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SALVAȚI COPIII is a Romanian non-governmental, democratic, independent, non-profit, politically and religiously unconditioned organisation, promoting, defending and monitoring the rights of the child in Romania according to UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, document ratified by Romania in September 1990.

SALVAȚI COPIII is an NGO of a national interest mainly based on the volunteer activity of its members.

SALVAȚI COPIII develops projects for different categories of children in difficult circumstances, as well as for all the other children.

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Foreword

We have celebrated in April 1997, the 7th anniversary since SALVAȚI COPIII was established. In this short foreword I would like to point out the main accomplishments of our organisation within this period.

SALVAȚI COPIII has developed the first informing and education activities on UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: UN Convention translation and printing, organisation of the first workshops and conferences with a large national and international participation, development of education programmes in schools and children's homes in Bucharest and in the counties where SALVAȚI COPIII branches do exist.

It was the only Romanian NGO invited to attend the analysis of Romania's Report on applying the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, document presented in the sitting of the UN Specialised Committee.

It was the only NGO to obtain governmental funds to carry out "Street Social Assistance" programme.

It was invited to present street children situation in Romania within the special meeting organised by the European Parliament.

It participated in the Technical Workshop on monitoring mechanisms of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, organised by the Swedish Parliament.

It participated with concrete proposals to draw up the National Action Plan in the favour of the Child.

It is a correspondent member of International Social Service with the headquarters in Geneva.

It is the Romanian representative in International Working Group on Child Labour.

It represents Romania in ECPAT (End of Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking in children for sexual purposes) fighting against children's sexual exploitation.

It is a member of Child Rights Information Network.

It is a founding member of Romanian Forum for the Children and the Families Affected by HIV/AIDS.

It is a full member of International Save the Children Alliance, SALVAȚI COPIII being the first NGO in Central and Eastern Europe admitted as a member of this important body which have the statute of a first-degree consultant of UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

It has initiated for the first time in Romania different researches and studies on: Romanian laws complying with the provisions of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children's sexual exploitation, child labour, street children, abandonment prevention and family reintegration, situation of refugee children in Romania, the situation of Romanian children abandoned abroad, etc.

Our whole activity and the interventions addressed in the international forums had the aim to create a correct and realistic image on the situation of the children in Romania. As for the future, we have in view to improve the social and human condition of the child in Romania.

Gheorghe Mazălu
President of SALVAȚI COPIII

Director Committee

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Appreciation on SALVAȚI COPIII Activity

UNICEF Special Representation

I would like to confirm that UNICEF Romania has known and collaborated with the Romanian NGO SALVAȚI COPIII for five consecutive years. We have been impressed with the seriousness, dedication and integrity of its staff at all levels.

SALVAȚI COPIII has been particularly active in the promotion and monitoring of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in programmes benefiting street children and in fighting against sexual exploitation of children.

Their newsletter on street children has become a reference and source of primary information for all the organisations working in this field. They have led the way in promoting expression and participation of children in issues affecting their lives and the evolution of the Romanian society.

We recommend SALVAȚI COPIII as a leading and serious NGO in Romania today.

Maie Ayoub von Kohl
Special Representative

Romanian Presidency Department for Relations with NGOs

SAVE THE CHILDREN is one of the Romanian NGOs with a strong social impact. Its programmes for promoting and defending the rights of the child are carried out with professionalism and dedication.

Children and young people involvement in the activities dedicated to themselves make them aware of the role they can and have to play in the Romanian society nowadays.

Presidency of Romania has found SALVAȚI COPIII as a constant dialogue partner to action in the programme "Children of Romania" and therefore, we recommend it for its professional and organising ability to successfully fulfil its aims.

Luminița Petrescu
Counsellor of State

Ministry of Education Cabinet of the Minister

The Ministry of Education knows and follows up with a high interest the activity of SALVAȚI COPIII, carried out in the children's homes in Bucharest and other towns.

Your initiatives which you make great efforts to accomplish, contributes to rehabilitate the children's homes, serving the interests of the disfavoured children.

Appreciating the programmes you carry out in the children's homes, we assure you of our further co-operation.

Virgil Petrescu
Minister of Education

I. Programmes and Activities for Promoting the Rights of the Child According to the UN Convention

*"States Parties undertake to make the principles and provisions of the Convention widely known, by appropriate and active means, to adults and children alike".
(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 42)*

Short history:

The programme started since SALVAȚI COPIII was founded and it became systematic starting with 1994, when both in the General Secretariat and in the branches coherent programmes were conceived, in order to disseminate the ideas in UN Convention in the school environments, by using a wide range of activities: debates, opinion polls, publications to reflect the principles and the ideas in the Convention, contests, marches, camps, shows, etc.

Aims:

- to disseminate the ideas comprised in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child among the different age groups, by proper means and techniques;
- to make the children aware of their own rights, by specific means;
- to inform and make sensitive the different categories of specialists working in the field of child's protection in the respect of promoting child's superior interest;
- to make sensitive and educate the public opinion in order to build up a new attitude towards the children, as a law topic and his/her issues;
- to achieve new models of promoting the fundamental rights of the child.

