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PROJECT PRESENTATION

Application of Human Rights Standards for Roma in Romania

Implementing organization:

Romani CRISS – Centrul Romilor pentru Intervenție Socială și Studii (Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies)

Partner:

Antirasistisk Senter (Norwegian Centre against Racism)

Financer:

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Duration:

July 2014 – March 2016

Objectives:

1. Developing a community instrument in order to prevent and fight against every form of discrimination, by developing a network of 20 local monitors, specialized in human rights.
2. Fighting and preventing discrimination in education, housing and human dignity, legal abuse of responsible officials and hate speech through advocacy and litigation actions.
3. Increasing access to justice of members of the Roma community, by assuring legal assistance and representation for victims of abuse, human rights violation and ethnical discrimination, for a minimum of 8 cases.
4. Analysis of Roma discrimination, the efficiency of the anti-discrimination framework and access to justice for Roma, through research.

Project activities:

- A1. Measuring the impact of the human rights local monitors network
- A2. Organizational strategy in the human rights field
- B. Development activities for the Local human rights monitoring network**
 - B1. Organizing an initial training for local human rights monitors
 - B2. Contracting Network members
 - B3. Ensuring the equipment for the regional centers

- B4.1. 2 monthly documenting and monitoring visits in Roma communities (2 visits/monitor)
- B4.2. 3 awareness campaigns initiated by monitors in Roma communities (3 campaigns/monitor)
- B4.3. School monitoring conducted by the monitors- 1st and 5th grade start-ups (August; September)
- B4.4 Local press monitoring conducted by the monitors
- B4.5 Organizing 5 regional debates
- B5. Roma activist selection for internship within the Norwegian partner's organization
Internship development
- B6. Developing and implementation of a local action plan by the intern
- C1. Documenting and monitoring abuse cases of law enforcement entities (police, gendarmerie, community police) in Roma communities
- C2. Using European Court of Human Rights jurisprudence in litigation actions for previous C1 actions
- C3. Cooperation agreement with OSCE, Ministry of Interior, Romanian General Police Inspectorate – elaborating letter; meeting proposal
- C4. Participating to at least 2 meetings of the Advisory Committee concerning the relation between police and Roma minority
- C5. Developing and distributing a fact-sheet on housing
- D1. Documenting and monitoring discrimination cases concerning access to education, including school segregation cases
- D2. Developing an online petition and collecting signatures
- E1. Documenting 2 strategic cases concerning Roma access to housing
- E2. Elaborating a report concerning Roma access to housing
- E3. Elaborating a public policy paper concerning housing legislation
- F1. Documenting 2 strategic cases concerning the achievement of human dignity
- F2. Monitoring local and national press by local human rights monitors
- F3. Adapting the Best Practices guide to the Roma topic approach in the Romanian speech and developing a guide for local authorities
- G1. Analysis concerning the application of the anti-discrimination legislation by national court
- H1. Assuring legal aid and representation in a minimum of 8 cases of human rights violations (according to activities C, D, E), by contracting lawyers.
- H2. Contracting a lawyer for the organization, for a period of 12 months, to support and offer legal aid and consultancy for a minimum of 10 beneficiaries/month
- H3. Launching an online form for reporting abuses, discrimination and human rights violation cases
- H4. Launching a Green line, for reporting abuses, discrimination and human rights violation cases
- I1. Conference for launching the project
- I2. Developing a promotional website for non-discrimination and human rights
- I3. Conference for presenting the project's result