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Who we are



CESPYD: Who we are

- CESPYPD is the Universidad de Sevilla's Coalition for the study of health, power and diversity
- Since 2008, CESPYPD aims to sponsor **community-based research** initiatives designed to increase the power, health and wellbeing of **migrants, refugees and ethnic minorities** such as the Roma.



Our mission & values: Social Justice and Equity

- Equity, social justice, social transformation, well-being, self-determination, and respect for diversity.
- Social justice and equity** implies overcoming ameliorative efforts by building **critical thinking** about the **rights** of oppressed groups.

"Equity is the absence of avoidable or remediable differences among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically, or geographically."

<http://www.who.int/dsth/systems/for/political/equity/en/>

Our methodology approach: Participatory Mixed Methods

- Based on **collaboration with communities**, synergies between disciplines, fostering effective communication and utilization of resources.
- Development of **innovative programmatic capacity** by establishing useful and realistic **goals driven by community needs** and culturally competent interventions.
- Collaborative and **reflective methodology linking research and action** in order to facilitate the development of critical thinking, capacities and abilities to take action of all stakeholders.

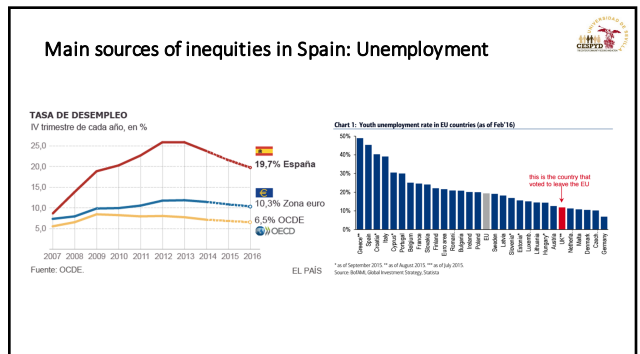
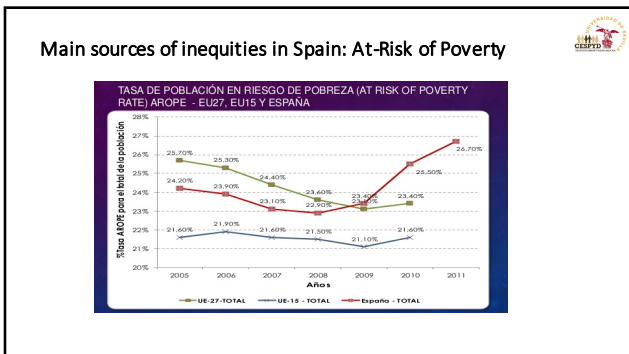
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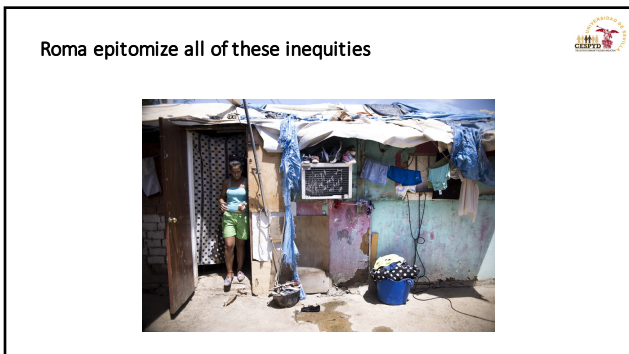
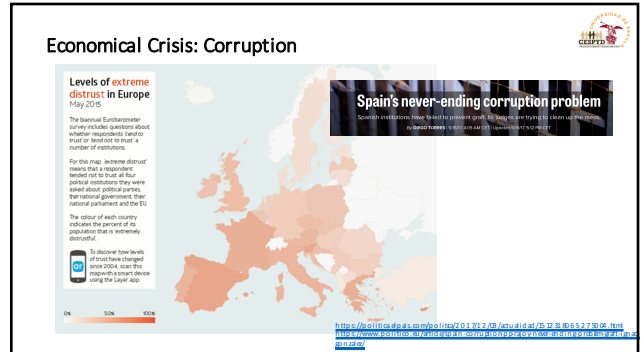
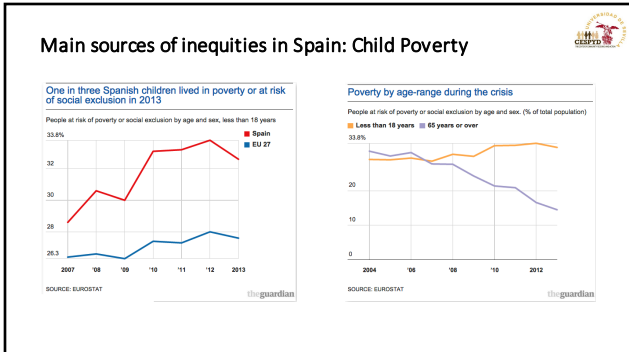
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Setting the stage

Setting the Stage

The slide features two maps. On the left, a map of Europe with Spain highlighted in red. On the right, a detailed map of Spain showing its 17 autonomous communities, each color-coded and labeled with its name in Spanish: Asturias, Cantabria, País Vasco, Galicia, Castilla y León, Castilla-La Mancha, Aragón, Cataluña, Valencia, Murcia, Andalucía, Extremadura, Castilla-La Mancha, Aragón, Cataluña, Valencia, Murcia, Andalucía, Extremadura, Castilla-La Mancha, Aragón, Cataluña, Valencia, Murcia, Andalucía, Extremadura.





