


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Serbia
Project Name	Roma Decade: Equal Opportunities for Roma Women and Men			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Women's Space			Grant ID: 1270
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Gender Response to Sectoral Policy (on Roma People)			
Grant Amount	\$120,625	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$120,625			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Local government structures in municipalities/towns(LG Economic commissions; Gender Equality Commissions; Commission for Inter-ethnic relations; Roma Coordinators)
Civil Society	Roma Women Network of Serbia(Romano Alav, Krusevac; Roma Women Association Amarilis, Novi Sad; Roma Information Center, Kragujevac; Association of Roma Novi Bečej; Independent Roma Women Activists of Subotica)

Programme Summary
The programme aims to support the creation of five Local Action Plans in five Serbian cities that will support systematic solutions for the improvement of the status of Roma women. It focuses specifically on the intersections between CEDAW and the Serbian Roma Decade Framework, and seeks to address the specific needs of Roma women, who are subject to discrimination on the basis of both gender and ethnicity.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Decade of Roma Inclusion Strategy for Roma Integration (Five Local Action Plans)	Local Action Plans	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	High
National Action Plan for specific position of women	Local Action Plans	2011	Ethnic Mainstreaming in Gender policies	High

General Programme Goal
Insert and incorporate a clear gender dimension into the Decade of Roma Inclusion's Strategy for Roma Integration.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Five Local Action Plans (LAPs) for Roma women's inclusion in the Strategy for Roma Integration, proposed for adoption at municipal level.
Outcome 2: Roma women's network to lobby for and monitor the progress of the adoption process of LAPs.

Main Achievements
In 2010, programme interventions focused on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Roma Women Network in Serbia (where Women Space is a member) organized an awareness campaign "Month of Roma Women Activism". It has contributed to 37 advocacy activities and 48 pieces of media coverage in 37 different media. • Made progress in establishing cooperation with local government structures (LGs), getting institutional commitment for the adoption of 5 new LAPs at municipality and town levels that specifically integrate gender equality and Roma issues, and as alternative inclusion of gender-sensitive measures in the existing Municipalities' Social and Economic and Development Plans. Strategic partnerships are

established with Gender Equality Commissions, Commissions for Inter-Ethnic Relations, Municipalities' Roma Coordinators, and civil society organizations to achieve consensus and provide technical input in the development and implementation of these Plans.

- After intensive one year negotiations, local government structures have committed to developing LAPs as important policy documents for Roma women's rights. Participants are signing cooperation agreements and establishing local working groups to work on these plans.

- During 2011, the programme is expected to work on the development and institutionalization of a Monitoring and Implementation Plan for implementation of the LAPs and the preparation of a shadow report to CEDAW Committee 2011 emphasizing human rights violations to this ethnic minority group.

Key Highlights