Partners:

Ministry of Education, School Inspectorates in the counties and Bucharest, school units (kindergartens, children's homes, primary schools, high-schools).

Methodology:

The programme is carried out with the support of the teaching staff and certain groups of young volunteers (high-school and university students) who participate both to conceiving the subprograms and to their direct

implementing in schools.

Every school year a dominating component has existed. In 1996/1997, it refers to organising Children's Rights Workshops and Child's Confidant programme.

The choice of a certain component as a basis is made according to the conclusions of the evaluation of the previous year activity, which are presented to the representatives from the Ministry of Education, School Inspectorate, headmasters of school units.

Young animators training is made every year, according to the contents of the programme.

Among the most important activities in 1996, there are:

"Strategies of applying the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child"- workshop organised on June 7-9, 1996 by the General Secretariat with the support of Radda Barnen (Swedish Save the Children). There were 72 persons attending the workshop, representatives from the Ministry of Education, National Committee for Child's Protection, School Inspectorate of Bucharest, Romanian Senate, teaching staff, students. The following SALVAȚI COPIII branches were present: Argeș, Dolj, Timiș, Suceava, Caraș-Severin, Mangalia, Negrești, Vrancea, Bucharest, Iași, Mureș.

Practical applications and exchanges of experience were particularly emphasized, for illustrating the way child's right to opinion and participation is provided. The experience held by SALVAȚI COPIII in carrying out education programmes, disseminating the ideas in UN Convention has been presented by the General Secretariat (We also have rights) and by the following branches: Timiș (Philantropos), Dolj (Emotional Therapy), Mangalia (Everything about the UN Convention), Caraș-Severin (We also have our Rights).

We have conceived a new project meant to ensure the increase of the students participation in taking decisions in the educational process.

The Contest *"The Rights of the Child"*, was organised in 10 school units (children's homes and primary schools) and it involved more than 600 pupils. The contest had a form level, a school and between-schools level and it was a practical example of spreading the ideas in UN Convention to the students, teaching staff and parents.

"The Right of the Child to Expression and Creation" - National Camp organised by Salvați Copiii - Vrancea Branch and County School Inspectorate with the financial support of UNICEF Special Representation. This camp brought together 125 participants, representing 10 branches of SALVAȚI COPIII. The selection criteria were: children from schools where SALVAȚI COPIII carries out programmes on UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children in children's homes, members of the Planetears Clubs, representatives of the editing groups of SALVAȚI COPIII publications, winners of the drawing contests on the rights of the child, young volunteers involved in our programmes. The activity took place in four workshops: the rights of the child, drawings, literary works and publications, ecology. The camp was ended by publishing "Gălăciuc Magazine", drawing and cartoons exhibitions, and ecology. The activity was a model of providing the right of the child to expression and creation.



Training course for young animators - collaborators of the organisation in the programme "We also have rights", with a view to carry out the following subprojects: "The Rights of the Child Workshop" and "Child's Confidant". The course took place on October 11-13, 1996 and 35 volunteers of SALVAȚI COPIII attended. The topics included the difficulties in educational work in schools, the Romanian system of child's social protection, specific features of the psychic and behavioural development of the children between 11 and 15 years of age, sexual health, communication techniques. The lecturers of the course were: Aurelia Marinovici, Inspector - School Inspectorate of Bucharest, Nina Cugler, Programmes Department Director - Salvați Copiii, Anca Stoenu, Programme Coordinator - Salvați Copiii, Anca Dionisie - collaborator, dr. Dana Iancu - family planning and contraception expert - SECS organisation.

Drawing up of the "Educational Folder" for primary school and pre-school aged children. It aims at helping the children know and respect their rights, beginning with the earliest age and to make the adults accepting that, irrespective of the age, the child is an active social subject in his universe, in the family and community. The folder presents five

sections according to the main rights of the child, including games, stories, case studies, exercises and group activities, by means of them to initiating the children on their rights. The five sections refer to: identity, self-respect, equal rights, family, the child as a social subject with rights and responsibilities, education, opinion, participation and organisation. The printing of this folder was possible thanks to the financial support of UNICEF Representation in Romania.

The Workshop "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its practical ways of application" took place in Warsaw on June 12-15, under the coordination of Radda Barnen - Sweden and of Warsaw Committee for the Protection of Child's Rights.

Representatives of NGOs and governmental organisations from 11 Eastern and Central European countries, with programmes in the field of defending and promoting the rights of the child attended this workshop. Salvați Copiii was represented by a delegation including: Gabriela Alexandrescu - Executive President, Nina Cugler - Programmes Department Director, Geta Botezatu -

Programme Coordinator, Simona Bujoreanu - university student and collaborator in the programme "We also have rights".

