

Participation of Roma people in 2011 Census of population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Serbia

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Objective



to build mutual trust and mutual cooperation between the official statistics and various organizations that deal with the issues of the Roma population



obtaining good quality data both on the total number of the Roma in the Republic of Serbia and on the socio-demographic characteristics of the Roma population



Pilot census of population, households and dwellings - education of Roma people (from 1st until 15th of November 2009)



In cooperation with the Ministry for Human and Minorities' Rights, the National Council of the Roma national minority and the Office for the Inclusion of the Roma of Vojvodina;







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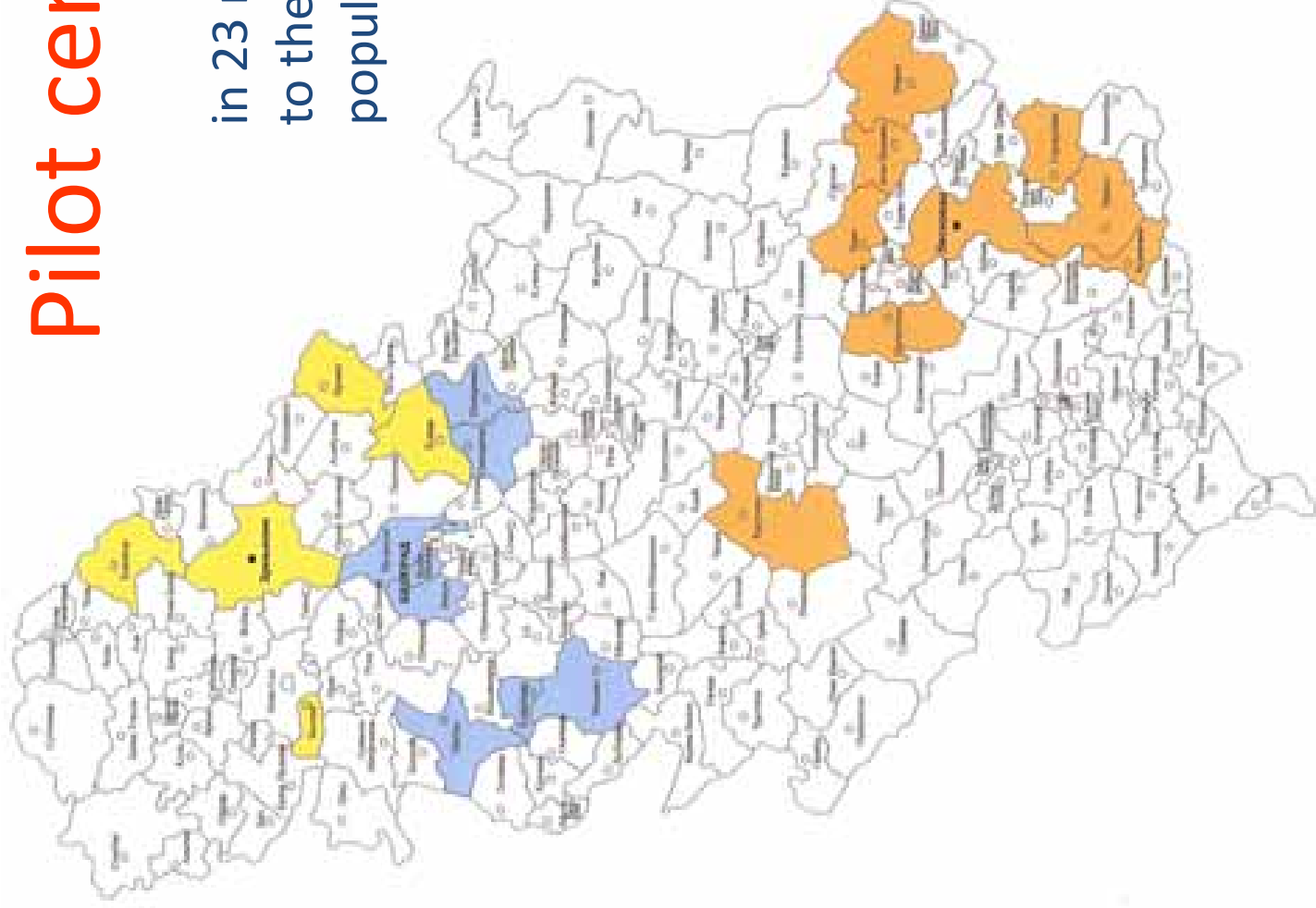
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The goal of Pilot census

-  Training certain number of Roma people for active participation in organizational preparations and field conducting of 2011 Census;
-  Informing Roma people on importance of Census conducting and their role in the Census;
-  Complete coverage of Roma people in 2011 Census;
-  Strengthen the confidence of Roma minority in official statistics' results

Pilot census realization

in 23 municipalities in which, according to the 2002 census results, the Roma population was most predominant



Organization

More than 80 Roma were engaged at the pilot census tasks (30 enumerators, 23 instructors, 20 operators, 8 coders)

1. Public campaign

before Census and during the field activities (television, radio, printed media)



Roma settlement in Kraljevo – report on Pilot census was played in the television show “Citizen”



Press release – hotel “Zvezda” in Vrnjačka Banja (14th of October 2009)

2. Selection and Trainings

Criterion for Selection instructors and enumerators

1. every person old 18 years or more,
2. person with finished secondary education (shorter than 4 years/4 years);
3. live in Roma settlement that were engaged for

Trainings

1. three-days training in Belgrade for supervisors and instructors;
2. four-days training for enumerators on 3 training points: Zrenjanin, Beograd and Niš

3. Pilot census realization

Field visits before enumeration





Драга суграђанине,



Обавештавамо Вас да ће Републички завод за статистику Србије у оклопу пројекта Пилотна реализација домаћинства и станова 2009. извршити пописну посету

од 1. до 15. новембра 2009. године

у Вашем насељу спроводити Пробни попис.

