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FROM EXCLUSION TO EQUITY: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF ANTIGYPSYISM

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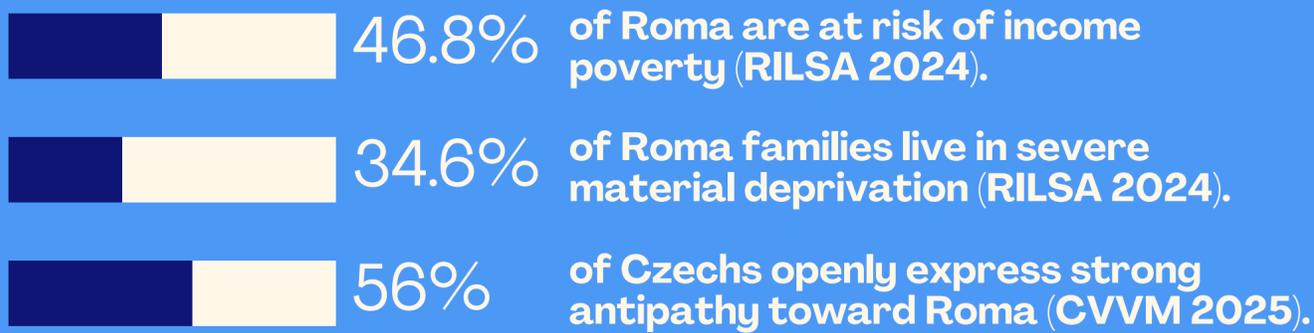
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Two Faces of Czechia: Life on the Edge of Poverty

In Czechia, ethnicity dictates economic fate. Systemic exclusion traps entire Roma families in a cycle of extreme poverty.

*According to practitioners and experts, the systemic hostility affects people most severely when **searching for housing** and **in courtrooms**.*

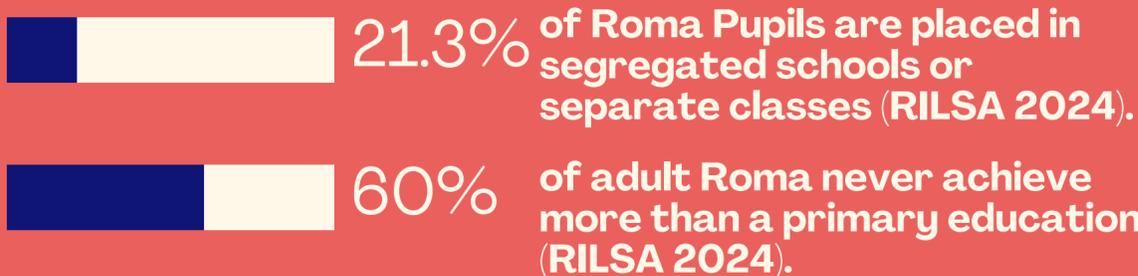
ALARMING FIGURES



1 in 3 Roma families live in severe deprivation.

Segregation and the Struggle for Warmth

A Stolen Future



Housing: Life on the Margins

9 out of 10 Roma families live in overcrowded conditions (RILSA 2024).

44% are pushed into isolated, segregated localities (RILSA 2024).

Energy Poverty: The Struggle for Warmth



Broken Trust and State Indifference

The Policy Failure

80% of experts say government integration strategies are **ineffective in practice** (JEKHIPE Survey).

The Cause: Political inaction and a lack of genuine commitment to change.

The Trust Crisis

According to experts and practitioners, systemic hostility is also most visible in unequal treatment by the police and the courts (JEKHIPE survey).

Result: Victims often stop defending their rights because they don't believe the system will help them.

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Painful Truths and Healing Justice

The Czech Republic must **stop treating antigypsyism as a marginal issue**. It must be **firmly anchored in law** so that hate, both online and offline, can be effectively prosecuted.

The state must provide **prompt and dignified compensation** to victims of forced sterilization without humiliating bureaucratic obstacles.

Roma history, culture, and the Holocaust must become **an integral part of school curricula** so that future generations do not repeat past mistakes.



Without acknowledging historical failures and firmly combating hate, society cannot move toward mutual trust and respect.

Ending Impunity: A Roadmap

Fair Policing & Accountability

End Racial Profiling: Origin must never be a reason for a police stop.

Independent Oversight: A 100% autonomous body to investigate all police misconduct.

Bias Training: Mandatory, rigorous anti-discrimination training for all police and judges.

Housing as a Right

Stronger Laws: High penalties for discrimination in the housing market.

Active Testing: Large-scale, state-funded "situation testing" to catch biased landlords.

End Overcrowding: Shift housing from a privilege to a guaranteed right.

Real Chances to Thrive

The Education Gap

21% of Roma Pupils are currently in segregated schools or classes.

Action: The Ministry of Education must enforce Fair Catchment Areas nationwide to end segregation.

The Economic Barrier

Only 29.5% of Roma women are employed (RILSA 2024).

Action: Break the Debt Traps and provide targeted employment support for marginalized women.

Sustaining Change

Shift NGOs from short-term, bureaucratic grants to **stable multi-year funding**.