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INTRODUCTION

2020 A year of challenges

The last year was a year of challenges for everyone. It was particularly for the civil society , including RWYA “Luludi” a challenge to function under new conditions. RWYA “Luludi” accepted the challenge and learned to be connected with its target group and to give its services through online platforms.

Sustainability

During the year of 2020 RWY Luludi received support from two new donors : The [Council of Europe](#) and the program [Civica Mobilitas](#). Besides the support from the donors RWYA “Luludi” realized a symbolic income from services : Trainings for young Roma woman and translation from English into Romani language.

Main Results:

- A created network of 5 local civil societies, 5 municipalites, 10 high schools from RNM and more than 400 secondary school students, which works towards preventing child and girls trafficking.
- The network has been enlarged regarding the research, monitoring and advocating woman rights, with the focus on the Roma women. The informal network which started as initiative , now counts 11 members from different cities and regions from the country.

“Networking and collaboration with other CSOs is key to the organization's growth.”

- RWYA “Luludi” joined the following networks:
 - National Network to End Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
 - Gender Budget Watchdog Network in Western Balkans

Towards 2021

The last year we grew stronger as an organization as well as individuals. In the next year RWYA “Luludi” continued towards establishing new services and including the target group in the process advocating.

Kjmet Amet
President of RWYA “Luludi”
January, 2021

ABOUT RWYA “LULUDI”

The Roma Woman and Youth association “LULUDI” is non-governmental organization, voluntarily, non-profit, non-partisan and independent civil organization which acts in the territory of Republic North Macedonia. Collaborates with all related organizations on the principal volunteering, equality and respecting each other, does not support any kind of ideology of any political party, no kind of enlisting toward military aggression and incitement of national., racial or religious hatred intolerance.

Vision: The Roma woman is an equal member of the society, bearer and inciter of social changes for sustainably living and promoter of values of the Romani culture.

Mission: Improving of the Roma women and youth status in the society and family, through their whole inclusion into the run of society events, not to mention in cooperation with organizations and institutions on a local, national and international level.

Overall Goals and tasks of the association is to create conditions and organized activity for constant activities of youth and women, as well as to follow, to research and initiate issues which demand social settlement, which are immediately connected with the advancement of the social and economical condition of the youth and woman.

Strategical Priorities and Programs

Within its goals and tasks determined in the Statute of the civil society are also determined the program goals of the society:

- **Realization of the economical, social, cultural, civil and political rights of the women and youth, determined by the constitution and the international documents.**
- **Special protection of the women and the youth determined by the Constitution, the laws and the documents of the international documents.**
- **Adequate representation of the Woman of the Romani woman and youth, in all realms in the society of function.**
- **Absolute respect for personality of the women and the youth, their integrity, absolute gender equality.**
- **Solving the current issues for improving the social and political situation of the women and youth.**
- **Elimination all kind of violence on women and the youth, in accordance with acts of the international community for the fundamental human right and values.**
- **Creation of conditions for a bigger working involvement of the women and youth in the employment process and the economy and other branches**
- **Affirmation of the culture of living and improving of the status and role of the women through the means for public information**
- **Taking measures for alliance in alliances and other kinds of unions for women and youth.**
- **Taking part in discussions through laws and legal acts important for the positions of the woman, the family and the youth.**
- **Providing conditions for implementing the measures for active healthcare and social protection of the women stressing out her role in the biological reproduction and the rights of the woman to properly chose for giving birth , as well as extermination of all kinds of violence towards the woman.**
- **Initiating an initiative for a unconstrained acting on the youth and woman for solving of conflicts, ecological conflicts, aid for for natural disasters, aid for sick people, old and decript persons and children for whom is not provided, peace actions and etc.**

The association is fulfilling its tasks through:

- **Fulfilling concrete program activities**
- **Fulfilling mutual projects and collaboration with other organizations and institutions upon the principal of good partnership, using an interdisciplinary approach.**

- **Founding supporting clubs according the stated needs of the youth woman.**
- **Establishing social entrepreneurship for achievement of the goals, interests and activities, as well financing its functions determined with the Statute.**



PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

**“All together in prevention of child/girls trafficking“ ,
supported by the European Union and the Council of Europe**

The Roma Women and Youth Association “LULUDI” with the support by the Council of Europe and the European Union, the period of 2020 and may of 2021 will work on the prevention of trafficking with children with aim to raise the public awareness and to straighten the children and the youth, with focus on the Romani girls, on identification and reporting of possible cases and incidents of trafficking with children.