Philantropos (Timiș Branch)

This project addresses to pre-school age children in Children's Home no. 1 Timișoara and the old people in Old-Aged Home "Adam Muller" Timișoara and it aims at creating an attachment group formed by children without grandparents and grandparents without children. The relationship is built by a group of high-school students at "Logos" Highschool in Timișoara, who are willing to participate to the community's life.

In 1996, the training workshops on communication means with the special needs individuals continued, as well as meetings of the attachment group. The children from children's home were invited in families and they spent the weekend in the countryside with the grandparents. Christmas, Easter and Mărțișor feasts were celebrated. The workshop "Ethics of Humanitarian Aid" took place on November 22-24 and it brought together 40 teenagers and 10 grown-ups, volunteers from the following branches: Mangalia, Craiova, Suceava, Caraș-Severin, Bucharest and Timișoara. The conclusion of the workshop was the

humanitarian aid has to provide the disfavoured individuals both with basic goods and emotional support.

"Children for Children" - publication (Dolj Branch)

The publication has been created in 1994 with the financial support of the European Union PHARE Democracy Programme. Beginning with 1995, the project has continued only as a publication for children. 7 issues of the publication were printed thanks to the financial support from UNICEF Special Representation and Aius Publishing House. The editorial staff of the magazine consists of 14 children.

Everything about UN Convention (Mangalia Branch)

The programme had two components:

- a. Carrying out educational activities with the support of the form masters and a group of young animators;
- b. Developing activities to give a concrete form to the right of the child to expression, development and participation. There were taken into account both the knowledge of the rights and responsibilities and properly awareness of the role of the child in the society (contests, group activities, stimulation of the children with special skills).

We also have rights (Caraş-Severin Branch)

The programme included a series of activities performed in co-operation with the County School Inspectorate, according to the provisions of the Partnership Convention. Among the activities with a high social impact we can mention:

- Christening of 8 children in "Primăvara" Centre, keeping up the specific tradition for this event. This was a significant opportunity for an opening to the community, as the christening completely changed the destiny of the children who were adopted by Romanian families.

- Children's Club

Opening in Children's Home Oţelul Roşu. Inaugurated on the occasion of the 1st of June, the Club offers 100 girls from the children's home the opportunity to know and debate the specific issues on child's rights.

-Beginning with February 1996, three TV broadcasts were transmitted on Terra Sat, a local TV channel that facilitated the inhabitants of Reşiţa to know more about UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as about Salvaţi Copiii and its goals and specific activities.

Children's Rights Days (Suceava Branch)

The programme was widely spread in schools, where the educational classes were done on the basis of the Educational Folder and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A folder including questions concerning the Convention was realized in co-operation with the County Department for Youth and Sports in Suceava and it was distributed to the schools in the county, in order to organise the contest "Children's Rights".

The programme also included the contest of fine arts and photographic art "Childhood and its Universe", specific activities for the 1st of June, Christmas, as well as TV broadcasts.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Negreşti-Vaslui Branch)

Knowing the provisions of UN Convention is one of the main concerns of the branch. In 1996, the activity within this project was extended in almost the entire county: Negreşti, Bârlad, Vaslui, Todireşti, Vultureşti, Dumeşti, Vladia. More than 5,000 pupils and teachers participated to the specific activities of the project in a wide range of forms (meetings, debates, panels arrangement, contests, distribution of Salvaţi Copiii publications, exhibitions, literary creation on the theme



of children's rights, open educational classes, etc.).

The programme had a gradual extension: from educators experienced in the work with children, to children, parents and other members of the community.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Vrancea Branch)

The programme was based on spreading the ideas of UN Convention in schools, organising debates (The spiritual

education of the child), distributing the materials edited by Salvați Copiii in the the project "Joy for Children" and on the occasion of the Folk Festival "Focul Viu". Planeteers camps were organised at the forest canton by Milcov Valley and Lepșa. The young volunteers were also invited to different broadcasts on the local radio station.

Fine Arts Little Talents Club (Iași Branch)

Fine arts contests were organised within the programme of making popular UN Convention, with the participation of the children from the following schools: T. Maiorescu, A. Russo, B.P. Hașdeu and V. Conta. More than 600 children were awarded by Salvați Copiii - Iași Branch.

The same programme included an action of distributing the Convention to more than 500 children in schools and kindergartens and this was an opportunity to discuss and comment upon the principles in the Convention together with the teachers, form masters, educators and representatives of Salvați Copiii.

Knowing and making popular UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Argeș Branch)

In 1996, more than 500 Conventions were distributed and debates were organised in schools in order to thoroughly consider children's rights subject. This led to the increase of the number of the branch members.

In December 1996, School no. 1 in Pitești organised a contest to promote the UN Convention principles. There were debates about child's role and place in the society, sketches were presented on this theme and the winners were awarded prizes.

