

IRCAs Survey at the Glance, 2020:

Roma Access to Basic Social Service in Albania

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Methodology

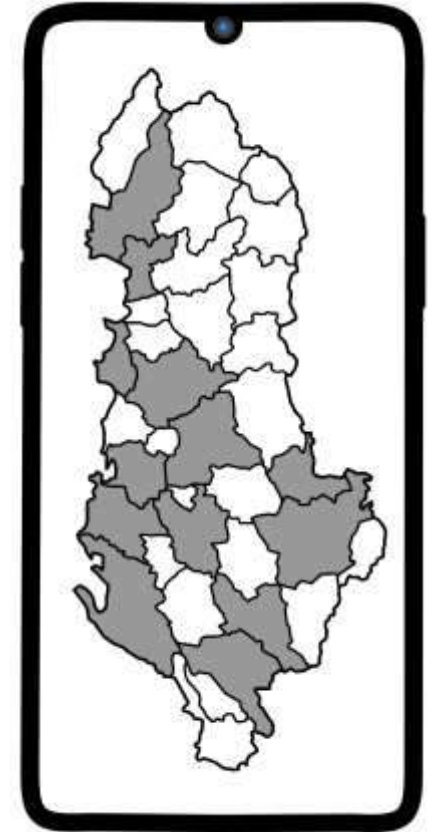
Interviews were conducted during the period October - December 2020 electronically.

Geographically, the questionnaire was extended to 14 municipalities in Albania, in 33 Roma settlements (Tirana 206, Durrës 126, Fier 100, Lushnje 50, Berat 30, Pogradec 56, Korçë 75, Divjakë 25, Gjirokastër 23, Elbasan 71, Përmet 18, Lezhë 22, Vlorë 74 and Shkodër 30).

The interviewers were selected based on their socio – economic and living conditions starting from Roma families living in dwellings, Roma families living in social houses provided by municipalities and Roma families living in apartments or houses.

A research desk has been carried out collecting relevant policy briefs, studies and recommendation documents. A total of 1000 respondents participated 563 women (56%) and 437 men (44%).

Due to the global Covid19 pandemic and the measures taken, it was difficult to complete the questionnaire face to face, which prevented a larger number of people from completing the questionnaire.



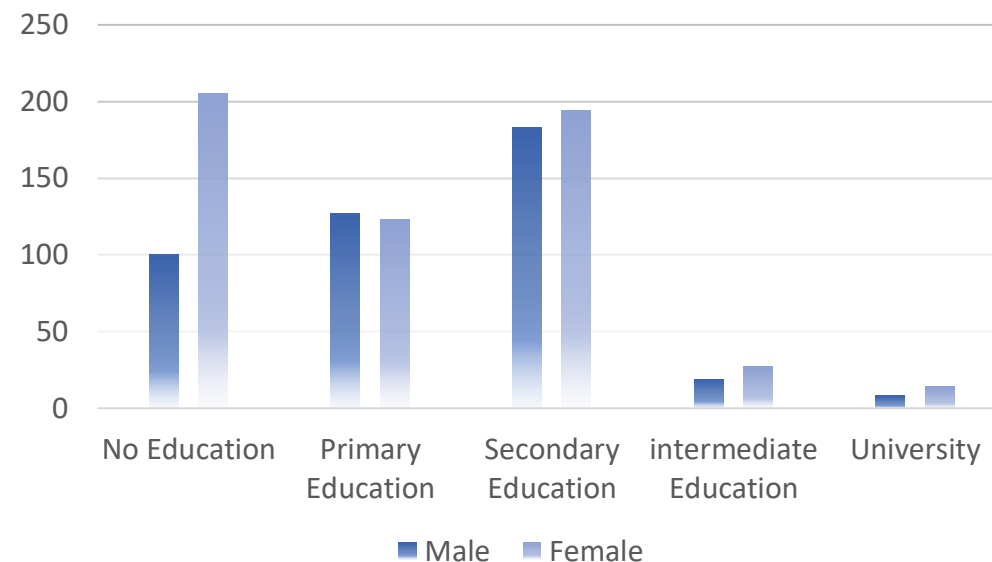
Roma Access in Education

Main results :

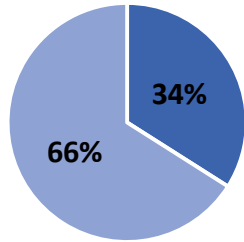
- 30.5 % of the Roma minority never attend school from which 20.5 % Roma women and 10% Roma men aged up to 25 years old.
- Over 60 % of the interviewers admit to face various challenges in accessing educational system related to economy, discrimination, absence of educational orientation, language barriers and functional literacy.

Recommendations:

- ✓ Educational Orientation for Roma students in secondary and intermediate school through career counseling programs.
- ✓ Literacy and basic life skills courses for Roma women and girls.
- ✓ Providing after school programs for Roma students and Roma minority aiming to decrease functional literacy.
- ✓ Discourage Roma school drop outs through inclusion of diversity education in teaching programs and providing economic assistance to Roma families.
- ✓ Offering scholarships and educational packages assistance for Roma students and families with low economic income.
- ✓ Introduction of Roma Language in secondary school.
- ✓ Participatory information sessions on intercultural dialogue and minority diversity for teachers.



