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Serbia's experience in the social inclusion of children with disability

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The challenge – discrimination and isolation of children with disabilities in Serbia

- ▣ Placement of children with disability in large-scale institutions was common practice
- ▣ Insufficient community support services to enable the social inclusion of children with disabilities



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Re-defining priorities: PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST

FOCUS ON:

- Better outreach support and services for vulnerable families
- Expanding specific community-based services for children with disability and their families



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Re-defining priorities: DEVELOPING FAMILY-BASED ALTERNATIVE CARE

- Strengthening family-based alternative care
- foster and kinship
- Creating family-like residential care options



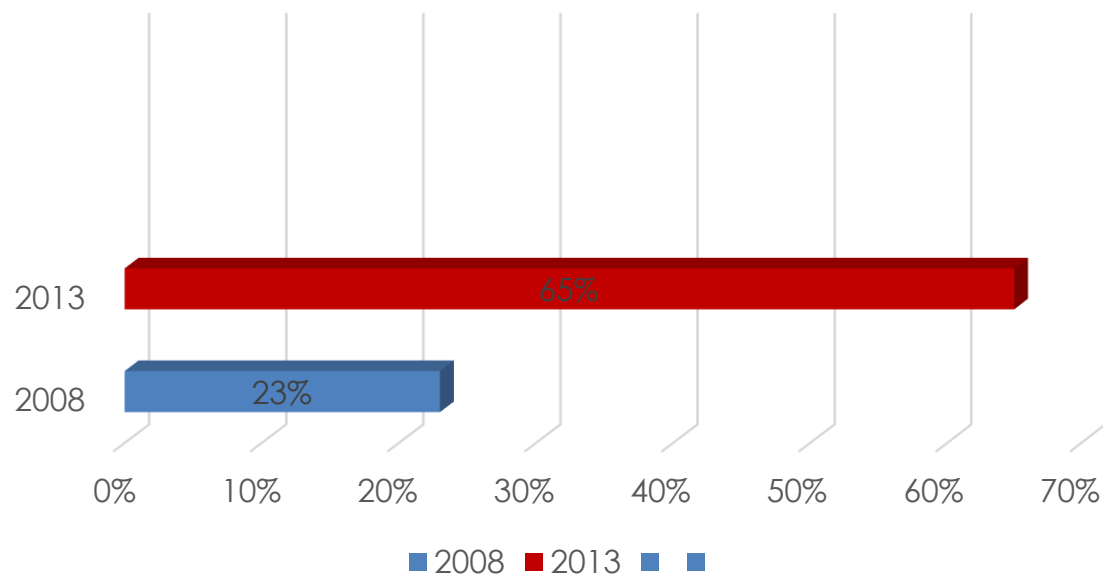
FINANCING – strategies applied

- ▣ Keeping new costs to a minimum - redirecting the human and physical resources of residential care homes.
- ▣ New investments - increasing financing for foster families caring for a child with disability and funding for community services.