Main project goal

Raising public awareness for child trafficking and the different kinds of exploitation, including the forced begging, forced child marriages from different ethnic backgrounds, Roma girls , the parents , local leaders from the community, teachers and media.

Increasing the participation of the children and youth in the prevention and hindering of trafficking with children on a local and national level in Republic of North Macedonia, especially the underprivileged and vulnerable communities and groups and encouragement of the local acting on trafficking in children and girls , especially the modern kind.

Achieved results in 2020:

Main activities:

- Educational workshops intended for youth, secondary students
- Promotional activities for prevention of trafficking in children leaded by young leaders.
- Established collaboration with municipalities, high schools, institutions, NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Promotion of final products, results and recommendations.

Implementation period:

- September,2020 – May, 2021

Targeted municipalities:

- Tetovo, Kumanovo, Prilep, Skopje and Stip.



„Сите заедно во спречување на трговијата со деца и девојки“



- Received support from the ministry of education, the bureau for the development of education for realization of the project.
- Collaboration with five municipalities and 10 high schools for prevention and prevention the children and girls trafficking, especially in the focus the behavior towards the Roma girls. Through this cooperation we support the local strategies for prevention of trafficking with people who in the declared municipalities the had created and adopted. <https://bit.ly/3qmfNtr>
- A network of collaborators is created with five local civil organizations included as local advisors in realization of the activities supported by the Council of Europe and EU, through the project “All together in prevention of child/girls trafficking“.
- 23 Educational workshops on the topic Trafficking in human beings-prevention of the trafficking with children, girls and youth have been implemented to over 400 high school students from different ethnic communities, with the focus on Roma girls, from the cities Tetovo, Stip, Kumanovo, Prilep and Skopje <https://bit.ly/3nNBXTY>

“Institutional Support from the program Civica Mobilitas“

In the upcoming period 2020-2021 RWYA "Luludi" will strengthen its institutional and organizational capacities with the support of the program of Civica Mobilitas.

Main goal

The goal of this support is to act and work on the institutional development and organizational strengthen of the organization, as well as to overcome the current organizational challenges, which will increase the contribution towards the society, which will include the four areas on which is based the program of Civica Mobilitas (enabling civil society environment , civil engagement, cooperation and civil engagement)

RWYA “Luludi” within this support will focus on series of activities:

- Improving and strengthening of the RWYA “Luludi”'s capacities
- Improving the position of the Roma women and youth in the society through mutual initiatives, partnerships with organizations, networks and institutions, increased information and education, active participation.
- Monitoring, reporting and advocating the implementation of the Istanbul Convention and the CEDAW in the Republic of North Macedonia.
- Strengthening the network of local organizations for monitoring of the implementation of the international documents and the policies for prevention of domestic violence and discrimination upon the women, through the improved cooperation and improved of the CSOs on the local level.
- Increased information and education of the Roma women about the forms of gender based violence and discrimination, their encouragement for active participation and acting.

Implementation period:

- July 2020 – June 2021



Achieved results in 2020:

- A total of 11 members part of the Network for monitoring and implementation of the international documents and policies for prevention of domestic violence and discrimination. A total number of 4 new members are included in the Network and confirmed their participation in the activities of the Network.
- A strategy of the non-formal Network of local organizations is created
- A rulebook for volunteering has been created with the help of an engaged person - consultant / expert. In the whole process of creating the manual, the Luludi's team was involved by providing information about the organization and the programs / activities. The Rulebook follows the Law on Volunteering, as well as recommendations from other civil society organizations for creating and running a volunteering program.
- Implemented 16 days of active online campaign through social and digital media. Over 40,000 people were educated about the forms of violence through social media and over 1,500 visitors followed the full campaign through Luludi's website.
- Realized agreement for cooperation with the Macedonian association of Young Lawyers for establishing advisory services for legal protection and aid for the victims of gender based violence.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES AND COLLABORATIONS



