



'Little by little we women have learned our rights'

The Macedonian government's failure to uphold the rights of Romani women and girls

Romani women and girls in Macedonia suffer from double discrimination, on the grounds of both their gender and their ethnicity. Such double discrimination is widespread, routine and pervasive. Overall, Romani people in Macedonia are denied access to the full range of rights guaranteed under both international standards and domestic law, and remain one of the poorest communities in the country.

This report provides evidence of discrimination against Romani women, the human rights violations to which Romani women and girls in Macedonia are exposed, and the obstacles they face in accessing basic rights, among them the right to education, the right to work and the right to health. Amnesty International's research shows that these rights are interdependent, in that the denial of one right very often leads to the denial of others.

Successive governments in Macedonia have consistently failed to take measures to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of Romani people. In particular, they have failed to take measures to protect Romani women and girls from discrimination and gender-based violence. Amnesty International's report concludes with a set of comprehensive recommendations which – if implemented – the organization considers would greatly enhance the respect and protection of the rights of Romani women and girls in Macedonia.



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