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Јавно здравје во Македонија и Ромите

Како досега и понатаму?

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Institutionalization of addressing Roma issues and local government's involvement in the exercise of access to health services in the Municipality of Stip, Macedonia

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- **Geographic position**
- **Municipality located in central-east part of the Republic of Macedonia**
- **Area of 556sq km, 3,1% of the total area of the country**
- **71 suburbs, town area including suburbs is 13,5 sq km.**

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- **Demography:**
- **According to population census in 2002, in Municipality of Stip live a total of 47.796 inhabitants:**
- **Macedonians 41.670**
- **Roma 2.195**
- **Turks 1.272**
- **Vlachs 2.074**
- **Serbs 294**
- **Albanians 12**
- **Bosnians 11**
- **Other 256**

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- **Local Self-government**
- The municipality is self-government unit determined by law and with its bodies and administration and public services enables execution of authorities as determined by law.
- The municipalities within legal frameworks have the right to conduct public interest services at its territory, which are not excluded from their authority or are not in authority of central power.
- The municipality's bodies are chosen at free and democratic elections with 4-year mandate. The local government is managed by:
 - Municipality Council – as representative citizen body
 - Mayor – executive body and representative of the municipality

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- Roma public policy at local level
- The municipality has created Local Action Plan for the Roma Decade for the municipality according to the actual situation of Roma population living at the area of Municipality Stip according to the four priorities: employment, health, education and housing.
- Action Plan adopted in August 2005 by the Council of Municipality Stip for Roma Decade of the town of Stip for the period of 2006-2010.

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- In the office for ethnic communities' issues with the local government in the Municipality of Stip, the following members of ethnic communities refer:
- Roma, Macedonians, Turks, Vlachs, Albanians, Bosniacs, Serbs
- In the period 01.06.2006 to 16.01.2008 total of 2.105 citizens used the office services, majority from Roma population in order to solve their problems and needs.
- The citizens receive assistance in administrative procedures in order to exercise some of their rights.
- They also receive legal aid in writing requests, complaints, filing cases, counseling and referring to institutions relevant for exercising of their rights.

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- Inclusion of local government in exercising the right to access to financial support for treatment of Roma population and access to healthcare services
- The Municipality has formed Committee of three members (two employed in the Municipality and one doctor –specialist from Stip Hospital) do review requests filed by Roma citizens regarding financial aid of medical treatment from the Mayor.
- The Committee gives its opinion on requests filed and the Mayor with the assistance of the Officer on issues regarding ethnic communities (members of the local government Committee Stip) decide.
- The citizens are informed in written regarding the decisions made.

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- Requests to the Mayor of Municipality Stip
- For 2006 we have received and approved 2 requests by members of Roma population and given financial aid of total of 5.000 MKD for medical treatment.
- For 2007 we have received and approved 69 requests by members of Roma population and given financial aid of total of 209.500 MKD for medical treatment.
- For 2008 we have received and approved 10 requests by members of Roma population and given financial aid of total of 47.000 MKD for medical treatment.
- For the years 2006, 2007, 2008 up to 31.12.2008 we have allocated total of 261.500 MKD to the Roma population for purposes of medical treatment.

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- Requests to Council of Municipality
- For requests submitted to the municipality Council regarding social activities by Roma population and allocation of financial aid for medical treatment; Council is composed of 5 counselors members of the Council of Municipality Stip.
- Additional advice is given by Officer working on community members' issues, Municipality of Stip, Mr. Erol Ademov
- The Committee members review the submissions and decide regarding the citizens request. They inform the citizens in writing about the decisions made.

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- For 2006 we have received and approved 17 requests by members of Roma population and given financial aid of total of 65.000 MKD for medical treatment.
- For 2007 we have received and approved 9 requests by members of Roma population and given financial aid of total of 42.000 MKD for medical treatment.
- For 2008 we have received and approved 65 requests by members of Roma population and given financial aid of total of 259.000 MKD for medical treatment.
- For the years 2006, 2007, 2008 up to 31.12.2008 we have allocated total of 366.000 denars to the Roma population for purposes of medical treatment.



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