

# MARSELI...



Marseli is the youngest son of Yesteni family. He is a bit unruly which upsets his teachers. His family lives in the suburbs of Tirana. His family moved from the tents to social housing in Shkoze 5 years ago. Marseli is part of the Roma community and attends “Androkli Konstallari” school. He attends 5th grade and one of his classes is English which is taught through “Akelius” program.



*Marseli in "Akelius" cabinet*

Marseli tells us that English class is very special, not only because he is learning a foreign language but because during this class, he can use a tablet, take quizzes, sing songs in English and play. “I learned the alphabet very quickly through games and songs in English. I look forward to this class because I can use internet, play with a tablet and smart phone and learn to speak English”, - Marseli shares with us.

His teacher tells us that Marseli has the possibility to use tablets and to access internet through “Akelius” program. He is most attentive and does not miss any class.

His family is economically disadvantaged. The pandemic crisis added to the challenges that they already face. In isolation and with no employment opportunities, the biggest concern for Marseli's parents was to provide food for their three children – Marseli, Kriselda and Rustemi. For a few weeks now, Marseli's parents have returned to the market to sell used clothes so they are hoping that their situation will get better.

Marseli is one of 700 students of “Androkli Konstallari” school who are given the opportunity to study through “Akelius” program, supported by Unicef and implemented by Observatory for Children Rights in Albania.

During the recent years, the entire world has faced an eminent refugees and emigrants' crisis. Language is a key component to help individuals' integration to society. “Akelius Foundation and UNICEF created “Akelius”, a digital platform to teach English. This platform helps children and adults to learn foreign languages in an easy way.