

### РЕДОВНО НА ЧАСОВИ

Акција за вклучување на Ромите во основното образование

## **AČHOVKI SIKLJOVNI**

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### STAY @ SCHOOL

Action for Inclusion of Roma in Primary Education





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### Duration:

October 2019 – October 2022

### Implemented by:

Foundation Open Society – Macedonia

Association Center for Educational Support "Dendo Vas"

Foundation for Education and Cultural Initiatives "Step by Step"

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## **ABOUTTHE PROJECT**

The project aimed to enable equal access, to improve attendance and completion of vulnerable Roma children at mainstream primary schools where all students feel welcomed, equally valued and supported to succeed in inclusive and stimulating learning environment.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:**

- scholarships support for inclusion of Roma in the first cycle of primary education in order to alleviate financial burden on Roma families related to schooling of their children, to motivate them for regular enrollment and attendance of their children in primary education;
- support schools to transform their classrooms into more inclusive learning environments where diversity is respected and all children feel welcomed and equally stimulated to learn and make friends.



## PROJECT COMPONENTS



SUPPORT TO ROMA COMMUNITIES



COMMUNICATION
AND VISIBILITY
OF PROJECT
ACTIVITIES AND
OUTCOMES







## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ROMA STUDENTS IN FIRST CYCLE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

Scholarship beneficiaries come from

74 primary schools and 33 municipalities in the country.

SCHOOL YEAR	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS PER GRADE	GIRLS	BOYS
FIRST GRADE	282	320	/	602		
SECOND GRADE	/	318	316	634	777	738
THIRD GRADE	/	/	279	279	51%	<b>49</b> %
TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS	282	638	595	1515		





## IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATION CENTER FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT "DENDO VAS"

The project engaged 60 assistants to support the Roma communities. Their task was to strengthen links and cooperation between Roma families and schools, help parents secure all documents necessary for enrolment of their children in school, motivate children to attend classes and complete their school tasks, but also to identify possible problems, for example, irregular school attendance and alarm parents of such instances.

The project organized online training and coordination meetings for assistants, in order to ensure their more effective work in the community, establish contacts with teachers and visit Roma families, and to facilitate exchange of experiences and challenges faced by students and their families.

In cooperation with local authorities and schools, the project organized 20 round tables in 17 municipalities with participation of Roma parents, as well as representatives from local governments, primary schools and civil society organizations, as well education and health mediators. These public events aimed to motivate parents to enrol their children in school and encourage them to regularly attend classes even under conditions of global pandemic, as well as to increase cooperation among schools, local authorities and parents.







20 ROUND TABLES
WITH LOCAL
INSTITUTIONS AND
PARENTS WERE
ORGANIZED IN 17
MUNICIPALITIES, WITH
PARTICIPATION OF:

- ▶ 595 parents/guardians,
- ► 62 representatives from 24 schools (teachers, school principals, expert services),
- ► 24 representatives from 17 municipalities.





























## SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS



## IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURAL INITIATIVES "STEP BY STEP"

The project awarded small grants to 47 primary schools (19 in the school year 2020/21 and 28 in the school year 2021/22) for implementation of initiatives and projects aimed to encourage interaction and knowledge exchange among students through games and joint participation in extracurricular school activities.

### NUMBER OF SMALL GRANTS AWAREDED TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

2020/21	2021/22	TOTAL GRANTS
19	28	47

Grants in the amount of 2,500 EUR included procurement of didactic aids, school materials, sport materials, school furniture, library material, equipment, materials for landscaping school yards, as well as small adaptation works to

arrange creative and pleasant school corners for learning and socialization among children, parents and teachers. These grants supported primary schools to develop activities that promote equal opportunities for all children, with emphasis on lower grades, create postive school climate and transformclassrooms into inclusive and stimlating learning environment where each child feels appreciated, motivated and has opportunity to develop their potentials for learning and advancing.

Schools received four-day trainings on social justice and recognizing and addressing discrimination, attended by total of 153 teachers and members of expert services from 47 primary schools from different municipalities attended by Roma children who were scholarship beneficiaries under the project.

