

**The role of health mediators in resolving problems  
related to health protection :  
from a nongovernmental initiative to integral part of  
the care system in Romania**

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# Health mediator's profile

1. the essential condition is to be a woman because she will be easily accepted by the mothers and teenagers
2. to be recognised by the community she belongs
3. to live within the roma community
4. to be a mother
5. to be recognised by the authorities
6. to be punctual
7. with skills in inter-human communication
8. highschool graduate
9. good canaliser in the process of improving roma situation in the local community
10. to support roma local councillor
11. highschool graduate
12. good canaliser in the process of improving roma situation in the local community
13. to support roma local councillor
14. With no qualities of leadership because it is very important to be perceived by the community as a facilitator to public services
15. Political not involved

# Working partners of the health mediators

## Collaborate with the family doctor

supports the vaccination of roma children,  
sanitary education

for children and women, Family planning  
informations, realises the cartography  
of roma community.

## Public Health Directorate

Keeps note of diseases among Roma population,  
Contributes

to the elaboration of projects on Roma, health  
improving,

Roma situation.

## Community

Sanitary Education, Family Planning, Mobilization  
Vaccine

Rights and obligations

## City hall

-Working with the welfare service

-participation observer to the local councillor

-informing the authorities about the social  
changes that

appear within the community

# The role of G.L.A.R in Romania

In Romania, the governmental strategy, adopted (430/2001) is a model of Roma participation in the development of the policy, in partnership with governmental institutions.

G.L.A.R -The working Group was established at the convening of the General meeting of Roma civil and political association in Mangalia and Sibiu (January – February 1999). GLAR had mandate from the general meeting of the Roma civil and political associations to analyse the situation and develop a strategy for an action plan regarding Roma people from Romania..This document represent the Roma contribution to the reform of public institutions and the elaboration of governmental policies for Roma..

# At present 2009

Different actors, both governmental and non-governmental are trying to play a role in the process of the implementing the strategy for Roma.

In health domain. Civil society collaborate with Ministry of Health:

- 500 health mediators
- 600 doctors MD trained by the Roma trainers
- 1 councilor for Roma Ministry of Health
- National Agency for Roma under General Secretariat of

Government of Romania collaborate directly with Ministry of Public Health

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