✚ 10th March, 2020 - Presentation of the project activities and results of the implemented project “Transparency as part of the sustainability of RWYA “Luludi””, implemented in the period June-November 2019 year, on a event organized by the MCIC. A representative of RWYA „Luludi” took part as a speaker in a panel discussion about the achieved results and benefits of the implemented project from the program „Sustainable civil society: state funding of the civil organizations” the Macedonian Center for international cooperation, in cooperation with Balkan network for democratic development (Balkan Civil Society Development Network) and the Center for Information, cooperation and civil society development from Slovenia (CNVOS), funded by the European Union. On the event

was also presented the new call for grants

- ✚ June-July, 2020- Cooperation with C.S.I Nadez within the project “Decide for yourself- Your voice is your right” as Promoters for independent voting rights to women in the communities in Topana and Gjorce Petrov.
- ✚ June, 2020-Concluded a memorandum for cooperation with Ministry for Internal Affairs represented by the Minister Nakje Chulev. The aim of this memorandum is developing cooperation of the Ministry with non-governmental sector, in the commitment for improvement of the condition and security of the Roma and coordination and leading mutual activities.
- ✚ July,2020 RWYA “Luludi” became a member of the Regional Network for gender responsive budgeting in Western Balkans.
- ✚ August-September,2020 - Cooperation with TransBalkan Network by implementing the project „ Digital Transpozijum” as provider of translation services from Macedonian to Romani language.

- 13 October, 2020 - RWYA "Luludi" became an official member of the National Network to End Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- 28th of December - RWYA "Luludi" received a positive response for approval implementation of the project "Through gender lenses" as partners together with organizations: Journalists for human rights, Rural coalition, Exo, and CRPM as project leader. The project is going to start with the implementation from January 2021.

- 13.02.2020 - RWYA "Luludi" supported the peaceful protest organized for the violent behavior and the discriminatory approach to an activist and who is a member of Luludi, Sirhan Usein, by the employees- controllers of JSP. The protest was held in front of JSP with the demand for the proper sanctioning of the employed controller due to inappropriate approach, increased internal control, self regulation and employment of Roma controllers



https://www.facebook.com/events/246028799725890/?active_tab=about

- 08.03.2020 - RWYA "Luludi" was a part of the March for female rights: You are not guilty!

<https://www.radiomof.mk/drzhava-shto-ugnetuva-e-drzhava-shto-siluva-marsh-za-osmi-mart-vo-skopje/?fbclid=IwAR1-BcNbSgL2IjqU8EgYEFoKPGEHSQ7bIhNWmrdXo1oZ-2saGPK5DKZA0gM>





31.03.2020 - Interview with Dzemiliana Abdulova- Journalist as a part of program for female journalists, project implemented by PINA, on the topic present situation of the Roma woman in this country in regards to their economic independence and their advance their position in the society.

[https://pina.mk/3082-zhenite-romki-se-ushte-se-borat-za-ekonomska-](https://pina.mk/3082-zhenite-romki-se-ushte-se-borat-za-ekonomska-nezavisnost/?fbclid=IwAR3ctHbUMtJRTZE-7Fvo0xJeZLpN6bVbT_N5sp5g_UtxigfEppUWVH2CLNU)

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02.04.2020 - Participation of young Roma members of RYWA “Luludi” in the youth initiative for implementation and promotion of a informative video with delivering recommendations from youth for in and during emergency situations of the occurrence of the COVID-19. An informational video organized from several Romani non-governmental organizations, youth, students and the Youth Council of Shuto Orizari. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=213122849783116>

Sharing useful information through the social network profiles about the ways of taking care and precautions in times of the pandemic. The team of RYWA “Luludi” during the times of declared restrictions of movement and declaration of pandemic in the country, created photos and videos with useful information and instructions, for proper safety from Covid-19 in Romani and Macedonian language, with the aim to achieve the needed advises for proper safety of the larger part of the Roma population. <https://www.facebook.com/romaNgoluludi/videos/651961042324329>

✚ Commemoration this years 8th of April- International Roma day, through creation and distribution of a photoframe on the social network Facebook.

✚ In the period April-May 2020 , the team of RYWA “Luludi” carried out an voluntary initiative in carrying out free online lecturers together with long standing cooperators: Journalists for human rights, Daniel Antonviska - MA in gender studies, Robert Rustem – a human rights activist, Gordana Nestorovska – MA in economics and international management and activist in the NGO sector, Silhan Saitiov - human rights activist. Motivated from the desire to act and to offer the youth and the women of the community and the wider audience, during the emergency time of the pandemic due to Covid-19 and the introduced restrictions of movement and in the everyday life, were provided 5 online lecture for free, on the topics: “Women health under conditions of the pandemic”, “Covid-19 and gender equality”, “The 16th -of May Roma resistance day in Auschwitz-the Roma women and their role during the Nazi camps “, “NGOs in times of crisis”, The steps in the process of public advocacy”, which resultet with around 100 participants. <https://mailchi.mp/1af3f1a67b88/newsletter-rwya-luludi?e=521e0a8828>

✚ 18-29 June,2020 – Participation of a member of RYWA “Luludi” on a training for Risk Management in the civil societies, organized by Macedonian Center for International Cooperation(MCIC) within the program “Sustainable civil society-state funding of the civil organizations”. The aim of the training was straightening the capacities of the civil organizations for prediction and managing (external and internal) risks.



