

Carpathian Foundation-Hungary
“Building Capacities for Effective Early Childhood Development of Marginalized Roma in Hungary” program
List of supported projects 2018

Name of the Grantee: [Laskó-spring Association](#)

Project title: „Let’s play together, let’s learn together!”

Implementation location: [Hevesaranyos](#) is located in the north (so called ghetto) section of Heves county. The village is a „bag village”, its population is app. 590 persons, out of 35-40% Roma. Most of the population is low-educated, uneducated, long-term unemployed, and approx. 20% are under 18 years of age. There is a kindergarten in the settlement with one group of children, there is no local school and other public services helping families are not accessible here.

Main goals: To complement the necessary public services for well-being and proper improvement for children and families. To help students succeed in schooling, acquire marketable knowledge, and to prevent intergenerational inheritance of poverty.

Main target groups: Children 0-3 years (12-13 persons), 4-8 years old (15-17 persons), their parents - adult group (10-12 persons), 30 children and 12 adults.

Main activities: Programs and services provided to the children living in the village in order to develop their cognitive skills of children primarily through motor development. Programs with the aim preparing children to successfully start school (thematic sessions) and helping families in everyday problems, challenges related to education of the children (family aid) in the community house run by the project promoter locally.

Main results: It is expected that the involved children acquire skills appropriate in their age, the involved parents learn about the age-specific characteristics of children by the appropriate methods. Older children (4-8 year olds) gain knowledge and skills that help their successful schooling, educational attainment, and in addition children get to know how to swim and become independent.

Name of the Grantee: [Village Developers Association of Bükkszentmárton](#)

Project title: “Children’s Island”

Implementation location: [Bükkszentmárton](#) is located in the northern part of Heves county, close to the Ózd region. In the village approx. 320 people live, 30% of them are Roma and 30% are under 18 years of age. There are no public institutions for families or child care services, public education, e.g.: there is no kindergarten or school, in the village. Most of the local Roma parents have low level of education, therefore, remain without help and guidance in connection with how to raise their children successfully, so the level of children’s development is lagging behind compared to what is expected in their age and the risk of reproduction of extreme poverty is very high.

Main goals: Their aim is to provide services and development activities for the children of 0-8 years old and their parents in Bükkszentmárton. The long-term goal for the families of young children of Bükkszentmárton is to get children prepared for schooling, establishing successful school performance, acquiring marketable skills in later life years, interrupting to the process of reproduction of poverty.

Main target groups: Children 0-3 years (8-10 persons), 4-5 years (12-16 persons), 6-8 years (12-16 years) and parents, young adults and members of the association (15-16 persons).



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Main activities: Two times a week play sessions are organized jointly with parents, development of language communication skills of children and a five-day long camp will be provided to the involved children, an intensive, practice oriented training about parenting, and several so called family days, as bigger community events will be organized for the wider community.

Main Results: It is expected that children and parents regularly take part at the programs through their skills and their knowledge is expanded. In particular, the focus is given on the practice of large and small movements because these directly affect cognitive development of children in early years. Their knowledge is expanding, meeting the criteria for schooling, especially for small and medium kids, fine-motion, rhythm development and visual expression are enhanced by these programs.

Name of the Grantee: [Real Pearl Foundation](#)

Project title: "Three in one: baby-mom, speech therapist, study program, three programs implemented in Told"

Implementation location: The project is implemented in [Told](#) that is a bag village with app. 300 inhabitants in one of the 33 most disadvantaged micro-regions in Hungary. The project promoter works in this village since 2009, and since 2012 they run a community house providing after school help and services for children in need here as well.

Main goals: The main goal is to pay special attention to the improvement of children's school competences, to assist students to successfully perform at school. To provide assistance to parents in childcare issues, and to assess the individual level of children, then develop them accordingly, individual differentiation is provided to them. Additionally, the mothers participating in the baby-mum club are provided with useful knowledge related to child-care and parenting.

