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## THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: UNDP NORTH MACEDONIA APPROACH

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## Integrated community development and territorial development approach through inclusive Local Economic Development (LED) Strategies

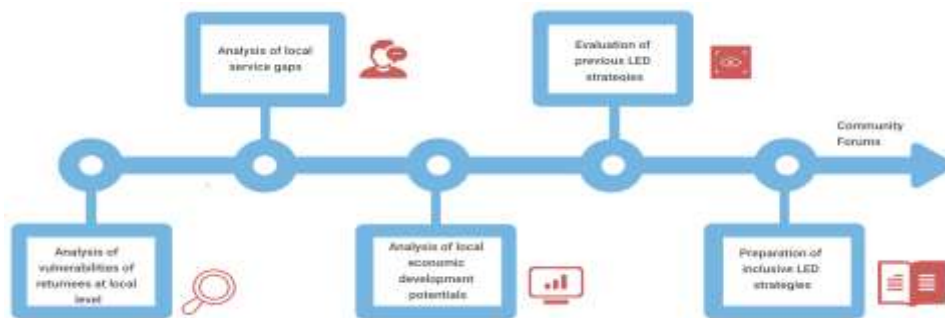
- The **holistic approach** of local economic development in a municipality is beneficial for all aspects of the territory, both for the urban and rural areas and especially in looking where development of one aspect may cause damage to the other if both are not considered jointly.
- Interventions look at the local economic development as an **integral process** for the whole territory of the municipality.
- Furthermore, all citizens should be part of the joint vision for the local economic development and therefore **inclusiveness of Roma and returnees** is essential in the integral processes for local economic development.



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## INCLUSIVE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) STRATEGIES



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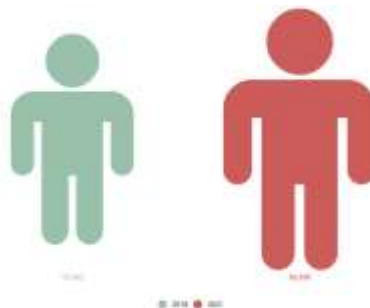
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## RESULTS TO DATE

- ❑ **Committed municipalities** and administration to the Roma inclusion and returnees needs.
- ❑ **Inclusive LED strategies** which enable the administration to identify gaps in services offered to vulnerable groups, as well as opportunities for local economic development.
- ❑ **Social cohesion programmes** owned by the municipalities, ensuring sustainability of project activities.
- ❑ **Sensitized stakeholders** on the problems and possible solutions targeting Roma and returnees within a broader context and vision.

**Persisting challenge in the country:** growing number of recipients of social assistance



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### NEXT STEPS

- ❑ **Skills development package** (including completion of adult education) and support to startup programmes will roll out supporting 210 individual employment plans and 9 startups in 2022 (part of **Operational Plan for Active Labor Market Measures**)
- ❑ **Support of 3 priority projects** participatively selected through **community forums** targeting the Roma and returnees needs from the socio-cohesion programme.
- ❑ Digitalization of the proposed **Mechanism for implementation and monitoring of solutions** targeting Roma and returnees boosting partnerships on local level.
- ❑ Support mechanism for **administrative services delivered by NGOs** to returnees on a performance case management.



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### ROMA MENTORING SCHEME

- ❑ Part of **Operational Plan for Active Labor Market Measures**.
- ❑ Activities towards **reducing poverty through employment** and employability in Roma community in 19 municipalities in North Macedonia.
- ❑ **Mentorship support** offers individual approach and integrated case management to Roma population at local level.
- ❑ Support interested candidates in **application process in active labor market measures** (ALMMs) Matching with employment opportunities offered by the local private / public / civil society.

#### Results to date:

Individual assessments: 6233

Enrolled in ALMMs: 459

Employed: 439



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### ACCEDER PROGRAMME

- Incorporates both the specifics of the local context and some of the essential success principles of the **Spanish Acceder approach** - explicit for Roma but not exclusive.
- The model is rolled out to a **pilot municipality with significant Roma presence** and well-developed business environment.
- **Pilot Center for employment support** of Roma and other persons at risk of social exclusion.
- **Two-fold approach**: to make the ALMMs more inclusive and to develop a programme that is explicitly designed for Roma women and men, yet applicable to other groups at risk of social exclusion.



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### ACCEDER PROGRAMME: THREE-FOLD APPROACH



#### Results to date:

- Number of people informed: 558 (+1119 – people informed online via social media)
- Number of interviewed beneficiaries: 199
- People included in Employment pathway: 169
- Number of employed beneficiaries: 29

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# Thank you!

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