Portfolio Review Elements: Social Accountability for Roma Health (2013-2015); Participants: Raluca Bunea, Maja Jovanovic, and Rosalind McKenna, Public Health Program; Presidential Portfolio Review: April 28, 2016

NOTE: Rationale for reviewing a partial Category of Work
As has been discussed previously with the President, we have decided to base this portfolio review on a partial category of work. The work under review began as a single concept before we adopted the new CoW structure and taxonomy in 2015. Since then, the work has been integrated into a larger body of work that we conceptualize as "Accountability and Leadership for Roma Health Rights," which includes components of social and legal accountability, as well as leadership development. For learning purposes, it made more sense to define this portfolio review according to how the work was defined when we began it.

In this portfolio, we advanced work to support marginalized Roma communities to hold their governments accountable to health related commitments by using social accountability methods, such as community monitoring, social audit, and budget monitoring. Three main elements were used in this portfolio: (I) project grants for implementing social accountability approaches; (II) technical assistance for testing and scaling up the social accountability approaches through consultancies, convening, and peer exchange visits; and (III) grants for the development of advocacy capacity and media advocacy tools. This review covers a three-year span from 2013-2015, but the work continues in the context of the enlarged concept described above.

(I) Project grants for implementing social accountability approaches ($1,369,805)

These grants supported Roma-led and Roma-focused NGOs in Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Romania, to test and expand the community monitoring approaches to holding governments accountable to their health related commitments. They also included support to the early adopters of social accountability approaches to disseminate these to other NGOs. In the period from 2013 to 2015 thirteen organizations received project grant support. ($1,369,805)

(II) Technical assistance for testing and scaling up the social accountability approaches through consultancies, convenings, and peer exchange visits ($193,346)

These operational activities engaged external experts to provide support with learning, adapting, and initial testing of the social accountability approach. They included peer exchange visits to India and Romania and annual convenings for learning and assessment of progress. A total of ten organizations implementing social accountability work for advancing Roma health from Bulgaria, Macedonia and Romania benefited from this support. ($193,346)

(III) Grants for the development of advocacy capacity and media advocacy tools ($74.775)

These grants supported social accountability grantees in Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Romania to develop printed and digital materials in support of their advocacy to promote access to health services for the most marginalized Roma communities. Nine organizations received support for the development of media advocacy tools. ($74,775)

I. Project grants for implementing social accountability approaches ($1,369,805)

Center for Democratic Development and Initiative (CDRIM) - support for implementing community monitoring as a participatory approach to promoting access to healthcare for Roma in Skopje, Macedonia;
$30,016 (2013); $20,000 (2014); $29,999 (2015);

Kham - support for implementing community monitoring as a participatory approach to promoting access to healthcare for Roma in Delchevo, Macedonia;
$35,015 (2013); $25,000 (2014); $40,000 (2015);

Lil - support for implementing community monitoring as a participatory approach to promoting access to healthcare for Roma in Skopje, Macedonia.
$32,350 (2013); $8,000 (2014);

Roma Organization for Multicultural Affirmation S.O.S. - support for implementing community monitoring as a participatory approach to promoting access to healthcare for Roma in Prilep, Macedonia;
$9,604 (2013);

Liberal Alternative for Roma Civil Unification – Largo association - support for implementing community monitoring as a participatory approach to promoting access to healthcare for Roma in Kystendil, Bulgaria;
$24,998 (2013); $25,000 (2014);

World Without Borders - WWB - support for implementing community monitoring as a participatory approach to promoting access to healthcare for Roma in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria;
$24,997 (2013); $24,964 (2015);

Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women (ESE) – support for capacity building and implementation of community monitoring and applied budget work, promoting the transparency and accountability of governmental institutions, and the use of media in advocacy;
$80,000 (2013); $90,000 (2014); $178,800 (2015);

Health Education and Research Association (HERA) - support to implement community monitoring work in Skopje and to integrate social accountability and legal empowerment approaches in advocacy to advance Roma health;
$19,993 (2014); $70,000 (2015);