Who are the Roma?

A history of thriving against rejection

Sirohić, N. (2013). Unreading the geography. <http://ethnopolitics.com/ethnopolitics/1302>

Silenced and hidden

Nothing has changed

12-15 millions in Europe

Refugees are the brand-new Roma

Viktor Orban, President of Hungary

Garda-Ramiro, M., Escobar-Balboa, M., Balzano, T. (2005). Progress report of the implementation of the NIS in the field of health in Spain. International Organization for Migration. <http://www.romadecade.org>

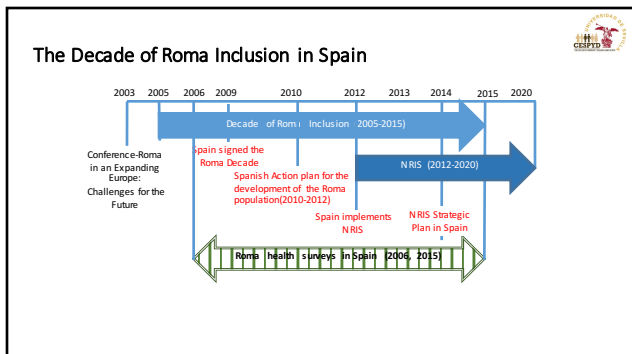
European response to Roma inequities: The Agreement of the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005-2015)

The first political commitment among some European countries* to close the unacceptable gaps between Roma and the rest of society in terms of poverty, exclusion, and discrimination.

*Signed by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Spain

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The Roma Decade: A lost decade? The example of Roma health inequities in Spain

Indicador	Datos 2006 (PGI (edad ajustada))	Datos 2014 (PGI (edad ajustada))	Mejor Salud (2006 vs 2014)	Reducción de la desigualdad en salud (PGI vs población general)
ADULTOS	%	%		
Autopercepción de salud	63.2	65.3	✓	✓
Tabaco (consumidores)	51.6	54.1	✓	✓
Sobrepeso y Obesidad	61.6	62.6	✓	✓
Visitas ginecológicas	24.4	16.4	✓	✓
Niños	%	%		
Sobrepeso y Obesidad	45.1	58.5	✓	✓
Visitas al dentista (buenas)	17.4	14.8	✓	✓
	10.5	11.8	✓	✓

La Parra, D. (2009). 'Towards Equity in Health: Comparative Study of National Health Surveys in the Roma Population and the General Population in Spain, 2006'. MBS Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad, DG Salud Pública. Segunda encuesta nacional de salud gitana, 2 G.4. Madrid: 2 G.6

The Legacy of the Roma Decade

Lessons learned for Roma Equity

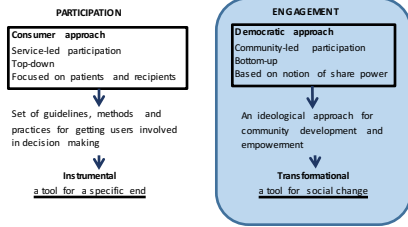
Taking Stock of the Roma Decade in Spain

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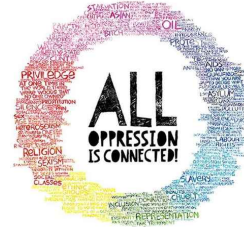
- March 2013 – December 2014
- Partnership of National Consultants: CESPYD + ASPACAT
- Multi-stakeholder coalition (Andalusia + Catalonia)
- 4 community forums (2 in Andalusia and 2 in Catalonia at the beginning and at the end)
- 33 individual interviews (15 in Andalusia and 18 in Catalonia)
- Scoping review from 2005 to 2014: 34 documents

https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/nris_spain.pdf

We have to move forward from an instrumental participation to engagement

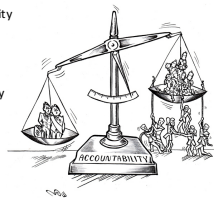


We have to move forward adopting an effective intersectional vision and a strong commitment for intersectoral approach



We have to move forward with transparent monitoring and evaluation

- Social responsibility, proactivity and shared political accountability
- Comprehensive, ongoing and equity-focused health impact assessment at the community level