✚ 24-26 June , 2020 – Participation of member of RYWA “Luludi” on a training “Basics knowledge of Gender responsive budgeting (GRB) organized by the Gender Budget Watchdog Network.

✚ 15th June , RYWA “Luludi” together with other several organizations submitted official letters “Complaint on the decision on allocation of funds for financial aid of associations and foundations about measures for dealing with Covid19” to the Government of NRM, as displeasure on the brought decision and selection of allocation of grants for the CSOs in non-transparent and not right way. (Decision on allocation of funds for financial aid of associations and foundations about measures for dealing with Covid19, in this action took part through submitting the complaint the following civil organizations.

<https://www.facebook.com/romaNgoluludi/photos/a.938259709640702/1995979470535382/>

✚ 24th June - Interview for Romaversitas-Romaindex students newspaper

https://issuu.com/romaversitas/docs/1_?fbclid=IwAR2PMVI1K0xwr202w3HRsIGALSH1qLTLaZXxEPfoBTiqfX0Wubi93tvXUd8

✚ 27th July 2020- Organizing and delivering humanitarian packages to 50 Roma families in Topaana and Gjorche Petrov-Gege. Together with the youth we empower the voluntary work and we help the social endangered families who are affected by the Corona Virus crisis with taking part in providing humanitarian actions in cooperation with Youth Hub “Volunteering for a solidarity society, under the auspices of the President of NRM, Stevo Pendarovski.

<https://www.facebook.com/romaNgoluludi/posts/2039666606166668>





ПРИЈАВА ЗА ВОЛОНТЕРСТВО

Ромската асоцијација за жени и млади „ЛУЛУДИ“ во склоп на своето работење во тековниот период од септември до јули 2020 година ја проширува својата Програма на волонтерство. Програмата на волонтерство во организацијата РАЖМ „Лулуди“ ќе придонесе кон развивање на самата организација, нејзиното членство, работењето, како и отворање можност за зајакнување на одредени вештини и компетенции на лица-волонтери кои имаат желба за изучување на нови нешта, содржини, практики, зајакнување на своите вештини и компетенции. Силно веруваме дека волонтерството е една клучна алатка за себе-зајакнување, лична и професионална надоградба на една индивидуа.

*Пријавените кандидати кои ќе влезат во најтесниот круг на пре-селектирани ќе бидат повикани на разговор и доставување дополнителни документи како кратка биографија, мотивациско писмо, портфолио и сл.

*РАЖМ „Лулуди“ во текот на годината може да ангажира најмногу 2-3 волонтери, во период од три до шест месеци, зависно од условите и претходно договореното. Според ова, постои можноста сите апликации да не бидат прифатени доколку не се исполнат сите критериуми или пак да бидат ставени во листа на чекање.

* Required

✚ 27th August, 2020 - participation of member of RWYA “Luludi” on an online meeting regarding the consultation of the CSO Financial Sustainability Network, organized by Konekt.

✚ September, 2020 - RWYA “Luludi” established a Rulebook for volunteering in RWYA “Luludi” and launched an open call for volunteers to apply for the period September to July 2020, with the support of the institutional support by Civica Mobilitas.

✚ 25th September, 2020 - Participation of the annual working meeting for presentation and discussion of the strategical priorities of the Ministry of Education and Science in accordance with the program of the Government NRM.



✚ 15,16 октомври, 2020 - Participation in the Annual Assembly of the -National Network to End Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

✚ 16 октомври - Participation in the National Forum, Civica Mobilitas.



✚ 17th October - Participation in the Civica Mobilitas Festival "Civil Society Day"

✚ 17th October, 2020 - within Civica mobilitas the festival, "The day of the civil organization" Participation on a workshop for presentation and testing online tools for self evaluation Rendir App or Be accountable <http://www.app.rendircuentas.org/mk/>, organized by the Macedonian center for international cooperation, and the Balkan network for development of the civil society.



