

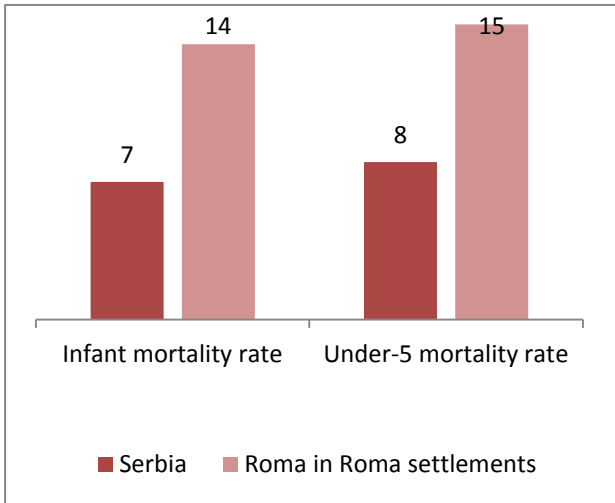


Multi-indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)

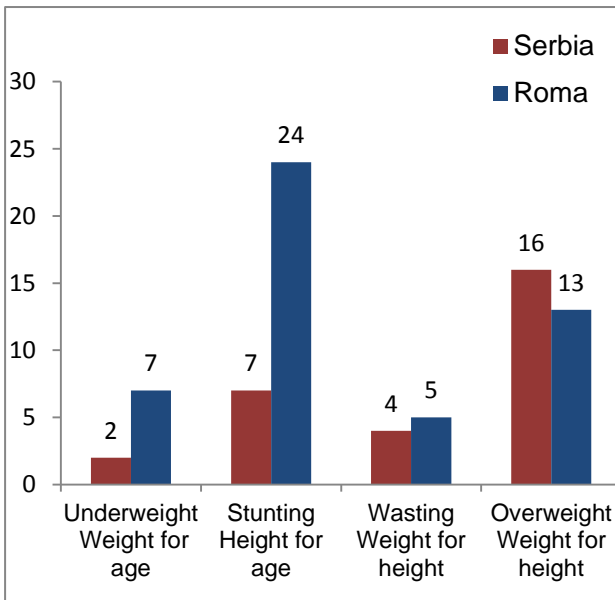
Serbia 2012

Selected ECD and Roma Indicators



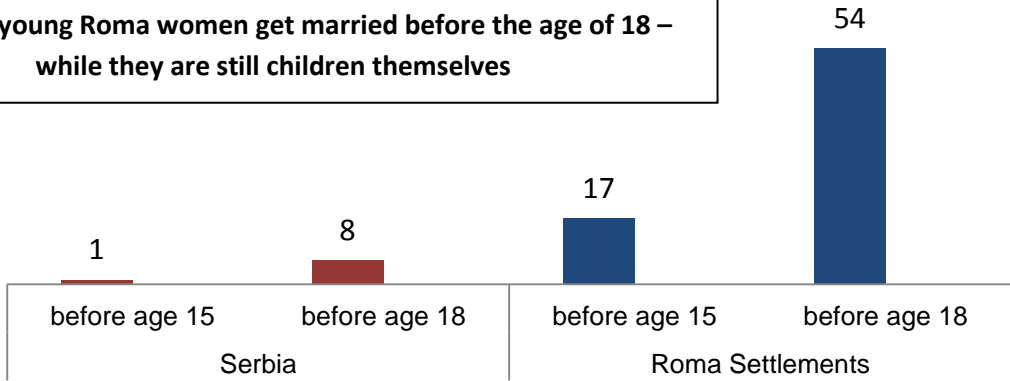


Child Mortality Rate, 2010
 Child mortality rates among Roma are as much as twice the national average



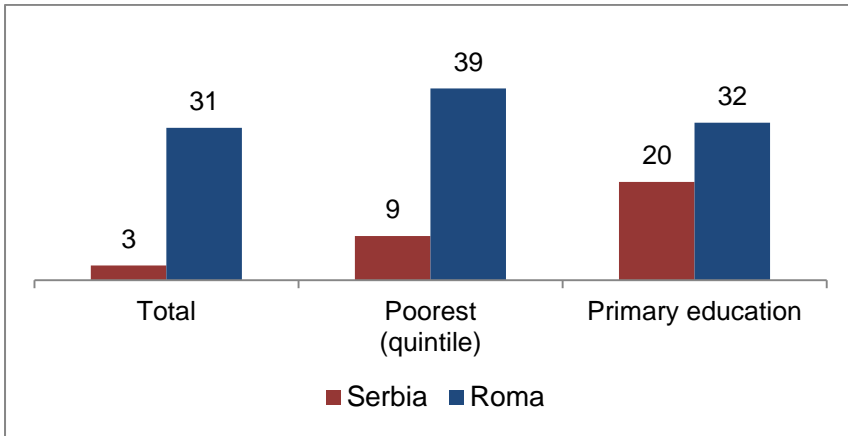
Nutritional status of children under age 5
 Underweight and stunting prevalence rates among Roma children are more than three times higher compared to the national average

