



FLASH REPORT

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Title:	National Report on Social Inclusion during Early Development of Roma Children published
Country:	Romania
Context	
Issue at stake:	
Ground of discrimination:	Racial/ethnic origin, Roma
Source:	Independent research
Field:	Education, access to health services, access to social services

Content

Development: *Raportul Național privind Incluziunea Romilor în Servicii de Dezvoltare Timpurie a Copiilor* [the National Report regarding the Inclusion of Roma in Services of Early Development of Children] was published as a part of the National Consultations on Roma Inclusion in Services of Early Development of Children which included representatives of the different ministries, of non-governmental organisations and academic institutions, under the coordination of UNICEF, the *Fondul pentru Educația Romilor* [Roma Education Fund] and the *Fundația pentru o Societate Deschisă* [Foundation for an Open Society]. The purpose of the project is to compile data regarding inclusion of Roma children in services for early development, their access to services in the fields of health, education and social protection in four countries (Czech Republic, Macedonia, Romania and Serbia).

Based on compiling relevant data from previous research projects from the perspective of challenges to Roma inclusion, the report provides a disquieting picture regarding the situation of Roma in Romania.

The report stated among others that:

- the life expectancy of Roma is 64 as opposed to 70 years for Romanians,

- the rate of infantile mortality in the case of Roma children is four times higher than the national average,
- 40 per cent of Roma children suffer of severe malnutrition,
- 45,7 per cent of Roma children had never received vaccinations the mandatory vaccinations even if they are free,
- less than 3 per cent of Roma children are registered in nurseries, only 20 per cent of Roma children are registered with a kindergarten,
- only 36 % of Roma aged between 15-18 attend school while this percentage is of 79 per cent in the case of the Romanians,
- the study estimated that 28 per cent of the Roma population is functionally illiterate,
- the poverty rate of Roma as calculated in 2010 by the World Bank is of 67 per cent.

Short analysis: While a significant part of the data presented in the report was produced earlier as a part of various research projects, the compilation of this information and the analysis of the compiled data provide a fresh and extremely worrying perspective regarding Roma access to health services, social services and education.

Internet link source and additional information: Study available at: http://medlive.hotnews.ro/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Raportul-Na%C5%A3ional-IRSDTC-pentru-Rom%C3%A2nia_rezumat.pdf (23.12.2010)