 Roma Women and Youth Association "Luludi" is attending Ден на граѓанските организации 2020 with Ines AmDz and 2 others.
Published by Ines AmDz · October 17, 2020



286 People Reached 108 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

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✚ RWYA “Luludi” imarked the **18th October – European Anti-trafficking Day** , sharing blue ribbons and messages with information about the forms and data about human trafficking, especially with children and girls. The activity has been provided as an initiative within the project “All together in prevention of child and girls trafficking”, funded by the EU and Council of Europe , in the city central park Skopje at the even Civica Mobilitas Festival "Civil Society Day".



<https://fb.watch/3geZWqIB1R/>

✚ 20th October - The President of RWYA “Luludi” lecturer for advocacy on a local level, to young Roma girls who are members of a Group for advocacy, event/ workshop organized by HERA.





16 days activism against violence towards women with the slogan “Don’t snooze the alarm! Report the violence!”. Over 40.000 people are educated through the social networks for the forms of violence, and over 1500 visitors were following the whole campaign through the Luludi’s website. The online campaign included: around 20 educating posts on the social networks, created 16 designs with messages for 16 days of activism and the forms of violence, 1 online quiz, 1 regional workshop on the topic : Domestic and gender based violence and the answer of the CSOs, 1 online workshop for education on the forms of violence, the ways of reporting and the procedure for protection of the victims in our system in which participated 20 young people from the Roma nationality, organized in cooperation with MYLA .

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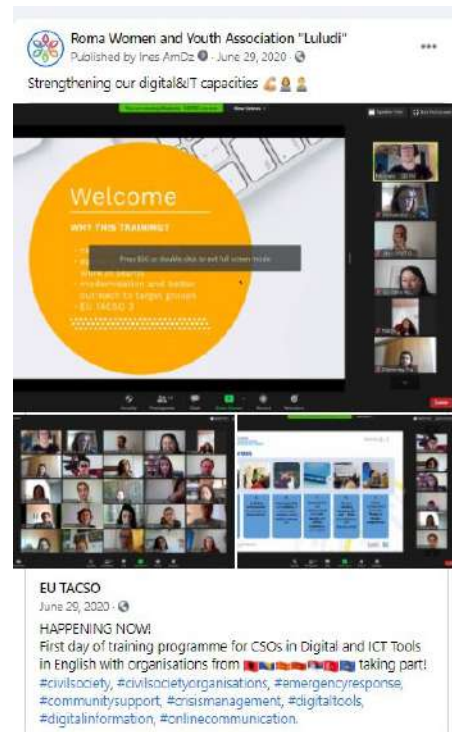
<https://bit.ly/35LF7By>

INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION

✚ January 2020- RWYA “Luludi” partner with Leaders of Justice and Equality youth club from Tekirdag, Turkey, as barriers of the project “They have just colorful lives. Lets change your stereotypes!”, together with 5 organizations from Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The main goal of the project is to raise awareness among young people in the European Union about the minorities and their integration, contributing towards prevention the concept for ethnic nationalism and discrimination, tearing down existing stereotypes through education, as well contributing to developing of new policies for integration of the Roma in the society. The project initially was with the time frame for implementation from 2-9 April 2020, but due to global pandemic of Covid-19 the implementation is postponed for the next year.

✚ 31.01.2020 - Participation on a meeting “Transfer of knowledge: Learnt Lessons from the global standard of Accountability self assessment exercises”, organized by the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation. The meeting was led by Anabel Kruz , director and founder of the institute for communications and development from Uruguay and chairwoman with board of Civicus: Worldwide alliance for civil inclusion, and longstanding expert for civil society, self accountability and civil inclusion with over 30 years of international experience. She has direct experience with implementing of the global standard. The aim of the meeting was in directly to strengthen the capacity of CSOs for establishing a network of transparency and self accountability of the civil organizations in the countries of south America, discussion for the importance of civil platforms in developing a civil society and self regulation.

✚ 29th Jun-1st July-Participation of member on Digital and ICT Tools that was held online, organized by the EU TACSO 3 and delivered by the trainers from SEEYN.



- ✚ 26th of August, 2020-Settling a coordinative meeting of the Balkan Roma Women Network -Continuing with the regional cooperation and the mutual acting of Roma woman organizations from the Balkan regions.
- ✚ 5th of October- Meeting with the representative of Kvinna til Kvinna for an alignment of RWYA “Luludi” in their network of cooperators and organizations which are functioning on national level.
- ✚ 06th November 2020 - Participation in the event "Can transparency really help us? Different approaches of CSOs to increase transparency ", organized by MCIC. The purpose of this event is to share the best practices of civil society in Slovenia to encourage and improve transparency in the sector.



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