

INVISIBLE POWER
RISES

PROJECT EVALUATION

Structure of the Project Evaluation

- ❑ Information about the project
- ❑ Information about implemented activities and their long-term impact
- ❑ Information about the target groups and feedback from the target groups
- ❑ SWOT Analysis
- ❑ Inputs and donors

I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

COALITION 'THE INVISIBLE POWER'

OUR MAIN GOALS

- Empowering women in marginalized community groups.
- Raising awareness through public presentation - exhibition of photographs, storytelling.
- Raising awareness through the media.
- Mainstreaming, networking and application of the recommendations

THE MAIN FOCUS

- Combating antigypsyism, xenophobia and racism, eliminating prejudice against marginalized groups of women, and empowering Roma and migrant women in Czech Republic.



OUR VISION

"As a member organization of ČŽL (SIMI and Manushe / Slovo 21), we have for a long time dealt with the fact that women from disadvantaged groups, such as Roma and migrant women, do not have enough visibility among women within the feminist movements. Therefore we looked for opportunities to raise the profile of these women (...) One of the goals of the project was to involve Roma and migrant women in the working groups within ČŽL, and engage them with topics such as obstetrics, violence against women, or women and the economy. It is from here that we try to bring the views and perspectives of these women - migrant women and Roma women, into a discussion."

Eva Čech Valentová, project coordinator for SIMI

OUR MOTIVATION

- ❑ The coalition was formed in the autumn of 2019 with a vision to improve the lives of women from marginalized communities in the Czech Republic.
- ❑ Due to the multiple vulnerability, discrimination and invisibility of Roma and migrant women in the Czech Republic in public policy, targeted measures are needed to help to reduce these inequalities and to sensitise the relevant parties and general public.
- ❑ To achieve these goals, we are building a committed coalition of civil society organizations that will focus on promoting issues relating to disadvantaged groups of women at all levels, and on strengthening their own solidarity actions.

OUR MOTIVATION



Czech Women's Lobby (CWL)

- Is an association of 37 organizations.
- The mission is to accept the real problems that women face and to raise them to a political level, as well as to improve the situation of women in society.
- CWL promotes the rights of all girls and women living in the Czech Republic, including the rights of women from marginalized groups. CWL has been connecting women's NGOs for more than 10 years.



Manushe

- Group of Roma women
- Operating under the umbrella of the Slovo 21 NGO since 2000.
- Focuses on supporting educated, independent and confident women who can express their needs.
- The group has currently more than 200 members in more than 20 locations in the Czech Republic.
- Roma Spirit Award (2014)
- In 2013, its members initiated a new platform called Jileha (By Heart) - local women's groups that focus on protecting women's rights, building self-esteem, and organizing various events to promote gender equality.



SIMI

- The Association for Integration and Migration (SIMI) is an organization that has been defending the human rights of migrants for more than 25 years.
- Provides free legal, social and psychosocial counseling to approximately 1,500 individuals and families in disadvantaged situations, from whom they acquire authentic knowledge for further advocacy, education and awareness-raising activities.
- Works with the public to develop tolerance, combating xenophobia and racism.

II. INFORMATION ABOUT IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES AND THEIR LONG-TERM IMPACT

Project in numbers

Quantifiable indicators of activities

- ❑ 3 cooperating organizations within the network CWL
- ❑ 15 interdisciplinary meetings
- ❑ 12 advocacy meetings
- ❑ 7 newly established collaborations
- ❑ 1 joint report
- ❑ 6 public events and debates
- ❑ 4 published articles
- ❑ 30 media appearances

Project in numbers

Quantified support of the target groups

- ❑ 148+ engaged Roma women
- ❑ 50 + involved migrant women
- ❑ 112 supported Roma and migrant women in individual courses
- ❑ 30 local Manushe coordinators



Change in the situation of the target group

Contribution to the topic thanks to
the implemented activities

- ❑ Achieving the bill discussion about **compensation for involuntarily sterilized Roma women** in the Parliament
- ❑ **Inclusion of multiple disadvantage group of women** into the government measures under the Strategy for Equality Between Women & Men 2021+
- ❑ Pushing the discussion of the proposed recommendations to the government in connection with **the gendered experience with the pandemic**

PROJECT OUTPUTS

CONFERENCE

Together without violence

25th November 2019



Women, food & songs or
Women's picnic on Kotlasce,
2020



Storytelling
workshops



Migrant storytelling on
WeMind festival

PUBLIC OUTPUTS

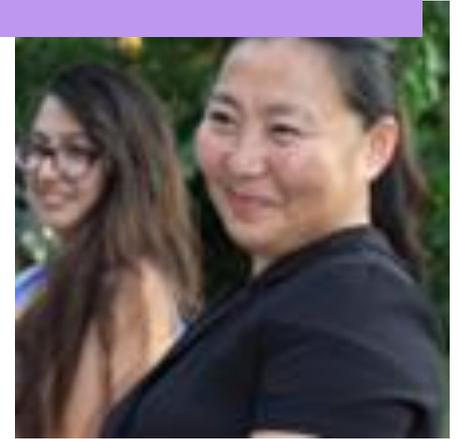
MY BODY, MY CHOICE

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF ROMA
AND MIGRANT WOMEN

Streaming public debate on International Women's Day 2021

My body, my choice [/link here/](#)

How Roma & migrant women dealt with the pandemic [/link here/](#)



