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Roma were recognized for the first time as a national minority in October 2017 when the new law on national minorities was adopted. The Law on the Rights and Protection of the Child passed in February 2017.

According to a recent UNICEF Report (2017), access to preschool is far from universal. Though there is a greater awareness of the benefits of early childhood education, preschool is not obligatory – 53% of children ages 5–6 were enrolled in kindergarten in urban areas, with much lower numbers in rural areas and among Roma children.

Albania has a nine-year compulsory education system, but according to the latest Ministry of Education data, only 14% of Roma students graduated successfully and only 3% of the graduates continued to upper secondary school (grades 10–12).

According to the UNICEF Report “Underinvestment in Education,” the literacy rate for Roma is as low as 65%, contrasting a 95% ratio among non-Roma Albanians, and Roma women have spent an average of only 5 years in school, which is in stark comparison to 10 years for non-Roma women.

OVERVIEW

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SINCE 2005

Roma Education Fund has supported

1,400
Roma teachers

9,800
Roma children and youth

12,000
Roma parents and caregivers

Roma Education Fund has invested

more than € 2,250,000 in Albania

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Since 2005 Roma Education Fund has supported

Early childhood education and care

- 3,550 children in early childhood education and care programs
- 500 Toy Library members
- 400 mothers and caregivers

Secondary education

- More than 250 secondary school scholarships
- More than 150 mentors and teachers

Tertiary education

- More than 350 tertiary school scholarships

Adult education/Second chance

- 400 adult learners have acquired diplomas
- 40% employed after acquiring diploma

Logos of various organizations involved in the projects.

Roma Education Fund

Invest in Education. Empower Romani Children.