Early Marriage
 Half of all young Roma women get married before the age of 18 – while they are still children themselves



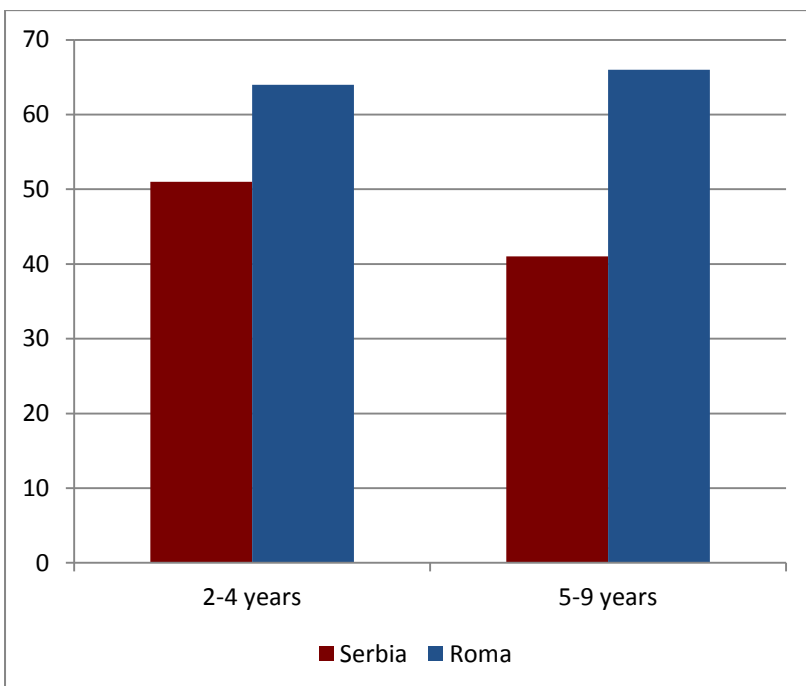
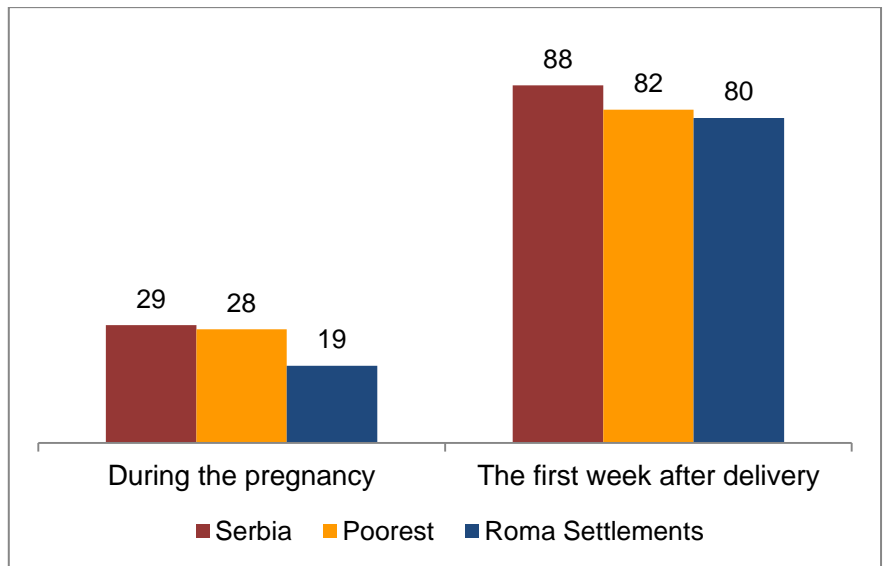
Childbearing before age 18

One out of three young Roma women gives birth to a child before the age 18; young mothers who often have only primary education need support to care for their babies