## LIST OF SCHOOLS AWARDED GRANTS FOR SMALL SCHOOL INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

#### 2020/21

PS "26 July" - Shuto Orizari, Skopje

PS "Vasil Glavinov" - Chair, Skopje

PS "Rajko Zhinzifov" - Kisela Voda, Skopje

PS "Dane Krapchev" – Gazi Baba, Skopje

PS "Tosho Arsov" - Shtip

PS "Dimitar Vlahov" - Shtip

PS "Edinstvo Bashkimi" - Gostivar

PS "Said Najdeni" - Debar

PS "Sande Shterjoski' – Kichevo

PS "Hristijan Karposh" - Kumanovo

PS "Braka Miladinovci" - Kumanovo

PS "11 October" – Kumanovo

PS "Ilinden" - Kriva Palanka

PS "Panko Brashnarov" – Veles

PS "Rade Kratovche" - Kochani

PS "Dobre Jovanoski' - Prilep

PS "Goce Delchev" - Resen

PS "Strasho Pindzur" – Negotino

PS "Slavcho Stojmenski" - Vinica

#### 2021/22

PS "Blazhe Koneski" - Prilep

PS "Braka Ramiz - Hamid" - Shuto Orizari, Skopje

PS "Bratstvo Edinstvo" - Ohrid

PS "Dimitar Makedonski" - Aerodrom, Skopje

PS "Goce Delchev" - Negotino

PS "Goce Delchev" - Tetovo

PS "Grigor Prlichev" - Ohrid

PS "Hristijan Karposh" - Rankovce

PS "Jashar Bej Shkupi" - Chair, Skopje

PS "Joakim Krchovski" - Kriva Palanka

PS "Kiril i Metodij" - Tetovo

PS "Kliment Ohridski" - Bitola

PS "Kliment Ohridski' – Butel, Skopje, satellite school Vizbegovo

PS "Krste Misirkov" - Kumanovo

PS "Kuzman Shapkarev" – Kisela Voda – Drachevo, Skopje

PS "Marshal Tito" - Strumica

PS "Mustafa Kemal Ataturk" - Gostivar

PS "Naum Naumovski Borche" - Gazi Baba, Skopje

PS "Nikola Karev" - Radovish

PS "Stiv Naumov" - Gazi Baba, Skopje

PS "Strasho Pindzur" – Gjorche Petrov, Skopje

PS "Svetozar Markovikj" - Staro Nagorichane, satellite school in v. Algunja

PS "Toli Zordumis" – Kumanovo

PS "Vancho Kitanov" - Pehchevo

PS "Vancho Prke" - Delchevo

PS "Vancho Prke" - Shtip

PS "Vasil Glavinov" - Veles

Institute for Rehabilitation of Children with Hearing, Speaking and Voice Impairments and Other Development Issues "Kocho Racin" – Bitola



























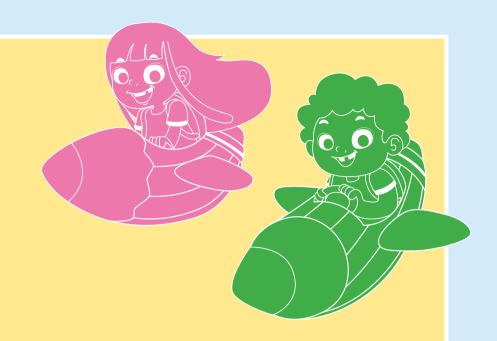
# PROJECT COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

### **NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

## LETTER BY LETTER: WRITE YOUR FUTURE

Start of the school year 2020/2021 was marked with a media campaign "Letter by Letter: Write Your Future" aimed at education, motivation and promotion of education benefits for the children's future and quality of life.

Both videos aired on 6 national and 6 local television outlets, shared on the social media and webportals, including the branded bus no.19 that traffics across Skopje, sent a strong message to the public



that all children have the right to quality education and that we all have an obligation to contribute to exercise that right.



All information on project activities and outcomes were published on the Facebook page "Stay@School".







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