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OVERVIEW

The EU Progress Reports for Kosovo and the newest strategic governmental documents continue to emphasize the low involvement and participation in preschool and upper secondary education of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children.

According to the Kosovo Education Strategic Plan (2017–2021), the enrollment rate in compulsory education (grades 1-9) is about 85% for all three communities, which is still significantly below the 96% national average. In lower secondary education the participation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children is 65%, while in the upper secondary education it drops to only 30%.

Leaning on the same data, the Strategy for Inclusion of Roma and Ashkali Communities in the Kosovo Society (2017-2021) confirms an increase of those enrolled in primary education (grades 1-5) over the last 17 years. However, though an equal number of boys and girls are enrolled at the primary level, the rate of girls’ participation in secondary education decreases over time.

In the last few years, a large number of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian families emigrated abroad. Some of these children do not enroll at all or drop out of school. Other children whose families return to Kosovo have difficulties to re-enter the education system, as they may lack documentation from the schools in European countries or are unable to obtain official recognition of foreign school records.

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Roma Education Fund has supported over

1,200 teachers
7,000 children and youth
21,000 parents and caregivers

Roma Education Fund has invested

more than € 1,453,000 in Kosovo

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## Projects Implemented in 2018

- **Increased education opportunities for Roma students and Roma youth in Western Balkans and Turkey**
  - **Financed by**: European Union

## Since 2005 Roma Education Fund has Supported

- **Early childhood education and care**
  - 1,800 children in early childhood education and care programs
  - 1,050 Toy Library members
  - 300 mothers and caregivers

- **Secondary education**
  - More than 1,500 scholarships
  - More than 300 mentors and teachers

- **Primary education**
  - 2,400 children reached in early school leaving prevention programs

- **Tertiary education**
  - More than 200 scholarships