planning at local level, regulatory system development, fiscal decentralization, donor coordination, PR; • Involving ISPs, SIF, SCTM, other ministries, LSGs, CSWs, residential institution & the NGO sector etc. with defined responsibilities for an effective implementation of the SWDS through the WGs; • Designing a model for the development of national minimum standards for 16 social services and designed service regulatory system; • Introducing case management method in all CSWs; • Developing local strategic documents on social policy in 31 cities & municipalities, with action plans and budgets for their implementation; • Supporting 37 new or existing community based social services through grant scheme; • Enhancing capacities in social policy strategic planning in 4 major cities; • Supporting work on drafting the new Law on Social Protection, etc.
Development & implementation of the accreditation system for social care professionals in Serbia	Norway	2007-2008	€0.52m	<p>Developing the accreditation system in the Institute for Social Protection (ISP) for the training programs for social care providers and professionals. The implementation of the accreditation system is one of the pillars of the quality assurance system in social welfare and provides a solid base for the implementation of licensing system for social service providers.</p>

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Transforming residential institutions for children and developing sustainable alternatives	CARDS 2006	2008-2010	€1.39m	<p>Implemented by UNICEF, addresses the following areas of child care reform in line with the Social Welfare Development Strategy and the National Plan of Action for Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy development and support to legislative reforms so as to ensure the fulfilment and respect of the rights of the child without parental care or with special needs; • Capacity-building and support to increasing the quality of care – through enhancing child-centred programs, increasing professional competencies, accountability and independent monitoring; • Up-grading and developing family and child support services – including foster care, day care services and home care assistance
Fostering social inclusion by strengthening institutions that provide community-based social protection services	IPA 2008	2010-2013	€5.5m	<p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the MoLESP capacity to monitor, evaluate and supervise decentralized and well-targeted community-based social protection services; • Clustering municipal authorities in at least 10 regions of Serbia to adopt shared Community-Based Social Service Protection Strategies, and develop targeted local level community-based social protection services to implement these strategies; • Sensitizing public opinion in Serbia, particularly at local levels, to the needs of vulnerable groups in general, and children with disabilities in particular, leading to a change in models of acceptance and care for these groups in society; • Implementing one service contract and grant scheme.
Creation and implementation of licensing system for social service providers across Serbia	Norway	2011-2013	€0.6m	<p>Assisting the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy to design licensing model for social service providers and pilot it with an aim to create and implement licensing system in line with the new draft Law</p>
Support de-institutionalization and social inclusion of persons with mental disability and mental illness	IPA 2011	2012-2015	€5.17m	<p>The project aims to enable de-institutionalization and social inclusion of persons with mental disabilities and mental illnesses by transforming the institutions to improve services and support development of social-health services at local level.</p>

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<p>Support to social inclusion of the most vulnerable groups, including Roma, through more diversified community-based social services.</p>	<p>IPA 2012</p>	<p>To be launched</p>	<p>€6.5m</p>	<p>The project will enable greater social inclusion of vulnerable groups, including Roma, by broadening and strengthening community-based responses tailored to their specific needs. The project provides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building to LSGs in managing social inclusion policies, and both LSGs and social providers to design community-based social inclusion initiatives through building local partnerships and stronger cross-sectoral networking. • Specific training for case managers within CSW to deal with Roma inclusion policies. • A grant scheme to strengthen the network, range and quality of existing community-based social services, but also encourage the development of innovative and cross-sectoral approaches among social, health, education and employment in service delivery and encourage inter-municipal cooperation in social service delivery (cluster approach), towards economies of scale and budget efficiency.. • Part of the grant scheme will specifically support active inclusion initiatives at the local level promoting inclusion of Roma people. • Support to national level in mainstreaming the most successful innovative initiatives and adopting national minimum standards, including the development of joint standards for cross-sectoral services in cooperation with other relevant ministries. • Support to MoLESP to manage further decentralization of social policies and services, provide guidance and support to LSGs in the process, monitor and evaluate the process, disseminate best practices, raise awareness on social inclusion policies.