

Pakiv European Roma Fund

A space for reflection and critical thinking

From Victimhood to citizenship a path of roma integration

The most important current project of the “Pakiv Reflexion Group” is the production and publication of a compilation called “The Price of Integration”, which is being supported equally by the Open Society Foundation (Soros) and the Freudenberg Foundation. The book is an attempt to initiate a discussion among the Roma themselves, particularly on such topics as ethics. One of the subjects from the debate was also trafficking.

Göteborg Raddningsmissionen

Area covered by preventing instruments in trafficking:

- Social
- Financial
- Health
- Juridical
- Shelter
- Education
- Dialogue with the sex workers
- Field work

Interventions

Social

Po Drom - Mobile Team - an European project destined for field work with the group of romanian and bulgarian beggars from the street of Göteborg.

- Facilitating the communication between the social department and our group.

Shelter/Housing

Caravans for emergencies - dedicated to the families with children.

Sleeping places - Station Nord shelter and temporary night Shelters in churches when is -5 degrees outside.

Education

Preeschool - dedicated to the roma children belonging to the families from our group, where we offer support in enrolling the children in the Swedish schools and

Swedish language class - Po Drom project - that help people from our group to learn the language.

Health

Also as part of the Po Drom project, we provide help in making appoints the homeless hospital in cases of emergencies, or to the dental doctors.

Financial

Facilitating the dialogue, between our group and the street magazine Faktum that offers opportunity of income generating to the most at risk of exclusion, with fewer opportunities to find a job, and is part of PoDRom project.

Juridical

For the ones from our group with juridical problems, we facilitate the communication with the lawyers students, and work on their cases.

Field work

The main objective of Po Drom project, is an activity that give us the opportunity to asses the needs in the street of the people belonging to our group.

Dialogue with sex workers

Discussions and listen for the needs of the sex workers in a relaxing environment, where they also receive a snack or soup. Using this occasion we distribute information

Awareness about the Sex buyers law.

Also during this meetings they receive condoms and help in making doctors appointments if necessary.

Cases - Loverboy model



Cases - Organisations versus Organised Networks of begging

For the last few years, many Swedish people have the opinion that there are Romanian organisations working for our group, that leads to the idea that this is organised networking of trafficking beggars.

Reality from the street

A documentary realised by Dan Bacanu, a Romanian journalist.

- 5 days, 10 towns - journey through a beggar's Sweden



<http://www.expressen.se/tv/nyheter/journey-through-a-beggars-sweden/>

Ways of organising

Family long term strategical planning

- Most of the situation we work with, are members of same family that are bringing relatives with them for begging, after they have the experience and know the place. Sometimes they also bring their neighbours.
- There are also fewer situation of people with physical disability or sex workers that are trafficked, situation in which as a procedure, we would hand it to the police.

What needs to be improve

There is no opportunity of informing the sex workers before the police get to them and send them back home, about types of support for the ones that wants to get out from this situations, and where to find this support.

Conclusion

Banning begging is promoting Trafficking

What is need it

European Protection Programs

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