



## MUNICIPALITY OF RUSE

On 01.12.2015, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the Social Assistance Agency signed Contract № BG05M9OP001-2.002-0132-C01, under procedure for direct grant BG05M9OP001-2.003 “Foster Me” 2015“ – Operational Programme “Human Resources Development” 2014-2020.

Partners of the beneficiary – Social Assistance Agency are 82 municipalities, including Ruse Municipality.

Total project budget amounts to 51,6 million BGN

Deadline for implementation - 31.07.2018

The aim of the project is: to improve the model for providing the social service “foster care” and to expand its scope in the country, as well as the target groups.

The project “Foster Me 2015” complements and builds on the already completed project “I Also Have a Family”. The aim of the project “Foster Me 2015” is to improve and expand the scope of the “foster care” service and to establish it at local level as an alternative form for raising children at risk in a family environment.

Emphasis is placed on developing specialised foster care for people with disabilities; children victims of violence and trafficking; unaccompanied refugee children.

Special focus is placed on putting children under the age of 3 in foster care, as well as on the measures, aimed at improving the quality of foster care through monitoring.

The approved foster parents, working within project “I Also Have a Family” will continue to work within project “Foster Me 2015”, in order to ensure the interest of the children put in foster care and to avoid eventual termination of foster care and their returning back to specialised institutions.