Roma Access in Employment



■ Employed ■ Unemployed

Main results :

- 66% of those 1000 interviewers declared they are unemployed because of ;
- *Lack vocational training,
- *Lack of professional capacities and appropriate education
- *No information on employment programs,
- *Discrimination at work
- *Lack of urban transport in some Roma settlements

The majority work in informal jobs specifically in used clothing trading, recyclable materials collection, agriculture, music, tailoring and hairdressing.

Recommendations:

- ✓ Providing Labor Market exploration and orientation for Roma unemployed individuals.
- ✓ Providing coaching program aiming to inform, train and prepare Roma for the labor market
- ✓ Offering Financial support and business orientation for employment and self employment
- ✓ Re-activation of artisanal works, musical culture and agriculture crops.
- ✓ Promotion of the employment incentive programs within businesses and Roma community aiming to increase the Roma accessibility in labor market.
- ✓ Enhancing Roma women economic power through dedicated employment and self employment program.
- ✓ Providing financial literacy courses for Roma



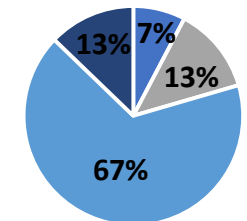
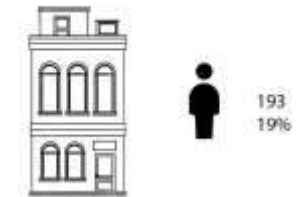
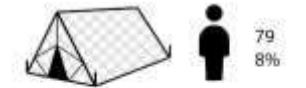
Access to Housing and Infrastructure

Main results:

- 728 Roma live in private homes while 79 live in makeshift dwellings by 1000 respondents.
- During the interview, Roma citizens say that they have no knowledge about different housing programs while require:
 - ❖ information session,
 - ❖ taking measures to improve housing conditions,
 - ❖ facilitation of criteria for access to loan access,
 - ❖ facilitation of application procedures for legalization of housing Infrastructure investments

Recommendations:

- ✓ Creating a detailed assessment database in each Albanian' municipality indicating Roma housing situation, needs and challenges.
- ✓ Providing dedicated restoration programs based on the social housing law 22/2018
- ✓ Facilitating criteria on social housing and encouraging Roma in applying on social housing programs
- ✓ Dis encouraging segregation by regulating a minister committee decision when issue apartment construction permit.
- ✓ Ensure Infrastructure availability with safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, energy for cooking, heating and lighting, sanitation and washing facilities, means of food storage, refuse disposal, etc.



■ Very bad ■ Bad ■ Good ■ Very good

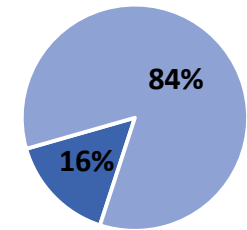
Roma Access in Health

- **Main results:**

- 59% of Roma respondents say that they do not have health cards and as a result face a significant lack of access to health services.
- Asked about the presence of a health center, 32% of them say that they have it far away and there is a lack of ambulances.

Recommendation:

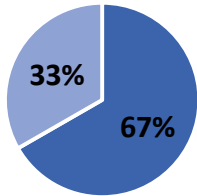
- ✓ Setting a health mediator aiming to facilitate access to health for Roma minority.
- ✓ Providing information and medical packages for COVID19 protection
- ✓ Prioritize Roma minority on vaccine process aiming to isolate coronavirus infection in disadvantages and segregated communities.
- ✓ Tailoring the delivery of health improvement, disease prevention and primary care services targeting or serving Roma communities.



■ Yes ■ No

Antigypsyism – a specific racial discrimination against Roma

Did you face prejudices/discrimination



■ Yes ■ No

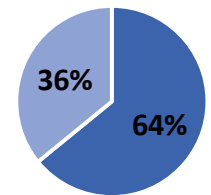
Main results :

- 66.7% of Roma respondents admit that they have encountered various forms of discrimination while 64.1% say that they have been bullied in school, work, social circle, etc. Influencing their leave from work, school, creating a feeling of inferiority to a peer and influencing psychological development especially in children.

Recommendations:

- ✓ Informing / educating the society about Roma culture and history as well as promoting intercultural dialogue.
- ✓ Promoting systemic changes in forms of discrimination through the implementation of existing anti-discrimination rules and human rights education.
- ✓ Adopting and implementing consistent and responsible policies to combat discrimination against Roma.
- ✓ Setting Roma culture and history in Public Administration school for the civil servant and police academy curricula.
- ✓ Setup a monitoring antigypsyism unit within Commission of Antidiscrimination Protection to track institutional discrimination.

Have you been bullied?



■ Yes ■ No

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