Main target groups: According to their preliminary plans, 30 to 35 people will be involved as the direct target group to the programs provided by the Baba-Mama Club, and the pre-school training.

Main activities: During the program, mothers can learn practical skills and experience through joint cooking, playing games, conversation, song and revelation, which can later be used at home thereby promoting the conscious development of their children, reducing their backwardness, and enhancing the relationship between parent and child are supported.

Main Results: Children's speech skills and their ability to read and write are improved. Improvement can be measured by long-term attention, vocal training, vocabulary, big movements. More conscious parenting is expected by the organized programs.

Name of the Grantee: [SZETA Eger Foundation](#)

Project title: "Let's go together! Student network in Felnémet 5."

Implementation location: Since 1997 the Foundation is actively take part at the life of the Roma community in the [Eger-Felnémet](#) neighborhood, and has intervened in several decades with the lives of children, young people and families living here in deep poverty and very poor conditions.

Main goals: To prepare children for successful school start by assisting them to acquire proper knowledge, skills needed at school. It is aimed to prevent failure at school, drop out or school year repetition and help children successfully finish their studies and study further. It is a long-term goal for children to acquire a profession, maturity, diploma and by this way to stop the intergenerational cycle of poverty.



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Main target groups: The main target groups are children of 4-8 year olds (15-17 people) and 0-3 year olds and their parents (about 15 children and their parents).

Main activities: Afternoon thematic sessions, excursions, environmental walks with the main aim of development of social competences of the involved children are organized on daily basis by the project promoter.

Main Results: Children perform well in a group, kindergarten and school. They obtain the competences expected at their age with the help of the organized competence development programs.

Name of the Grantee: [Tarnagyöngye Association](#)

Project title: Tales of Szajla

Implementation location: [Szajla](#) is a socio-economically disadvantaged settlement in Heves county. The village has two main parts, the old one and the new one. The two parts are far from each other geographically too. Two-thirds of the population of the village lives in the old part among very bad conditions, 80% of them are Roma, and due to their deep poverty and lack of income, there is even no shop or pub available here.

Main goals: A long-term goal is to improve the quality of life of people living in the settlement, especially at the old part of it. The project promoter as a local association provides services related to family care in the frame of the project to complement the necessary public services which do not exist, which are not accessible locally. Another goal is to offer services and programs for mums with small children to assist them to acquire skills and knowledge necessary for successful parenting and assist children at the age of 2-6 years to develop their competences required for successful educational attainment.

Main target groups: 15 mums with small children and approx. 20-22 children 2-6 years old are targeted.

Main activities: Family care services as counselling for parents in need, community programs in the form of family days, and a five-day long skill development camp for parents where the focus is on the children and parents co-operation are organized and provided to the target group in the frame of the project.

Main Results: The children acquire different abilities, skills, and knowledge, and they meet the criteria of school maturity. Especially focuses are on small and fine motor movements, developing rhythm feeling and visual expression because they are based on literacy, numeracy and language communication skills. The parents will jointly prepare a fairy tale with the Tales of Szajla. A family camp is organized, too through parents and children get out of the settlement and recognize a new environment, and parent and child co-operation is improved as well.

Name of the Grantee: [Hungarian-Roma Association in Szomolya](#)

Project title: "I am rocking you, my darling!"

Implementation location: The population of the village is around 1600 people and the proportion of Roma reaches 25-30 %, which is a significant Roma density in the village. Although [Szomolya](#) is located very near to Eger (the county seat of Heves county), it is only 15 kms away of it, as it is officially located on the periphery of Borsod county, circumstances of Roma community living here are very poor, disadvantaged.



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Main goals: To improve the environment necessary for the successful development of children. To establish a club for local Roma parents where they can share their experience, knowledge regarding parenting and education and to provide different kinds of trainings, and other programs for children and parents to develop them in the needed competences.

Main target groups: Roma women aged between 17 and 28 (about 17-18), and children of them aged 0-8 (about 30-35).

