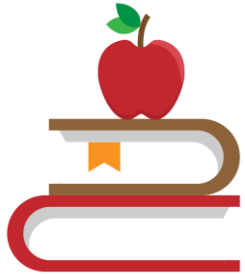




EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, PARTNERSHIP, AND GENDER EQUALITY: A WINNING FORMULA FOR ROMA IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING



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Project interventions areas

- The project is based on two main pillars: Vocational Education, and Employment through internships. Whereas, RVA has three main themes, education, employment, and advocacy;
- Education represents one of the three main milestones of Roma Versitas Albania. Since its foundation, RVA has devoted itself on the education area by implementing projects and programs that aim to increase the academic and professional rate;
- REF, and RVA, believe that inclusion can be achieved through a quality education, and equal opportunities in education;
- Proficient education is a prerequisite to the employment sector;
- Well educated Roma, and highly skilled to the labour market have better chances to advocate for their fellow Roma people;



Geographic focus

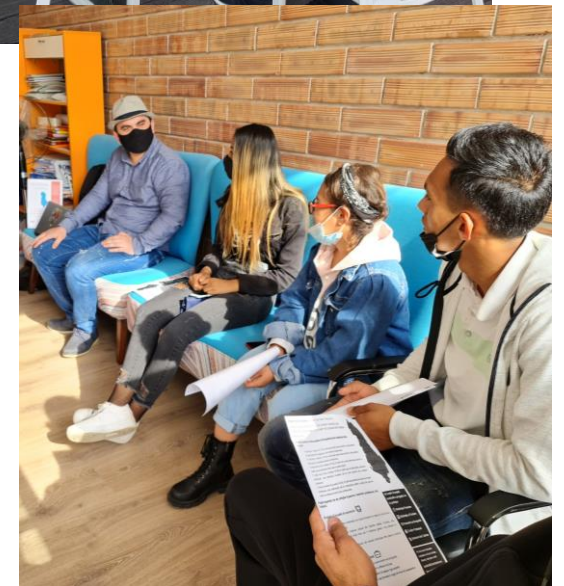


- The project covers seven (7) regions in Albania, Tirana, Durrës, Elbasan, Fier, Berat, Gjirokaster, and Korça.
- The selection is based on the database Roma Versitas Albania has compiled during the implementation of secondary and tertiary programs.
- Most of the targeted areas have a considerable number of Roma people, especially youngsters.



Implemented activities in 2020

- Need assessment in the targeted areas through primary and secondary resources;
- Selection of the implementation team, and the expert consultant on country assessment and gender;
- Strategic meeting with key institutions on VET education and employment (AKPA, and MoFE)
- Drafted partnerships with institutions and partner organizations;
- Outreach activities through RVA's platform of community mediators, current beneficiaries, and Alumni network;
- Outreach through social networks, local and national non-profit organizations, and at the grassroots level;
- Compiled a database of applicants based on gender, age, social and educational background, and location;



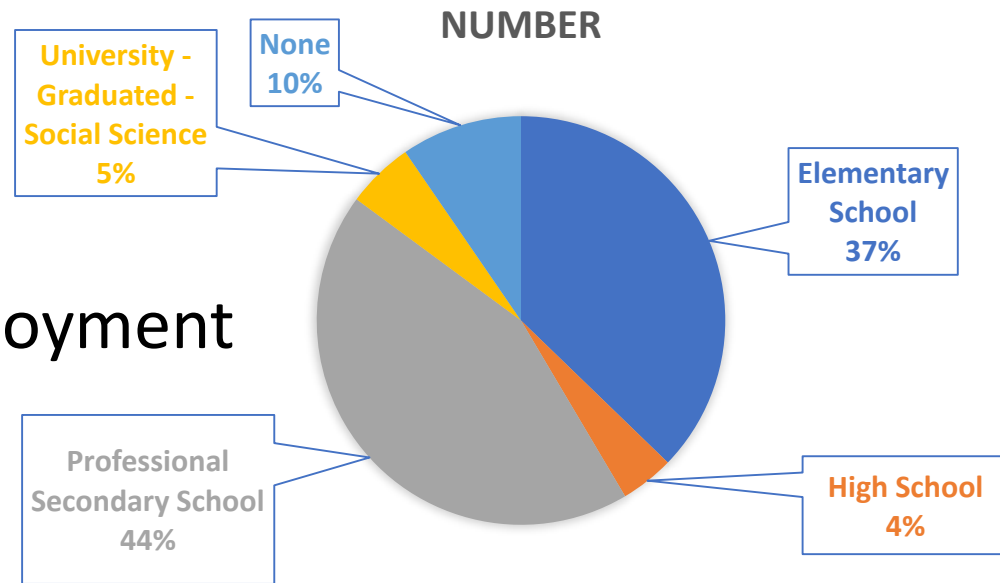
Plan for 2021 and 2022

- Lesson learned from 2020, and 2021;
- Need assessment and outreach;
- Tailored mentorship and career orientation to the labor market;
- 100 certified young Roma at the end of 2021, and 150, at the end of 2020.
- Partnership with private companies
- At least 750 indirect beneficiaries

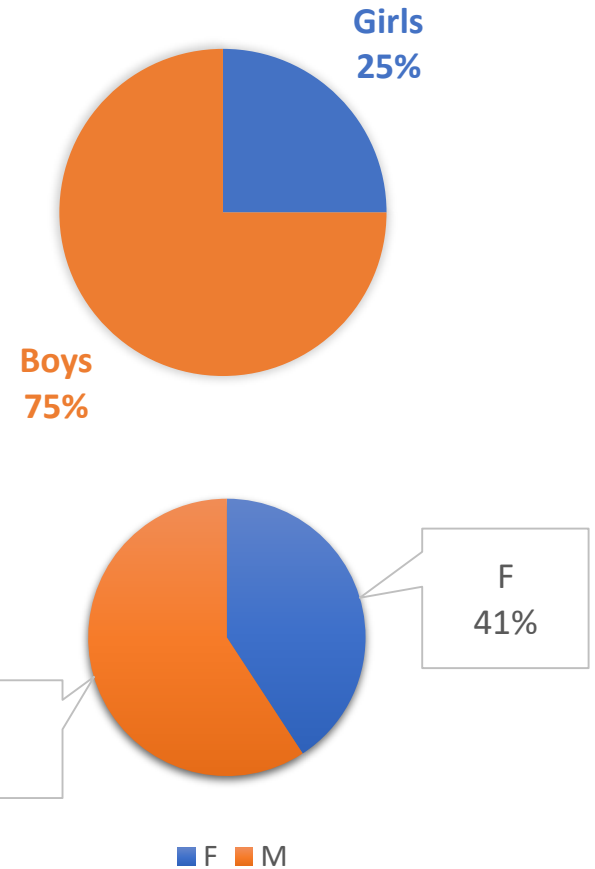


Project challenges

- Gender balance
- Education level
- Immigration
- Sustainable employment



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Questions and Answers

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