Breaking the silence

THE RIGHT OF YOUNG ROMA CHILDREN IN EUROPE TO DEVELOP AND THRIVE

DATA ON KEY AREAS IMPACTING CHILD’S DEVELOPMENT

Young Roma children status in

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

56% of Roma children face discrimination when accessing public service or premises!

DISCRIMINATION

ROMANI EARLY YEARS NETWORK
**FAMILY AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT**

**Education level of families**
- 6% upper secondary education
- 10% have lower secondary education
- 28% have primary education
- 56% have not been to school or if has gone, did not complete

**Family status and economy**
- 4% are employed
- 6% are retired or cannot work
- 90% are unemployed
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**Financial support**
- 64% of families with young children depend on financial support from public funds

**Water**
- 27% of families do not have access to hot water

**Immunization**
- 47% children do not have all the required vaccines for their age

**Maternal health**
- 42% of mothers smoked during the pregnancy

**Family and emotional support**
- Only 20% of families asked for support when emotionally distressed
- 80% of families never asked for support, of this 35% do not have anyone to turn to
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Social security

68.8% have access to social security
31.2% do not have access to social security

Safety

42% of families report that the place or neighborhood where they live is not safe for their children

EARLY LEARNING

Early learning

42% of Roma children do not have access to quality services

Proximity

Roma children do not have access to these facilities near their homes

Care

92% of mothers are the main caregivers of children in their family
42% of mothers do not get enough support from other family members

RESPONSIVE PARENTING
The REYN Early Childhood Research Study in Bosnia and Herzegovina involved 50 Roma families with young children and 30 professionals working with families in different ECD services. The questionnaires were conducted with the support of Roma researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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