We also have rights (Mureș Branch)

The programme is carried out in 6 primary schools, where debates on the materials in the Educational Folder take place by involving the speciality teachers. The children were involved in a competition on the rights of the child, whose the finals are to take place this autumn.

On the occasion of Child's Day, Christmas and Easter, there were organised shows, drawing exhibitions, and traditional presents were given to the children from Special School no. 2 and Children's Home with a Special School.

Planeteers Clubs (Bucharest, Dolj, Mangalia, Negrești, Suceava, Vrancea, Timiș, Iași)

In 1996 the programme of ecological education, in the spirit of preserving and protecting the nature, the environment, enjoyed a very large audience.

There were ample and various manifestations, with the presence of more than 5,000 children from Salvați Copiii branches. More than 10 ecological camps were organised, marches, debates, workshops, cleaning activities in the localities, parks, playgrounds.

"Planeteers" magazine was printed in 10,000 copies.

Playgrounds for children (Negrești, Argeș Branches)

Benefiting by the Dutch experience and the financial support granted by Stichting Kinderpostzegels, as well as by a good co-operation with the Local Councils, the two above-mentioned branches have managed to fit out some useful and pleasant playgrounds for children. They were created respecting the ecological principles (playing objects made of wood, plastic, ropes, rubber; non-toxic paints were used).

Thus, they succeeded in changing the image of those areas where Salvați Copiii organised educational and recreation activities. An emphasis was laid on teaching the children to live in a clean environment, to keep clean and respect it.

The Planeteers got involved from the beginning in these activities and they continued to keep clean the playgrounds.



Information and Documentation Centre on the Rights of the Child

"States Parties recognize the important function performed by the mass-media and shall ensure that the child has access to information of national and international sources, especially those aimed at the promotion of his or her social, spiritual and moral well-being and physical and mental health". (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 17)

The Information and Documentation Centre on the Rights of the Child is a programme initiated by Salvați Copiii and accomplished in co-operation with Radda Barnen - Sweden, UNICEF and European Union - PHARE Democracy Programme.

The programme aimed at:

- monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- facilitating the access to information;
- integrating the Romanian informational structure in the international circuit;
- supporting the institutions by offering alternative models.

The activity of the centre is structured in five units: information, documentation, library, counselling and research.

As for the Information - Documentation Centre, 1996 represented:

- the official opening on the 27th of June;
- providing books, studies, publications stock of almost 1,000 titles, from the numerous fields referring to family and child;
- accomplishment of a computerized data base to facilitate the access of the clients to the information in the library;
- prospecting and the thematic files completion on the following fields: 1. Legislation, 2. Education, 3. Health, 4. Social, 5. Family, 6. Institutions, 7. Generalities, 8. Rights of the Child, 9. Library, 10. Children in difficulty, 11. Publications, 12. Press Review.
- systematization of the information by means of

synthesis cards classified in the following fields: 1. Right to life, 2. Right to development, 3. Right to protection and 4. Institutions;

- the quarterly publishing of the Centre's newsletter;
- attending the meetings of the Consultative Committee organised by UNICEF and National Committee for Child's Protection in order to establish, within certain workshops, the indicators for monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Romania;
- attending the workshop "NGOs with programmes for child's protection: management and co-operation";
- obtaining PHARE financing by means of PHARE Programme for Civil Society Development, so as to achieve a campaign of promoting the Centre;
- purchasing the necessary supplies for the activity in the Centre.



Work meetings with:

- David Wright and Soren Pedersen (rapporteurs from International Save the Children Alliance);
- Lisa Hellstrom, Benny Marcel, Mihai Stoican (Radda Barnen representatives);
- Kevin Byrne, Jasmina Grdanicki (Save the Children Fund Belgrade);
- Stanislaw Czaplicki (UNICEF Special Representation in Romania).

Child's Hot-line

"The child shall have the right to freedom of expression; the right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through another media of the child's choice". (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 13)

Goals:

- offering a communication partner;
- the possibility of talking about the personal issues with a neutral person;
- finding possibilities to answer and settle these issues.

Short history:

In May 1995, four "founding" members of the Child's Hot line team participated in a training course, together with other NGO members, under the guidance of Mr. Peter Naaktgeboren, trainer of Kindertelefoon, Amsterdam. Kinderpostzegels - The Netherlands, financed the course. The 4 members organised a hot line initiation course for a group



of 22 volunteers, highschool students about to graduate and university students willing to work in this field and endowed with the necessary qualities. The programme started on the 16th of October 1995. The team was permanently trained, by means of a series of workshops and the most qualified and actively involved persons were selected.

Methodology:

- Establishing the RELATION OF CONFIDENCE (The call is CONFIDENTIAL);
- What is the PROBLEM?
- What does the child WANT?
- We look for a solution TOGETHER and THE CHILD TAKES THE DECISION;
- We reconsider the conversation and draw A CONCLUSION.

Results:

The programme was from Monday to Friday, between 10.00-13.00 hrs. and 15.00-18.00 hrs.