Center for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance (Amalipe) - support for implementing community monitoring work in Bulgaria, disseminating the approach to two other Bulgarian NGOs. Support for advocating for the scale up and official recognition of community monitoring as a participatory method in monitoring the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies within the EU Roma framework;
$33,826 (2013); $199,654 (2013-2015); $219,991 (2015-2017);

Roma Resource Center (RRC) - support for integrating social accountability and legal empowerment approaches in advocacy to advance Roma health in Skopje, Macedonia;
$28,000 (2015);

National Roma Centrum (NRC) - support for introducing community monitoring as a participatory approach to advancing Roma health in Kumanovo, Macedonia;
$29,999 (2015);

Humanitarian Organization Together for Them – support for introducing community monitoring as a participatory approach to advancing Roma health in Baia Mare, Romania;
$39,993 (2014);

Association Institute for Public Policy (IPP) – support to develop the capacity of Roma organizations to undertake budget monitoring as a component of social accountability, and explore potential work on social auditing in Romania;
$49,606 (2013)

II. Providing technical assistance for testing and scaling up the social accountability approaches through consultancy, convenings, and exchange visits ($193,346)

a. *Engaging consultants to provide technical assistance for introducing and adapting social accountability approaches in Macedonia, Romania, and Bulgaria* ($113,083)

- Abhijit Das, Center for Health and Social Justice - technical assistance to introduce the social accountability approaches tested successfully in India to local organizations working to advance Roma health and rights, and to build regional capacity in Europe on these issues;
  $18,385 (2013); $19,906 (2015);
- Anuradha Joshi, Institute for Development Studies - consultancy to develop case studies and the conceptual framework on the global integration of social accountability and legal empowerment approaches for all PHP grantees prior to piloting the integration in practice with five NGOs in Macedonia. Approximately 60% of her engagement was

committed to advancing social accountability work for Roma health;
Total support provided: $42,078 (2014); $53,144 (2015) of which $57,000 related to Roma health;

- Alphia Abdikeeva - consultancy to support the exploration of the integration of social accountability and legal empowerment approaches, from the perspective of legal empowerment. About 50% of her engagement was committed to advancing social accountability work for Roma health;
  Total support provided was: $11,521 (2014); $17,589 (2015) of which $14,000 related to Roma health;
- Zoran Bikovski - consultancy for regional technical assistance on social accountability resulting from the initial support of Abhijit Das;
  $3,792 (2015).

b. *OSF convenings ($72,646)*
   - Workshop in Macedonia to support five Roma NGOs monitoring the implementation of the National Program for Active Health Care for Mothers and Children aimed at improving the immunization rate among Roma children; $7,772 (2013);
   - Social audit training to build the capacity of Bulgarian and Macedonian organizations to use community monitoring approaches;
     $19,999 (2013);
   - Social accountability assessment meeting for grantees from Bulgaria, Romania, and Macedonia;
     $12,000 (2014); $ 8,875 (2015);
   - Meeting on the integration of social accountability and legal empowerment approaches held in New York with all PHP grantees implementing social accountability approaches in Roma health and other fields. About 30% of the total support to the convening was committed to social accountability work for Roma health;
     Total cost of the convening was $80,416 (2014) of which $24,000 related to Roma health.

c. *Peer exchange visits* ($7,617)
   - Peer exchange visit to Romania by Macedonian grantees in order to share the Macedonian experience with the new Romanian grantees. $5,746 (2015);
   - Peer exchange visit to experts from the Center for Health and Social Justice, India by Macedonian practitioners to deepen their expertise in applying social accountability to advancing Roma health;
     $1,871 (2015).

III. Grants for the development of advocacy capacity and media advocacy tools ($74,755)

Training for social accountability grantees on how to best use the media in order to enhance the uptake of social accountability approaches by Roma communities and strengthen the advocacy linked to findings from social accountability work.
$5,000 (2013);

Support to the Youth Educational Forum to provide mentorship guidance on media advocacy tools to organizations implementing social accountability projects in Macedonia.
$29,755 (2014);

Support to NeVO to produce a documentary on the implementation of social accountability work in Bulgaria for use in training and advocacy meetings.
$40,000 (2014).