The latest census in Slovakia (2011) shows that 2% of the population self-identified as Roma, the second largest ethnic minority in Slovakia after Hungarians. However, unofficial sources say that Roma represent 7.5% of Slovak inhabitants. In response to growing extremism in the country over the last decade, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport has recommended that secondary schools and institutions offer activities aimed to prevent racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, extremism and other forms of intolerance through excursions to concentration camps and commemorative places of the Holocaust in Slovakia and the region. Nevertheless, the implementation is lacking and according to the Slovak Public Defender of Rights, in 2013 Roma represented over 88% of pupils in special education classes and schools surveyed.

Early school leaving of Roma from secondary schools is very high; while only 35% of Roma students enroll in secondary schools, only about 19% graduate. UNDP figures further indicate that only 2% of working age Roma (aged 15-65) have completed the Matura exam which must be passed in order to apply to a university or other institutions of higher education, and enrollment in tertiary education is below 1%.

OVERVIEW

SINCE 2005

Roma Education Fund has supported

- 5,000 Roma teachers
- 14,000 Roma children and youth
- 28,000 Roma parents and caregivers

Roma Education Fund has invested

- more than €2,710,000 in Slovakia

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Early childhood education and care

- 5,773 children in ECEC programs
- 1,273 Toy Library members
- 602 mothers and caregivers in Your Story sessions
- Zborev
- Abranovce
- Banska Bystrica
- Martin

Primary education

- Roma children reached through early school leaving prevention programs: 3,600
- Roma children have participated in desegregation projects: 3,000

Secondary education

- More than 1,600 scholarships

Tertiary education

- 599 scholarships have been awarded to 302 students
- More than 250 mentors and teachers
- 90% of scholarship students progressed successfully to the 2016-17 academic year