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WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT

“We have to use the water from the stream which is very dirty. Children vomit and get diarrhoea. They don't allow us to take water from the pipe at the cemetery, and at the petrol station they say that Gypsies should go away.”

Silvana Hudorovac, who lives with her family in an informal Roma settlement near Ponova vas, with no water or sanitation

Nearly 100 per cent of the Slovenian population have access to safe drinking water but many Roma communities struggle to collect even small amounts of water for drinking, washing and cooking.

Many Roma live in overcrowded, isolated informal settlements where they are denied access to public services such as water, sanitation and electricity because they lack security of tenure. But because they face widespread discrimination in access to other housing options, living in these grossly inadequate conditions is often their only option.

Water is a human right. Ask the Slovenian government to uphold this right for everyone in Slovenia.

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am very concerned about the denial of access to water and the inadequate housing conditions for many Roma communities in Slovenia.

I urge you to:

- Ensure immediate provision of at least the minimum amount of safe water for personal and domestic use and a basic level of sanitation to all informal settlements.
- Ensure security of tenure to all residents of informal settlements, including through regularization of settlements wherever possible, and offer alternative housing options, in consultation with the affected Roma communities, which do not lead to further segregation.
- Address the discrimination that the Roma face in access to housing; and provide effective remedies for all victims of human rights violations.

Yours sincerely,

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