In 1996, 2,667 calls were made and more than 1,300 messages on the answering machine.

Generally, the talks were based on: talks on different topics, information, parent-child problems, school and relation problems, sexual life issues.

There were cases when children or teenagers called to communicate their problem were settled and to thank those who had helped them.

Beginning on the 4th of November, a free of charge advertising has been daily transmitted on the National Television. As a result of the numerous calls, the daily programme was prolonged since December, between 10.00 and 19.00 hrs.

An exchange of experience between the workers from Child's Hot Line and the representatives of Hot-Line Junior, from "Adolescent" Association was organised on the 6th of November 1996.

"Saved by the Phone" (Suceava Branch)

The teams formed by 3 volunteers carried their program on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, between 15.00-20.00 hrs.

Advertising was made in the local press, on the local radio and TV channel.

A doctor specialised in family planning, a psychiatrist and a lawyer trained the teams, coordinated by a teacher.

There was an exchange of experience with the coordinator of Child's Hot Line of the General Secretariat.

II. Alternative Programmes to Child's Institutionalization

"States Parties shall ensure that a child shall not be separated from his or her parents against their will..."

"For the purpose of guaranteeing and promoting the rights set forth in the present Convention, States Parties shall render appropriate assistance to parents and legal guardians in the performance of their child-rearing responsibilities and shall ensure the development of institutions, facilities and services for the care of children".

(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 9, Article 18)

Abandonment Prevention and Family Reintegration

Salvați Copiii promotes by means of this project the FAMILY, as the best environment where the child to live, to develop and to be formed for life. Supporting the family in order to maintain its unit, represents one of the priorities of our organisation.

The goals of the project

had in view and accomplished in 1996, were:

- to offer financial support to the families in a crisis situation, that apply for abandoning the child in an institution, as well as to the families willing to withdraw their children from institution;
- to suggest an alternative to institutionalization which the authorised bodies to take into account in trying to settle the issues of the children in difficult circumstances, as well as in establishing new means of protection and assistance, including the legislative ones, for several categories of disfavoured persons;
- to promote the fundamental right of the child to live together with his/her parents, the enlarged family, excepting the situation when it doesn't comply with the superior interest of the child;

- to develop a social intervention model and a social assistance network to action especially in the field of the early tracing out of the families at a potential risk.

Partners:

Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Ministry of Health, County Councils: Caraș-Severin, Bihor, Neamț, Brăila, Argeș, Călărași, S.A.I., Bistrița-Năsăud and City Hall Sector 3 Bucharest.

Financial support for the project:

Besides Radda Barnen and International Social Service which financed this programme from the very beginning, Salvați Copiii got a financial support from the Council of Europe - PHARE-Childhood Protection Program. This made possible the number of the beneficiaries to increase.

Methodology:

- finding out of the cases done by the staff of care institutions, Sanitary Department, Labour and Social Protection Department, Guardianship Authority or directly by the family;
- getting in touch with the family and defining its structure, drawing up the file containing: the analysis of the causes that led to these approaches and establishment of the support plan;
- accompanying and supporting the families to surpass the difficult moments and to find solutions in solving their problems;
- providing monthly financial support for one year;
- educating and informing the parents about the special role the family plays in child's development.

Results:

- abandonment prevention and the reintegration of 300 children in their natural families;
- improvement of work methodology as a result of the feed-back and partial evaluations;
- two meetings with the people in charge at the county level in May 1996 to present and teach them the methodology of the project, and in September 1996 on the occasion of the evaluation;

- counselling the families included in the project, with an emphasize on the following:

- to inform and educate the parents about their role in child's development;
- to evaluate the situation and identify their own resources to get out of the crisis;
- possibilities to know and to have access to the specialised social services;
- counselling on the family planning;
- approaches to the labour offices in order to find temporary jobs or for a certain period of time;



- assisting the children with chronic diseases in hospitals and providing free of charge treatment in spas for several children in Neamţ county;
- to get documents for settling different issues and to provide humanitarian aids consisting of food, clothes, school supplies, powder milk, etc.

Participation to meetings:

- meeting at the National Committee for Child's Protection headquarters for presenting the project and getting funds;
- meeting to present the evaluation of Half-Yearly Report of the project (October 16-17, 1996);
- participation in the workshop organised by the European Community where the Communication Strategy to be achieved within the project was discussed on October 28-29, 1996;
- participation to UNICEF seminar on "Costs-Benefits" where the efficiency and the lower costs to raise a child in the family than in an institution were discussed.

The Open Windowed House

(Timiș Branch)

Context

After the Revolution in 1989, the images of institutionalised children were interpreted as a symptom of a society abandoning its children. This image that made guilty the Romanians generated contradicting reactions: denial, emergency intervention, disqualification, humiliation. Despite all these, abortion and contraception legalizing, maternity leave for 1 year, new laws concerning the children and the staff in institutions as well as adoption law improved the situation.