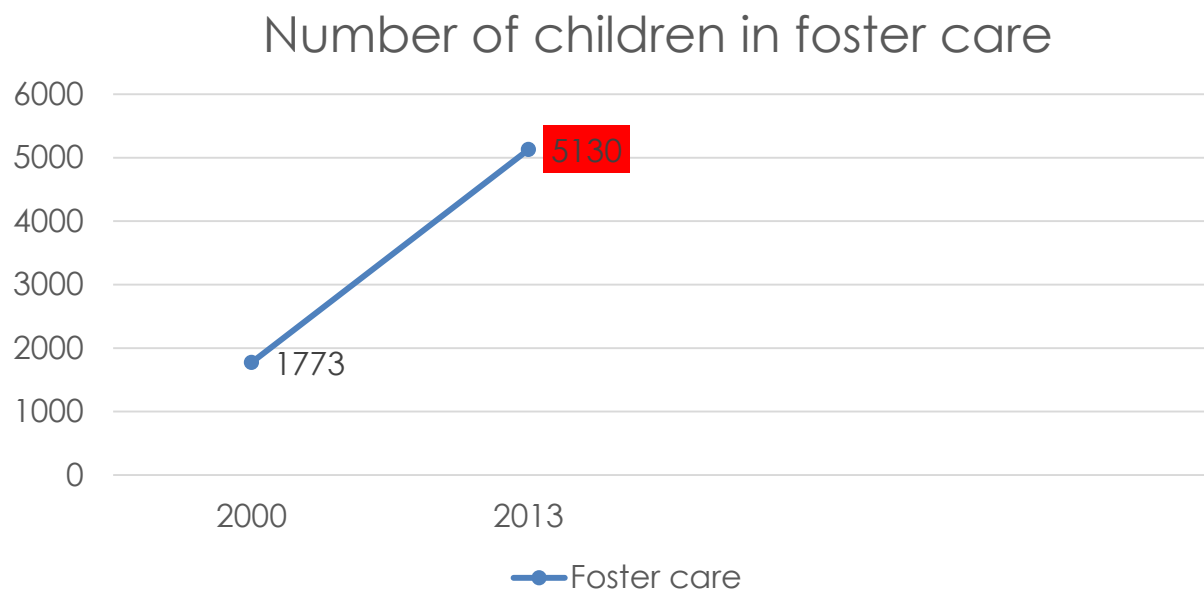
KEY RESULTS

Community based services - % of municipalities covered



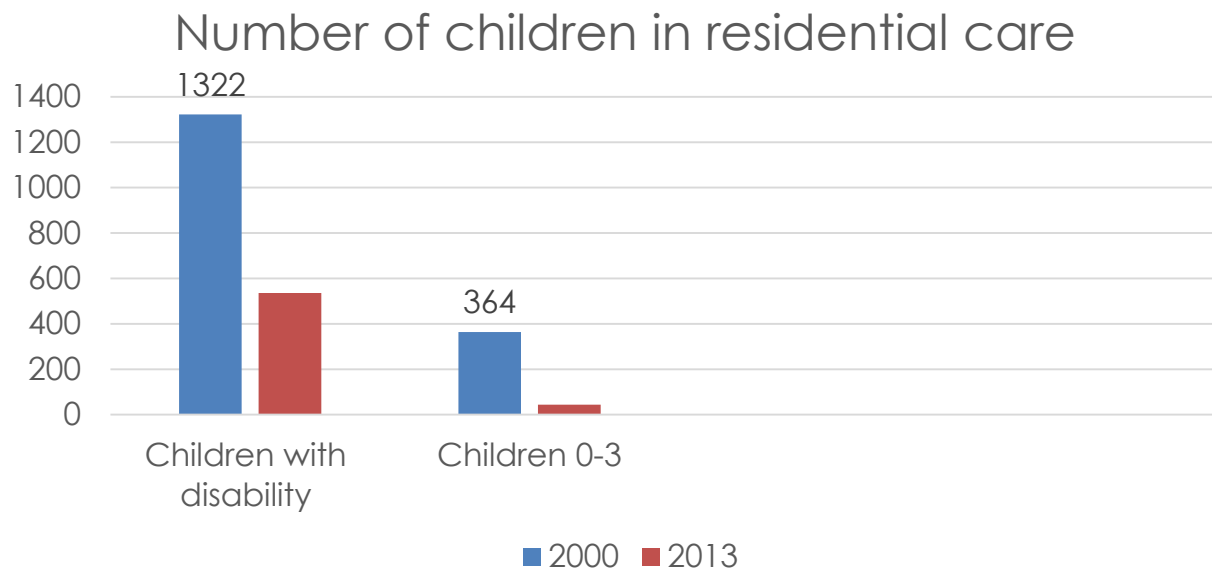


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Next steps - overcoming challenges in creating a society that is fully inclusive

- ▣ Mainstreaming and securing sustainable financing for new family outreach services, aimed at **preventing family separation**.
- ▣ **Accelerate** the transformation and downsizing of remaining large-scale residential institutions.



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THANK YOU!