Main activities: Training for parents about conscious parenting, care and education, play-house, development programs for children and family days for the wider community for their community development are organized by the project promoter which is a Roma led grass root NGO.

Main Results: Increased parenting efficiency, strengthened parent-child relationships, and an established self-help based parenting community are expected by the implementation of the project.

Name of the Grantee: [Association for Community Developer and Local Social Researches](#)

Project title: "Roma Children's animator network of Roma youth"

Implementation location: During the program, they focus on two areas, [Heves County](#) and [Sirok](#) (a disadvantaged village with Roma population in Heves county). In Heves County, the ratio of Roma population compared to the population of the county is highest in the country that is why they focus on the development of Roma activists here.

Main goals: The main aim is to enlarge the knowledge of Roma parents living in Heves county about parenting and early child-care and development in order to assist them to more consciously raise their children, through children can better meet school expectations.

Main target groups: 15 to 17 people who are activists of Roma organizations (from about 8 to 10 villages) and 14 to 16 persons from Sirok, primarily parents and children who are very motivated to attend school preparatory programs, sessions.

Main activities: School preparatory sessions and common programs for children and their parents from Sirok, and series of trainings of Roma women, Roma activists living in smaller settlements of Heves county about parenting, child-care, and other early childhood development issues, themes are organized.

Main Results: As a result of occupations, a cohesive community is formed, which, with the knowledge, serves as a model for the local Roma community. Children will be successful at school, and parents can help other parents by themselves in early childhood development and care. By the implementation of the program 8 thematic materials will be developed by the project promoter about early childhood development and care of marginalized children and it will be widely distributed among NGOs working with and for marginalized communities.

Name of the Grantee: [Give me your hand assisting in the creation of equal opportunities in education and the labor market nonprofit Association](#)

Project title: "Community Tale"

Implementation location: The target area of the project is the segregated Huszár housing estate in [Nyiregyhaza](#). Previously it was a barracks. The inhabitants of Huszár-telep live in deep poverty and among very poor social conditions, most of them are Roma. The age group of the population living



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here is different from the urban average: the proportion of young people is higher, while the proportion of working-age population and the elderly is lower.

Main goals: To facilitate social integration of local inhabitants and to improve the access to quality education services and early childhood care services of disadvantaged Roma children. Another purpose of the project is to support and prepare pregnant mothers with small children in their childcare activities.

Main target groups: Families with multiple disadvantaged children, parents (10-15 per events), parents of multiple disadvantaged children (occasionally 10-20 persons), multiple disadvantaged kindergartens and primary school children (8-10 occasions).

Main activities: A Toy store is organized for the local community where programs for parents and children for their development are provided. The project promoter – a Roma NGO – offers services to the local inhabitants to more easily find jobs, and they organize “Fairy tale telling sessions” for moms, which develops the parenting skills of the involved parents and contribute to proper early childhood development and care of their children. Also community programs are organized to strengthen cohesion of local community.

Main Results: Creating a relationship between mothers, developing vocabulary for mothers, improving the quality of time spent in the family, making available toys for children at home, helping childhood development are expected as main results.

Name of the Grantee: [Vazdune Cherhaja Rising Stars Roma Women Association](#)

Project title: “Jasmin Toy store of Nagyecsed”

Implementation location: [Nagyecsed](#) is located in Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county, very near to Hungarian-Romanian border. The proportion of Roma population in the settlement was 20% in 2011, with an estimated 30% (1,800 persons) based on self-declaration. Roma live among very poor conditions here.

Main goals: To promote the early childhood development and care of local Roma children, to develop parental competences and to promote the inclusion of families. To maintain a so called toy store, a community space in Nagyecsed, where workshops organized for children, and moms are taught how to tell fairy tales to their kids as a development program for all of them.

Main target groups: The main direct target groups are the 0-8 year old, disadvantaged, mainly Roma children in Nagyecsed, and their parents, mainly moms.

