



Why Monitoring and Evaluation for Results on Inclusion Policies?

If you don't have a measurable target, you don't know how far away you are from it...

Monitoring and evaluation are essential to improving the effectiveness and strengthening the impact of inclusion policies targeting the Roma. A strong monitoring and evaluation framework enables the government to:

- ➡ Demonstrate the results of the strategy,
- ➡ Track progress of the strategy toward integration targets.
- ➡ Measure the implementation progress and the impact of the strategy to-date.
- ➡ Inform how projects and activities are funded.
- ➡ Report on the progress to all stakeholders, including the civil society, donor community, and general public.
- ➡ Do stocktaking and modify the strategy in the event where there is need for adjustment.
- ➡ Determine the best ways for achieving the key objectives, and document lessons learned to improve future programs and projects.

Four areas of Slovakia's National Roma Integration Strategy have been identified as essential for monitoring and evaluation:

- **Targeting the poorest and most vulnerable Roma communities:** Develop sub-national, small area poverty maps to identify the poorest and most vulnerable communities which can be targeted by inclusion programs funded by the national management authorities (www.worldbank.org/povertymapping).
- **Monitoring poverty and human development outcomes:** Expand national level household surveys, such as the annual EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), and systematically monitor the poorest communities for progress in reducing poverty and improving human development outcomes.
- **Implementing results-based project monitoring tools:** Put in place simple project monitoring tools that provide timely and consistent information on the inputs, activities, outputs, as well as intended impacts of inclusion programs, and make this information publically available on an online (poverty) mapping platform, such as the World Bank Mapping for Results program (<http://maps.worldbank.org/>).
- **Carrying out impact evaluations to learn what works best:** Implement pilot projects of innovative ideas, carry out rigorous counterfactual impact evaluations of these pilots, and scale up those that work.