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Policies for Enhancing Access to Health Services in Deprived Areas

(The Healthy Municipality)

Deliverable 3.6.1 - Identification of the socio – economic characteristics of the population, morbidity, and scope of health services in the region of the Municipalities of Momchilgrad and Krumovgrad – province of Kardzhali, Republic of Bulgaria

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MOMCHILGRAD MUNICIPALITY

General features

The municipality of Momchilgrad is situated in the Eastern Rhodopes in Bulgaria. Its population is 16263 (01.02.2011).

Socio-economic characteristics of the area

Negative changes in population size are one of the main disadvantages for the future of the municipality. The unemployment rate in 2012 was 14.2%. The GDP per capita is at relatively low levels. The tobacco and processing industry are of major importance for the economy.

Livestock breeding is one of the main activities. The service sector is represented by trade. Cultural sites are an asset that should be used to attract socio-economic activity.

Characteristics of public health

The total mortality rate for the municipality is 11.6 ‰. The percentage of mortality by main causes per 100,000 of the population is 1,199.41. A sustained downward trend in child mortality is observed - 8.7 in 2010.

Health and Welfare Services

The analysis shows that chronic noninfectious diseases of the circulation and respiratory system are determinants in the pathology of the population. There is increase of patients hospitalized due to myocardial infarction and stroke.

Public health care in the region

Water supply is uninterrupted, occasionally water is rationed during the summer. The quality of drinking water is good. The air quality is good. Soils in the region are clean. The area is characterized by a rich biodiversity.

Agriculture and livestock farming have the character of subsistence farming. Living conditions are characterized by good climate and natural resources, good environmental status, access to good transportation and communication infrastructure, a rich cultural calendar.

KRUMOVGRAD MUNICIPALITY

General features

The Municipality of Krumovgrad is located in the Eastern Rhodopes and consists of 80 settlements with administrative center - the town of Krumovgrad.

Socio-economic characteristics of the area

The settlements in the municipality are fragmented and remote. The population in 2011 was 17,662 people. The size of the population is declining, the natural growth is negative, migration is great. The educational level of the population is low.

The unemployment rate in 2012 is 18%. The main problem in the municipality is the lack of sufficient water sources.

The GDP in 2001 was 40,059,000 BGN. A dominant branch of the local economy is agriculture. The most powerful business factor is "Dundee Precious Metals" EAD. Tourism forms an insignificant part of municipal revenues. The potential for development of tourism is mainly related to the creation and promotion of ecotourism products and cultural routes.

Characteristics of public health

The total mortality rate for the municipality is 13.9 ‰. In 2011 the highest child mortality rate is in the municipality of Krumovgrad - 8.9 ‰.

Health and welfare Services in the Region

In most villages, people do not have direct access to primary care. Emergency medical care is insufficiently effective.

Public health care in the region

A major part of the land is occupied with tobacco. In addition are cultivated white oregano, rose hips and lemon balm.

Livestock has a smaller share of the agricultural output. The living conditions on the territory of Krumovgrad are good.