Main activities: Different kinds of development programs for children in the toy store community house through playing (applying good quality toys, puzzle games, development tools, books) are organized. The parental skills of the involved moms are developed through the fairy tales program. Also family days as bigger community events are organized for the wider community.

Main Results: The parental competencies and knowledge of the involved moms and the competences of children are expected to be improved; family relationships are also expected to be developed.

Name of the Grantee: [Abakusz Workshop Association](#)

Project title: “Cháchi Ody (With pure heart)”



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Implementation location: The project is implemented in Hosszúpályi, a disadvantaged, remote rural village nearby [Debrecen](#) in Hajdú-Bihar county, where at the local kindergarten all children are Roma from families with extremely low socio-cultural background.

Main goals: to improve skills and abilities of Roma children, to promote their socialization, early childhood development and care, to improve their talents, and assist them in developing hygiene, and positive lifestyle behaviors. Furthermore, development of children and their parents, brothers and sisters in order to overcome their disadvantages and their talent management are targeted too.

Main target groups: Roma children of 5-7 years old attending kindergarten (29 persons) in Hosszúpályi.

Main activities: Programs with the aim of motion development (large movements, square directions, cross channels, etc.) will be provided to children. And development through dramatic pedagogical methods (speech skills development, handicap, concept of count, spatial orientation, socialization, etc.) are also executed.

Main Results: To help the involved children to obtain experience essential for their development, social sensitivity development, vocabulary development, developing useful skills for school years (eye-hand coordination, etc.) are expected.

Name of the Grantee: League of Roma Minority Representatives and Spokemen in Nograd

Project title: “Iny Tiny Little People”

Implementation location: The project is implemented in [Bátonyterenye](#), where most of the Roma inhabitants live among very bad, poor circumstances (15 per cent of families with children cannot pay the water bill and 13.8 percent spend electricity bills, 20.7% of families do not have enough money for food).

Main goals: The main aim is to assist underprivileged Roma children in their proper development where physical, mental and social developments are targeted by different kinds of the program so they can start school with equal chances. Thirty parents will be involved too with a special goal to support young mothers in parenting and how to help their children in learning.

Main target groups: 30 children (0-6 years old) and their parents and their wider family are targeted by the project.

Main activities: Ringató – a special program (with songs and music) for parents and toddlers are organized once a week. A Baba-Mama Club, fairy tales telling programs and other workshops are organized once a week for parents and toddlers, too.

Main Results: Parents and toddlers take part at RINGATÓ sessions once a week. The purpose of the lessons is for moms to learn an easy-to-sing song. The aim is to have the sessions in a good atmosphere and to provide a good model for mothers for the children's music education. Children, and parents, grandparents are unnoticed and are constantly evolved by the programs. The children's ability to speak, memory capacity, and social relationships are also expanded.

Name of the Grantee: Roma Self-helper Association of Cserehát

Project title: “Children smile”



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Implementation location: The project is implemented in [Tomor](#), [Homrogd](#) and [Lak](#), these are very small settlements in one of the most disadvantaged micro-regions of the Northern Hungarian region, Cserehát close to Hungarian-Slovak border. There are a large number of Roma living here in deep poverty, and the number of very young moms is tremendously increasing.

Main goals: Low-income young moms in Tomor, Lak, and Homrogd are better prepared for child care, children are healthier, and community and co-operation between mothers on a local level are strengthened.

Main target groups: 30 Roma children from Tomor, Lak and Homrogd aged 0-8 years, and young mothers under 18 are involved.

Main activities: Recruitment, creation of an electronic community group (Facebook), development sessions for young mothers (including physiotherapist and mental hygienist), cooking courses and a regular development program for every Saturday for the kids with the main focus to develop their movements are organized by the project promoter which is a Roma NGO.

Main Results: Family day care center is established, parents are raising their parenting knowledge, increased household leadership and cooking skills, dissolve their isolation and gain new connections, justice and administrative skills are improved, the relationship between families increased, and community activity is strengthened.