

# PARENTS REQUIRE MORE ACCESIBLE, AVAILABLE, AFFORDABLE AND OF HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE SERVICES

**A national survey for identifying the demand for child care services (both formal and informal) amongst parents with children conducted between October 2016 - February 2017 by a PACS project research team reveals:**

# 1.813

## parents

who have children on age from 0 to 6 years

or 2% from the total number of live births from 2011 to 2015



## 1 in 2 parents

are using childcare services

and almost **70%** of them are using public kindergartens as main service provision

### What matter most for parents when they choose a childcare provider?

- 68.3% adult/provider ratio
- 60.5% provider's experience
- 62.4% relation with provider
- 51.2% location & travel cost

### Regional distribution of respondents

- 7.20% Vardar
- 7.30% East
- 9.80% South west
- 10.40% South east
- 12.60% Pelagonia
- 11.60% Polog
- 8.10% North east
- 33.00% Skopje

### The main concern among

# 57.1%

of parents with children aged 0-2 years is availability of child care services in case of child sickness!

### Why parents don't use childcare services?

-  **1 in 3 parents** lack of accessibility
-  **1 in 2 parents** lack of availability
-  **1 in 3 parents** too big group size

If available, **36.4%** of parents would prefer alternative childcare services due to:

- ✓ location
- ✓ flexible working hours
- ✓ low number of children in one group
- ✓ affordable cost

## What parents really want?



**Co-funding**



**Less bureaucracy**



**Lower adult/child rate**



**Flexible working hours**

