

Project: "Provision of integrated services for early childhood development in the municipality of Tvarditsa"

On 18.04.2022 Mr. Atanas Atanasov - Mayor of Tvarditsa Municipality signed a Contract № BGLD-2.003-0006-C01 for financing the Project: "Provision of integrated services for early childhood development in Tvarditsa Municipality", Funded by the Operational Program "Local development, poverty reduction and improved inclusion of vulnerable groups", Priority axis "Improved social inclusion of children and young people", Procedure "Early childhood education and care".

The project will be implemented by the Municipality of Tvarditsa in partnership with the Roma Academy of Culture and Education / RAKO / Sliven and the Bulgarian school "Rodna Rech" Oslo Norway

Main target groups: 330 children from 0 to 6 years in isolated and poor urban areas in the Municipality of Tvarditsa, with a concentration of problems creating a risk of poverty, social exclusion and marginalization.

The overall goal of the project is to provide support to children from vulnerable groups, including Roma communities in early childhood and their families to improve access to health care, develop parenting skills, improve the family environment, increase children's readiness for inclusion in the education system, with the aim of reducing the transmission of intergenerational poverty.

The specific objectives of the project:

1. Creation of a complex of services (hubs) on the territory of the three settlements with identified socially isolated communities;
2. Provision of functionally related services for education and care at an early age for children from the target groups and their parents, including:
 - Providing support for children in early childhood and support for access to education;
 - Improving access to social and health services for children from vulnerable groups;
 - Supporting the transition from a family to a formal educational environment.
3. Engaging and activating families and the community to provide quality education and care in early childhood through many successive interventions: formation of parenting skills, health care, acquisition of social and life skills, as well as the development and education of children
- 4. Active involvement of the community in the public life of the settlements and overcoming the stigma towards the Roma community;
5. Creating conditions for sustainable employment by creating new jobs;
6. Exchange of experience and good practices with an appropriate partner organization from the Kingdom of Norway;
7. Reducing the economic and social disparities in the countries of the European Economic Area and strengthening the bilateral relations between the donor countries and Bulgaria.

Expected results:

- Creation of 3 functionally connected hubs in Tvarditsa Municipality - town of Tvarditsa, the village of Sborishte and the town of Shivachevo providing a complex of health, educational and social services and supporting the active participation of the community;
- 330 children from 0 to 6 years covered in educational, social and health services.

Activities:

1. Project management.
2. Information, publicity and audit
3. Repair activities, equipment and furnishing of a Complex of functionally related services
4. Educational care in early childhood
5. Health and social services for children and families
6. Engaging and activating parents, forming parenting skills
7. Active community involvement
8. Creating new jobs and creating sustainable employment

TOTAL VALUE: BGN 976,974.80,

as incl. 85% of the financing is from the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and 15% is National co-financing.

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END: 30.04.2024