



## Public Health in Macedonia and Roma: What Was Done and What Is Next?"

22 January 2009, Holiday Inn Skopje

### DRAFT AGENDA

- 10:00 – 10:20**      **Welcome address**
- Ms. Slavica Indzevska, MA, Deputy Executive Director, FOSIM*
- 10:20 – 10:30**      **Introduction**
- Ms. Neda Milevska – Kostova, MSc, MCPPM, Program Director, Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"*
- 10:30 – 11:45**      **Challenges in the implementation of laws, policies and plans related to health service provision for the Roma population in Macedonia**
- Coordination of programs, projects and activities in the field of health care intended for the Roma community,  
*(Ms. Mabela Kamberi, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy)*
  - Practices and mechanisms on addressing health protection problems of marginalized groups  
*(Ms. Mjelma Mehmeti, Chief of Cabinet of Ministry of Health)*
  - Submissions to the Ombudsman concerning health protection rights  
*(Ms. Nevenka Krusarovska, Ombudsman's Office)*
  - Exercising health protection right: general overview of legal aspects and cases from the practice *(Mr. Borjan Pavlovski, Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women "ESE")*
  - Experience and results from the vaccination project  
*(Ms. Sarita Jasarova, Association for Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children "LIL")*
  - Roma women health, *(Ms. Sebihana Skenderovska, National Roma Centre "NRC")*
  - Health aspects of groups of special interest (CSW, IDUs, MSM, etc.),  
*(Mr. Ninoslav Mladenovic, MA, Ludwig Boltzman Institute of Human Rights, Mr. Vlatko Dekov, NGO HOPS, Skopje)*
- Moderator: Ms. Jasminka Friscic, Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women "ESE"*
- 11:45 – 12:00**      *Coffee break*

**12:00 – 12:30**

**Presentation of positive practices/programs**

- The role of health mediators in resolving problems related to health protection access for the Roma community: from a non - governmental initiative to integral part of the health care system in Romania (*Ms. Mariana Buceanu, National Agency for Roma*)
- Reproductive health of Roma women in Serbia, health education and preventive care (*Mr. Marjan Muratovic, Center for Education and Health "JAK – ER"*)
- Institutionalization of addressing Roma issues and local government's involvement in the exercise of access to health services in the Municipality of Stip, Macedonia (*Mr. Erol Ademov, officer on resolving community members' issues, Municipality of Stip*)

*Moderator: Dr. Eben Friedman, independent consultant*

**12:30 – 13:50**

**Discussion: Possibilities for Change: What Is Next and How to Proceed?**

*Moderator: Dr. Eben Friedman, independent consultant*

**13:50 – 14:00**

**Conclusions; recommendations**

14:00

*Lunch*