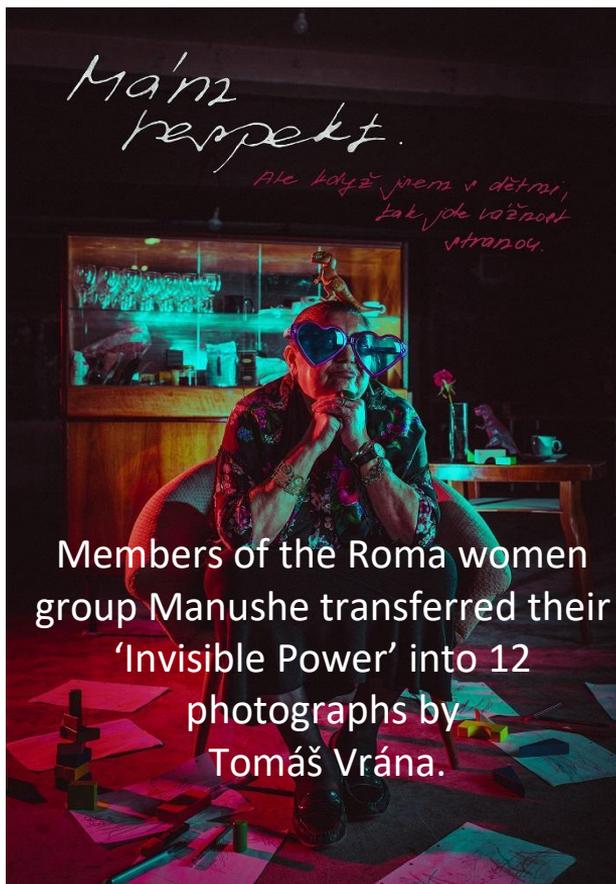
PROJECT OUTPUTS

Listen: [Us and them](#), 8. 8. 2020

Audio length: 15:00 mins

What do have Roma and migrant women in common? Do they share similar problems and feelings during the pandemic? Listen to the part of our on-line debate about the project 'Invisible Power'.

Moderator: Goranka Oljača.



An exhibition Women Without Borders introduced women's stories through comics

[/link here/](#)



PROJECT OUTPUTS



What has the cooperation of INVISIBLE POWER coalition bring? / [link](#) /

Article on our webpage / [link](#) /

Integrace migrantek ve VB - SIMI Bez vrásek (migrace.com) / [link](#) /

How to survive the covid period in peace? We bring advice and tips to a psychotherapist / [link](#) /

INTERDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION

- 1) Evaluating the social impact of our cooperation
- 2) Cooperating with the Czech Women's Lobby network of organizations – outcome - 3 action plans for the 2021 involving Roma and migrant Women



VÝSTUPY A ÚSPĚCHY PROJEKTU:

- Přes 30 mediálních výstupů
- Podpora serveru Romea.cz
- Zviditelnění příběhů migrantek na blogu Bez vrásek
- Podpořeno více než 180 žen z řad Romek a migrantek
- Přes 10 akcí pro veřejnost (debaty, konference, tematická setkání, živé knihovny, výstavy)
- 17 networkingových akcí s migrantkami a Romkami
- 3 tematické pracovní skupiny
- 7 organizací a iniciativ
- Stínová zpráva k úmluvě CEDAW

SHADOW REPORT ON THE STATE OF GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN YEARS 2016–2020

STÍNOVÁ ZPRÁVA O STAVU GENDEROVÉ ROVNOSTI
V ČESKÉ REPUBLICĚ V LETECH 2016–2020

- 10 chapters
- 18 authors participating on the publication
- 1 chapter focusing on Women Facing Multiple Challenges
 - Roma Women
 - Women Migrants



III. INFORMATION ABOUT THE TARGETED GROUPS AND THEIR FEEDBACK

"I am happy with my work as I can meet women who have increased their self-confidence during their participation in our women's group. After all, many projects have been implemented exactly around this topic, although I must say that not all Roma women were without a confidence. You have to look at Roma women with your eyes open and without comparison, because in addition to women who have low self-esteem and who come from a socially excluded family, there are women who are educated and who can give away a handful of self-confidence to others. "

Claudie, coordinator of the female Roma group Manushe.

"These women have an inner strength that is not visible, opinions and problems that are not heard. Roma women are interested in getting to know each other. They often do not have the right conditions to express themselves or do not have the confidence to do so. We try to give them support, to reassure them that they can show up. In fact, they usually don't believe much that it is possible. Society often does not give neither Roma, nor migrant women the opportunity to express themselves without criticizing them. "

Sabina, the coordinator for the public event,
Manushe/Slovo21

SWOT ANALYSIS: STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES

DIVERSITY

STORY-
TELLING

UNIFIED
COOPERATION
STRATEGY

EMPHASIZED
GENDER
DIMENSION IN
EACH DEBATE

EXPERIENCE
FROM THE
FIELD

FOLLOW-UP
ACTIVITIES

STRONG
PROJECT
MANAGEMENT
SKILLS

„The cooperation is fantastic. I can see we all want to continue. We are inspired by each other and our work makes sense to us. I am very happy that we can pick up on this concrete experience and continue to support the most vulnerable groups of women. We want to take on real problems these women face and raise them to a political level. Together we continue fundraising for our coalition. Just now we have submitted a big human rights project proposal to improve the situation of women in society. ”

Hana, director of the Czech Women's Lobby

DONORS

- **EVZ TOTAL AMOUNT: 57.959 EUR DURATION: 09/2019 - 12/2020**
- **USA TOTAL AMOUNT: 8.560 USD DURATION: 02/2020 - 06/2021**
- **GB TOTAL AMOUNT: 282.300 CZK DURATION: 12/2020 - 03/2021**