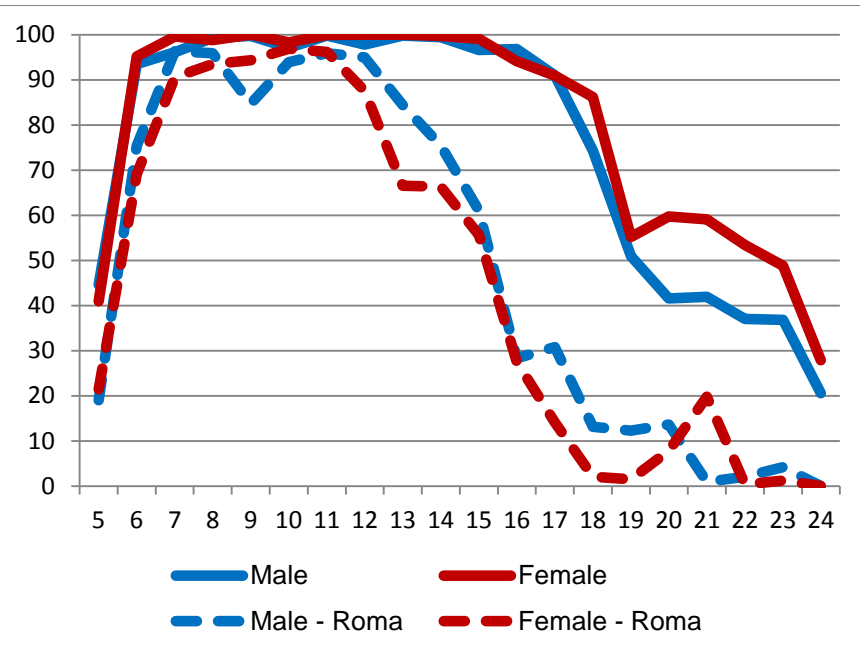
Home Visits by Nurses

80% of Roma women do not receive a single visit during pregnancy and 20% during the first week after delivery by a visiting nurse. Home visits can be an important means of counseling and support for new mothers which in turn can have a positive impact on child growth and development



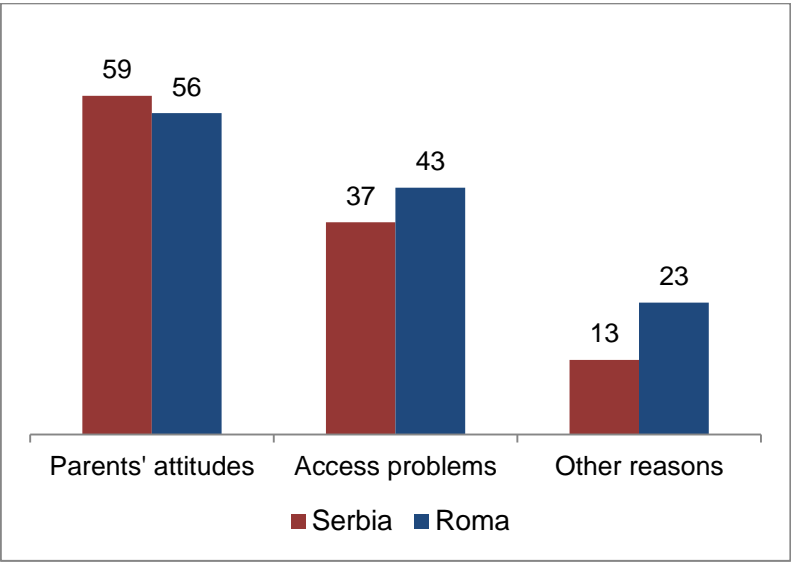
Physical Punishment

Harsh punishment detrimental to children's health and development. High levels of physical punishment of young children among both Roma and non-Roma populations are a matter of concern. There are many reasons for this parental stress and lack of access to parenting



Preschool programme and school attendance
 Fewer Roma 5 year olds attend preschool. Large numbers of Roma children leave school between the ages of 12 and 15 years

Reasons for not attending KG
 While parental attitudes were given as a reason by both Roma and non-Roma parents, problems of access and other reasons were cited most frequently by the Roma as the reason for their children not attending kindergarten



Early Childhood Development			
	Serbia	Poorest (Quintile)	Roma in Roma settlements
Support for learning (36-59 m)	95	84	67
Father's support for learning (36-59 m)	78	62	63
Learning materials: children's books	76	49	23

Only one out of four Roma children has 3 or more children's books at home; a third of young children do not receive support for learning at home