However, in the transition period our country is passing through, the number of the children abandoned in institutions and maternities records an increase.

In care institutions the child is offered medical care, body hygiene, food, but their educational, psychic-emotional needs cannot be satisfied.

Giving birth in a maternity to a child who is not wanted brings about status problems. If the mother does not present her identity documents and leaves the maternity without having legally declared the child, this one will have practically no identity. The procedures to identify the mother and to establish the identity of the child have no limits of time. They often may last for months, if the child is under one year old. In the event when the child is more than one year old, the Court of Law establishes the child's identity. This procedure can also keep the child waiting for years. All along this period of time (which can be longer than one year) the child is waiting in an illegally occupied maternity bed. There are no social, financial, emotional or educational stipulations as concerns the child.

He/she cannot be a part of the social debate.



Description of the project

"The open-windowed house" is a temporary family alternative structure meant to offer the abandoned children with no identity a family-like environment, similar to the one

of a medium Romanian family. This model practically started to run on the 20th of September 1993, as a result of Timiș County Council Decision.

"The open-windowed house" activity is based on three concepts: "family alternative", "institutional structure", "a temporary place to live".

The project was structured until July 1996, as one unit to offer a secure life environment accessible for 6 children, under the supervision of three professionals, trained as parental substitutes ("mother", "father", "grand-mother").

"The open-windowed house" is a prevention system, a new model for a real social protection of the child. It receives the child for a period of time (as short as possible) to offer secure life conditions and to orientate them towards the best solution: the family.

Partners

"The open-windowed house" co-operates with The County School Inspectorate, Sanitary Department Timiș.

Achievements

Along the three years of running, due to the prompt intervention of the work team, steering team, volunteers, collaborators, 15 children were offered protection, 3 of them were reintegrated in their natural families and 6 in foster families, being taken out of the institutional system.

Up to July 1996, "The open-windowed house" ran in only one pilot unit (a kindergarten). It was obvious the necessity to extend the activity to 4 units so as to offer protection to a number of 50 children.

The headquarters of the 4 units were decided to be in 4 kindergartens in Timișoara. Project development was possible due to the School Inspectorate of Timiș County and with the support of the Ministry of Health.

Programme for Children in Families

(Dolj Branch)

The programme is carried out with the support of Rettet das Kind from Austria having as main goal to support the children coming from families at risk. Financial and emotional support is offered, as well as counselling. In 1996, 40 children were helped by means of this project with the total amount of 26 million ROL. The programme was extended in 1996 by the contribution of Bjorgvin Vidergaende Norway.

The cases are selected with the support of Labour and Social Protection Department and Social Assistance Service.

International Cases

(General Secretariat)

The programme has been carried out by Salvați Copiii since 1991, in co-operation with International Social Service (ISS) and it aims at performing a social approach and establishing a protection measure for the children separated from one or both parents, in the cases where an international co-operation is needed.

The partners of our organisation are Local Councils and the structures within, qualified to perform the social inquiries and to decide upon the suitable protection method according to the "superior interest of the child".

The Police was often asked for different services,



particularly the Population Record Department within the Police General Inspectorate.

In 1996, Salvați Copiii provided social assistance and got involved in settling 110 cases: 36 new cases and 74 from the previous years.

From the point of view of the repartition on different countries the situation is as follows: 73 cases in co-operation with ISS German Branch, 11 with the Italian Branch, 5 with ISS General Secretariat, 3 cases with each of the following: Swiss, Australian and Greek branches, 2 cases with each of the following: Canadian, US and French branches, 1 case with each of the following: Israeli and Hungarian branches.

From the point of view of the case type it is to be noticed a change from the ones of the unaccompanied minors (prevalent in the previous years) to cases with a stressed social character (abandoned children, unsuccessful adoptions, children in the custody of the relatives from abroad).

In 1996, 37 cases were closed.

III. Programmes for Children in Social Protection Institutions and School Units

"States Parties shall ensure that the institutions, services and facilities responsible for the care or protection of children shall conform with the standards established by competent authorities, particularly in the areas of safety, health, in the number and suitability of their staff, as well as competent supervision". (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 3)

Children in institutions (Mangalia Branch)

The institutionalized children in Negru Vodă Children's Home and in the Sanatorium Hospital of Mangalia were again in the attention of members of the branch. They benefited by important donations got the support of local sponsors and foreign organisations. Young artists from Youth House were involved and they stimulated children's involvement in their programmes by means of art. In 1996, Salvați Copiii contributed in improving the life conditions by fitting out living spaces for the children in Negru Vodă Children's Home.

Socialisation and development of child's personality (Mangalia Branch)

The co-operation of the branch with Children's Club was extended, succeeding to endow all training workshops for children, with the involvement of motivated people loving children. The activity was carried out in different fields: painting and glass icon painting, chess and music competitions.

Emotional therapy (Dolj Branch)

In 1996, the program was also dedicated to the 11-12 years old children in Elena Farago Children's Home and educators and students were involved in ample activities.