We have to move forward with role definition of stakeholders



We have to dismantle institutional discrimination


- Failure as a consequence of:
 - Imbalanced power relations within the system.
 - Subtle discrimination against minority populations.
 - Disgust and dehumanization of the Roma.
- Overcoming discrimination implies systems change intervention to become more fair, equitable and just institutions:
 - Increasing the accountability of individuals and systems
 - Recognizing power by strengthening relationships between the community and the system
 - Developing a common analytic framework of discrimination
 - Creating opportunities for stakeholders' growth and development



Dodder & Renning (2012). The effect of digital technology on gender discrimination and support of deportation in Norway: an empirical study. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 27, 2840-2850. doi:10.1177/0886260512451111

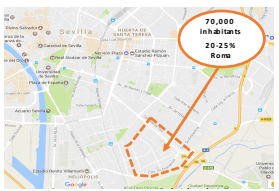

Implications for Roma Equity

Policies need to be designed and implemented with most vulnerable and hidden Roma groups living in at-risk local contexts.



Promoting Healthy Equity in the district of Poligono Sur through transformative advocacy

The district of Poligono Sur, Seville

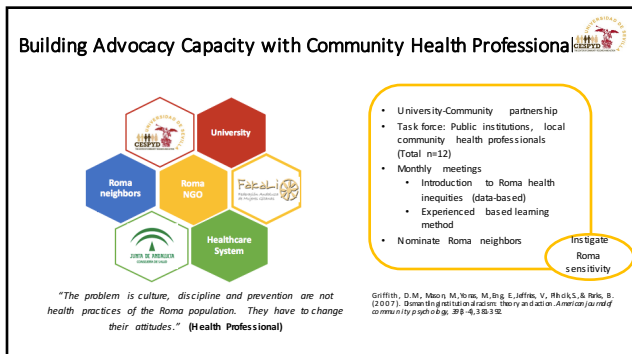
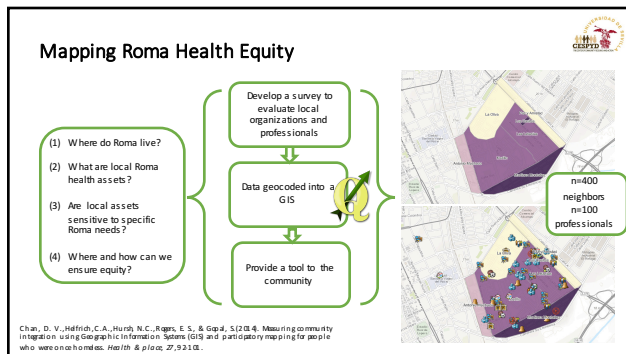
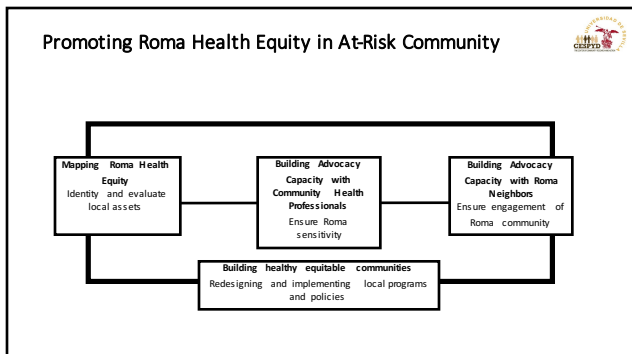



70,000 inhabitants
20.25% Roma

Plan Integral del POLIGONO SUR

Characteristics:

- Unemployment ~40%
- School dropout ~45%
- Areas of prefabricated homes and poor housing conditions
- Highest rate of drug use and dual pathologies in Seville





Steps Towards Building Equitable Roma Community

"I think PS can be fixed but change must come from the people of the PS, with the people who know where the problem is."

http://equi4health.waioninstitute.org/ps/RomaPoligono_SurAnd_Report_Final.pdf

Objective

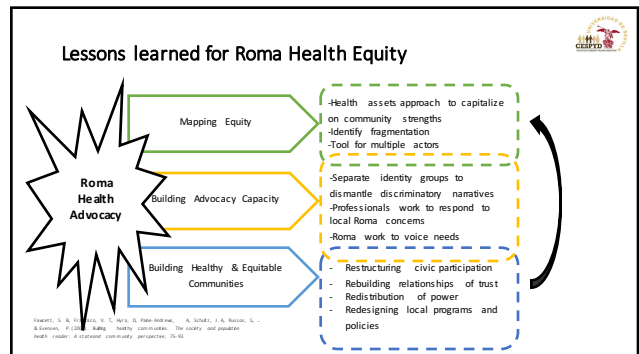
To create a position of equality between Roma and local services in order to negotiate practices, local policies and future actions that influence Roma in the district.

Meeting Overview

- Present preliminary project results
- Roma neighbor presentation of PhotoVoice
- Discussion and reflection
- Define concrete actions

Future actions

- Healthcare center, housing representative and local coordinating entity offered collaboration with group
- Advocators to commit working with other Roma neighbors
- Follow up meeting to include other entities



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