**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**September 2014- April 2015**

**Law no. 10383, date 24.02.2011** "On compulsory insurance of health care in the Republic of Albania", amended, and defines the way the insurance for any individual or category of people to health services. In Article 5 of this law, *Insured Persons*, paragraph 2 /e *the category of persons defined by special laws*, included groups or categories that their insurance contributions covered by State. For all Albanian citizens, health services are guaranteed under this law.

* **Are any measures in place to promote/improve access to health care of the Roma communities (for example health mediators)?**

In the framework of drafting the New Action Plan for the Integration of Roma and Egyptians 2015-2020, as part of the Policy Document on Social Inclusion, lead by Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, the Ministry of Health has taken its commitment to develop specific measures, in cooperation with civil society, to address the health problems and obstacles of Roma and Egyptians community, and to build sustainable integration by providing equal access to health care services.Strategic goal, in the healthcare field, is to ensure *accessible, affordable and equitable healthcare* to Roma and Egyptians.

* **Have any activities been carried out targeting Roma women, including awareness raising campaigns on the rights of women, reproductive health, prenatal care and/or family violence and/or sexual violence?**

Institute of Public Health, in districts such as Berat, Korce and Durres has made promotional activities with Roma community, regarding: child care, feeding, vaccination, family planning.

Public Health Directorates in Tirana, Berat, Kucove, Pogradec, Lezhe, Shkoder, Fier, Elbasan, Gjirokaster, in collaboration with several NGOs and Roma associations, offer a range of services which include health care. The services provided by primary health care personnel consist of training in the field of HIV prevention through peer educators in the community, promoting voluntary counseling and testing for this disease, condom distribution and training of health personnel working in areas where the Roma community lives.