### ENHANCING THE CAPACITY OF THE ROMA EDUCATION FUND–ROMANIA TO IMPLEMENT THE “READY SET GO” PROJECT IN ROMANIA

#### Key Dates:
- **Signed:** June 12, 2015
- **Completed:** April 30, 2017
- **Duration:** 22 months
- **Value:** €0.75 million (US$0.84 million)

#### Key Partner: Financial Mechanism Office

#### Objectives:
To enhance the staff capacity of the Roma Education Fund - Romania and other partners implementing the “Ready Set Go” project in the areas of project planning, management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, data analysis, procurement, and financial management.

The Roma Education Fund (REF) was cofounded by the World Bank and the Open Society Institute (OSI) in December 2004 in the framework of the “Decade for Roma Inclusion” initiative with the ultimate objective of closing the educational gap between Roma and non-Roma children by providing better access to quality education. The REF is the largest and most influential international nongovernmental organization (NGO) working the field of Roma education. It operates in 16 countries in Europe, including Romania, where the significant number of REF projects supported by EU-funded operational programs in Romania led to the establishment of a REF branch in Bucharest, Romania (REF Romania).

The Bank will provide capacity-building assistance and technical advice to the REF staff throughout the project’s lifecycle. The Bank’s Advisory Services will include capacity-enhancement activities and technical advice in the following areas: i) project management and implementation; ii) project monitoring and evaluation and data analysis; and iii) financial management and procurement.