Activities for favouring the improvement of child's behaviour for an easier integration in the society and adaptation to social environments different from the ones specific to children's home were carried out within the project. There were organised trips to Turnu-Severin, Herculane and together with the Planetears Club a trip to Predeal in order to develop skills and a civilized behaviour and to eliminate isolation tendencies, to reduce the lack of self-confidence.

Counselling for children from disorganised families (Iași Branch)

Started in the beginning of the year, the programme for counselling the children with divorced parents got the acceptance of local community. It also aroused the interest of other NGOs (World Vision, Action Orphelins) and of local Department for Youth and Sport, that suggested a co-operation in this respect. The new consulting room offered to our branch is in the Alzheimer Centre, Str. Grigore Ghica no. 1. Students at Psychology and Social Assistance Faculty of Iași University, were trained by means of specialised courses.

Socialisation and stimulation of pre-school age children by playing and singing (Bucharest Branch)

The programme was carried out in the Kindergarten no. 47. Having the agreement of the director, volunteers of our branch taught English three groups in the pre-school year and they organised ballet and dancing courses. The materials necessary for the programme were purchased with the financial support of some of the parents. The aim was to improve the training-educational work by turning into account the specific means offered by playing and singing.

The Friends of All the Children (Bucharest Branch)

The programme was developed in Children's Homes in Bucharest (no. 5 for girls; no. 2, 7, 9 for boys and Pre-school Children Homes no. 5) and in Children's Club Sector 6. Some of the component parts of the project are: skills, arts and ecological education workshops; competitions, exhibitions, trips according to different age categories. As for the children with poor families, Romanian language classes were organised, to increase their chances to promote in a superior education level.

By means of the subproject „Let's help them by loving them”, social assistance was offered to a group of children with special needs. From the 83 reported cases, 15 needed immediate help. The activity of the branch was made known on the national television, PROTV, Channel 38, as well as in radio broadcasts.

IV. Street Social Assistance Programme for Homeless Children

„States parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse...”
(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 19).

Target group

The category aimed at is that of the children who had to leave their natural families in a more or less radical way or who refuse the institutionalised protection system, choosing the street as a life environment. These are children who live on their own responsibility, frequently using "illegal" means for getting their subsistence means and sleeping in improper places (railway stations, underground passages, sites, sewers etc.).

General aims

1. Decreasing the number of children and preventing or limiting their deviant behaviour (solvents sniffing, committing offences, juvenile prostitution);
2. Making sensitive the decision makers and the public opinion to the emergency and necessity of the social reintegration of the children living in the streets;
3. Recognizing the social work in the street and the status of the street social worker.

Human resources

The street social assistance service includes 10 social workers and a coordinator. The activity is performed in 2 social workers teams with a programme of 8 hours a day out of which at least 6 are spent in the streets.

Achievements

In 1996, the street workers teams accomplished the following:

- contacts with more than 600 children;
- social record of 200 children;
- accommodation provided in centres - 247 children (plus

47 in one day by the intervention of the social assistance team made to the North Railway Station Police with a view to release the children under arrest);

- family reintegration - 9 children;
- support granted to the families with many children living in the street - 9 cases;
- support for a family with 5 children to get back their house that had been abusively sold (finding funds for a lawyer, financial support for the family, school reintegration of 1 child);
- hospitalization - over 110 cases (among which 5 of syphilis and 1 AIDS suspect);
- medical interventions in the street (plasters, medicines) - almost daily;
- identity cards - 13 cases;
- meetings and joint actions with the police (investigations regarding sexual abuses against children committed by pedophiles) - 13 investigations in the streets, out of which two ended by arresting the French citizen Michel -Paul ALBENQUE and the Swiss citizen Peter Rolf GEMRIG;
- food supplies - daily (especially fruits and baking products);
- clothes - for about 250 children;
- different activities (movies, swimming pool, stadium) - about 90 children;
- organisation of the workshop on „Sexual Abuse and Street Children”;
- interviews to national or foreign TV channels or press (mainly about the sexual abuse against street children) - about 40;
- 3 radio broadcasts and 6 interviews on the sexual abuse issues;
- editing issues no. 6, 7, 8, 9 of the newsletter „SOS Street children” both in Romanian and English languages;
- discussions with the City Hall of Bucharest to open a permanent centre in Berceni district and a coordination centre for all the factors acting in the favour of street children.

Studies and synthesis materials

Salvați Copiii in co-operation with the National Committee for Child Protection and UNICEF - Romania, edited the

study "Exploitation and Sexual Abuse of Street Children". The study is meant to be a first pertinent analysis of the existing situation, taking into account that the real impact of the phenomenon is much minimized because of the lack of statistics data in this field.

