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## INTRODUCTION

### Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on household income and consumption of vulnerable groups

Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia



The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of Serbia, in cooperation with civil society organizations (Kruševac Youth Council (Kruševac), Roma Centre for Democracy (Vranje), HelpNet (Belgrade)) and a marketing research agency (Ipsos), conducted a survey to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the income and consumption of vulnerable groups. The survey was implemented from July to August of 2020 and included 2,006 respondents from vulnerable sections of the population from eight local government units in Serbia. The respondents were asked to report any changes in the structure of income and consumption experienced by their household during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as their expectations for the next quarter. In addition, they were asked to provide feedback on the adequacy of the measures taken by the state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and assess the need for additional measures, should the epidemiological crisis persist.

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## SIPRU ACTIVITIES



[Social Development Index of Towns and Municipalities for 2018](#)

[The Study "Impact of the COVID-19 on Vulnerable Groups and Groups at Risk – Causes, Outcomes and Recommendations" Presented](#)

[The Publication "Innovative Practices in the Field of Social Protection at the Local Level in the Republic of Serbia – Response to the State of Emergency due to the Covid-19 Pandemic" has been Published](#)

["Mapping of Substandard Roma Settlements According to Risks and Access to Rights in the Republic Of Serbia with Particular Attention to the COVID-19 Epidemic" Published](#)

["Drafting Recommendations for Recovery and Prevention of Future Risk for the Population of the Most Vulnerable Substandard Roma Settlements in the Republic of Serbia" Workshop Held](#)

[The Introductory Workshop for the Preparation of the Local Action Plans for the Social Inclusion of the Roma Held](#)

[Local governments receive awards for improving accessibility in 2019](#)

## BLOG ON SOCIAL INCLUSION

### The Role of Parents in Children's Play

Milenka Matic



Play is an omnipresent and universal aspect of childhood, globally recognized by its importance for the development of children. It gives children the precious opportunities of fun and learning. The importance of play in childhood has also brought to its frequent use in both the estimation of the child development and the conduction of psychological and educational interventions.

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## SUCCESS STORY

### The Stories That Make Us – How a Community Speak About Themselves

*The activists, artists and participants of the Theatre of the Deaf trace the path of very needed changes in perception, promotion and integration of Sign language in our society by its artistic practice*



Have you ever wondered how many different stories make the environment in which you live? Psychology explains human tendency to think in similarities and simple concepts that make creating the sense in everyday life easier. Among other things, these tendencies lead to stereotypization of less known experiences. However, if you make only one step backwards, creating in this way also a narrative distance from the canon of stories with and through which you grew up and which mark your experiences by now, you will see that this group of stories could have been much more inclusive.

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