



20th of June– World Refugee Day Out of Solidarity with the Refugees...

With the occasion of the World Refugee Day, Romani CRISS – Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies and Monitoring Media Agency would like to express solidarity with all the refugees and IDPs (internally displaced persons), especially with the refugees from former Yugoslav countries and to protest against the current situation of the refugees.

At present, the situation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians from the post-crisis states of South–Eastern Europe is far from being solved. Although each country has its specificity (Serbia, Montenegro, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and province Kosovo), the refugees’ problems are commune and multiple, including that fact they are denied the refugee statute, the right to voluntary return; they do not benefit of fundamental rights (right to education, to health, etc), civil registration and, not least, they are subject of constant discrimination.

Despite the international organisations’ efforts to solve the situation of the refugees in the South-eastern Europe, the situation is still precarious. To this end, we recommend the governments to take concrete and immediate measures to solve the desperate conditions in which the refugees live (sanitation, unemployment, legal statute).

In Romania, according to a Government statement, there are approximately 600 refugees and another 3,000 who have requested and received a form of protection. Tomorrow, on the 20th of June, let’s all together help this vulnerable group, the refugees, to make them feel safe and protected.

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