Овим Пробним пописом биће обухваћено укупно око 4 хиљаде домаћинстава и 14 хиљада лица, и то у 23 изабране општине на територији Републике Србије.

Молимо чланове изабраних домаћинстава да у овом периоду примне наше пописиваче у своје домове и да савесно на питања из пописних образаца.

Пописивачи поседују легитимације и идентификацију са рад с пописном департаменту и одговарајућим јединицама Републике Србије на локалном нивоу.

Сви пописни прикупљачи у Пробном попису извршавају обавезу у складу са статистичким законом.

У складу са законским одредбама свако грађанин на својој и на јединицама пописивача.

Каме имате дужност,

извршавајући Тужбу на извршење закона Републике Србије, ако вам доставимо изјаву о извршењу, обавештавамо дајте изјаву о извршењу до 15. новембра 2009. године.

Ако Тужбу извршавате какав изјаву о извршењу,

Аколе Probeke registruje ka ovi ostado sa pade 4 miye kherube thaj 14 miye persona. Ithi odova ano 23 abseardo komune ani teritoria Republika Srbija.

Ruđijaara djonan alocardo kherunpauke kaj ano akava periodi lena amaro registruibeake manufen ano pere khura thaj te cen djevapi pedo pudbe kolar formularja.

Registruibeake manufa siden legitimda thaj kompetencia vaš buil e hramba direktivsko thaj originalo pečati Republikako fonoi vaš statistika.

Sa gendje save kedisele ano Probako registruibe ka isemalikerence nuna vaš statistika buja.

Poanglo kera vaša sa dzuinenge ano muškuribe thaj ano sikavdo pačavbe.





РЕПУБЛИКА СРБИЈА
Републички завод
за статистику

Пробни попис становништва, домаћинства и станова
1-15. новембра 2009.





ДРАГАЈ САНЈА
ЈБД/2009/05080

М.П.

Проф. др Драган Вукировић
Директор

30 enumerators with ID card (with photo, personal data and authorization)

4. Pilot census realization



Data entry

20 Roma operators engaged for data entry

Data coding

8 Roma operators engaged for coding



Pilot census results



Pilot census results

Enumerated around 8 thousand persons and around 2 thousand households.

- lower than expected, due to:
 - bad weather conditions during the field work
 - proclamation of a pandemic virus
 - fear of displacement (distrust towards enumerators)
 - refused enumeration (3,5% of persons from the sample)
 - disturbed enumerators' work and impossible entrance in some parts of Roma settlements (“Roma kings”)

Conclusions - Main problems

- Basic criterion for selecting enumerators was that enumerator can be every adult person with at least finished secondary school which was hardly feasible for great number of Roma (+illegible handwriting or lack of using Cyrillic alphabet)
- Non existing unique Roma language
- Fact that that 3,5% of persons refused to be enumerated is worrying. So, public campaign should pay special attention on explaining citizens the fact that census data will be used only for statistical purposes.

Conclusions

- The main result of Pilot census was that we succeed to establish relation of cooperation and trust between SORS and Roma Government, Office for Roma inclusion in Vojvodina and National Council of the Roma minority .
- In international meetings with census themes Pilot census for Roma people has been noted as good example.
- Engaged persons of Roma minority achieved basic knowledge and experiences which are necessary for realization some census phases.
- Persons engaged on tasks of data entry and coding textual answers were completely fulfilled statistical requests.
- Ensure the accurate data on number of Roma people in 2011 Census.

Participation of Roma people in 2011 Census in the Republic of Serbia

Idea: to ensure the adequate coverage of the population of Roma ethnicity and unobstructed and successful implementation of field activities in so-called Roma settlements



Required a specific organization and extra engagement:

1. Meetings with representatives of Ministry of human and minority rights and National council of Roma ethnical minority;
2. Determining the number of Roma settlements in order to determine number of coordinators and additional enumerators;
3. Preparation of procedure for selection of coordinators and additional enumerators
4. Conducting trainings

Procedure for the selection of coordinators and additional enumerators

Selection

- Basic criterion for selecting **coordinators** was that one can be adult person (18 years or more), live in municipality that were engaged for, with at least secondary education, good speaking of Roma and Serbian language, good knowledge of territory (settlements)
- Basic criterion for selecting **enumerators** was that enumerator can be every person old 18 years or more, live in Roma settlement that were engaged for, good speaking of Roma and Serbian language, good knowledge of territory (settlements)

Participation of Roma in field activities

- engaged to help regular enumerators in communication with Roma citizens
- For 683 Roma settlement, about 120 coordinators and about 550 additional enumerators were engaged

Selection and training of coordinators and additional enumerators of Roma ethnicity



Difficulties we were faced:

- Deadlines from Timetable were not respected by the formal Roma representatives (Timetable has been revised several times) and it caused overlapping with other pre-census activities ;

Selection: Number and distribution of coordinators and additional enumerators were additionally revised;

Training: Training Timetable used to be frequently changed;

- One-day training for additional enumerators was carried out by SORS (NCR obligation)

- Quality of some filled forms (form PK-R) was rather low/difficult identification of enumeration areas with Roma settlements .

Thank you for your attention!

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