Meetings and conferences:

WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (Stockholm, Sweden, 27-31 August 1996)

This world congress was organised in order to develop



strategies for fighting against commercial sexual exploitation of children. It was initiated by the international non-governmental organisation ECPAT and the Swedish Government hosted it. Romanian delegation included representatives of the Government, our organisation and Romanian Women's Association.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON STREET CHILDREN WORLDWIDE (AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, 23 of JUNE 1996)

An European conference having as subject the street children worldwide took place between June 20-23, 1996, at the Royal Tropical Institute. The organisers of this event invited representatives of NGOs acting in this field in 12 cities of Europe (4), Eastern Europe (2), Asia (1), Africa (2), Latin America (2), The Caribs (1) to inform and present in detail the situation of the street children in these cities. Along with its world character, the conference is important because it took place under the aegis of the Council of Europe and of 5 member-states of the European Union.

Social Projects - Training

Salvați Copiii was in the team of experts of the Council of

Europe on street children issues and participated to the seminar "Social projects for children" in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, on September 9-15, 1997. The street social assistance programme was presented as a result of the co-operation between SALVAȚI COPIII and the NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR CHILD PROTECTION. The delegation of the Council of Europe included representatives of Norway (1), Finland (1), Great Britain (2), Austria (1), Germany (1) and France (1).

Gavroche Centre

It was founded according to the co-operation agreement signed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Salvați Copiii and the Humanitarian Enterprise Equilibre.

The centre offers social protection to children who left their homes, vagrant, abandoned or homeless children, in difficulty or at risk, who are not under a criminal investigation. The children come to "Gavroche" as a result of the activity of street social workers from Salvați Copiii or social services reports (private ones or under state authority), hospitals, natural persons etc. Because of the complexity and the degree of difficulty in working with these children, the objectives were scheduled according to priorities and the period of time necessary to accomplish them.

Individual programmes are taken into consideration, to ensure the social reinsertion of the children.

Statistic presentation for the period

January 1st, 1996 - December 31st, 1996

Total number of accommodated children - 77, brought by:

- Salvați Copiii - 53;
- Other institutions - 10;
- North Railway Station Police - 7;
- Private persons - 7.

The environment of origin:

- village - 10;
- cities - Bucharest - 45
- other cities - 22.

Distribution according to sex:

- Boys - 30;
- Girls - 47.

Education:

- In the school year 1996/1997, 21 children attend the courses of the School no. 145 (two of them were transferred, being taken by their families);
- In the school year 1995/1996, 100% of the children promoted to the next form.

Settled cases:

- children returned in families: 15 in 1996;
- children placed in other institutions: 9 in 1996.

Street Children Club --

(Dolj Branch)

In 1996, the programme Street Children's Club in Craiova orientated its actions in improving the assistance of homeless children in the city and fitting out the new headquarters offered by the County Council.

It was performed a steady social work in the favour of street children to find opportunities for social and family reintegration. In the summer holidays, 15 homeless children went on a trip to the seaside. This thing was possible owing to a special fund-raising campaign, charity shows organised with the support of the following NGOs: LIONS CLUB and ARHUS-DK.

The fitting out works to the new headquarters required special efforts and the permanent presence of the persons



involved in the program. RELIEF FUND FOR ROMANIA had a special contribution to the new Club.

Street Children's Club will be officially opened on the 1st of May 1997.

V. Social - Medical Programmes

"States Parties recognize that a mentally or physically disabled child should enjoy a full and decent life, in conditions which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the child's active participation in the community".

"States Parties recognize the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest standard of health and to facilities for the treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health".
(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 23, Article 24)

Rehabilitation Centre for the Child with Motor and Associated Deficiencies - Tecuci

The programme is managed by Salvați Copiii on the basis of a convention with SMURFIT Foundation - Monaco, that financially supports the programme between May 1995-April 1999.

Activity

In 1996, the centre ran at its normal capacity. In January 1996, the Sanitary Police in Galați county issued the approval

for functioning in a residential regime and in the end of the same month the first children were registered. A number of 4 residential series were organised for 2-3 months each, with a capacity of 10-13 children a series. Though, the capacity of Rehabilitation centre is of 15 beds, the mothers accompanying their very young children occupied some of them. By the end of 1996, more than 90 children were treated in both residential and ambulatory regime.

The treatment, based on medical gymnastics, proved its efficiency in many cases, being noticed an improvement of children's general condition, more visible as the disease was traced out at an early age. The children were also provided with all the necessary medicines for the basic diseases, as well as for any emergency situation.

They attend a daily educational programme and a logoped is assisting the children needing it. These activities aim at training them for a life as independent as possible and for an easier socialisation.

The clients of the Rehabilitation Centre in Tecuci are the children from Tecuci and other cities in Galați county, as well as the ones from other counties (Brăila, Bacău, Iași, Dâmbovița and even Bucharest). In every series, 2-4 children from Nicorești Hospital-Hostel were taken in for treatment.

Staff training

Mr. Jean-Marie Herve from France, a kinto therapy specialist, has come to Tecuci for two weeks for developing a

training of the medical staff.

In June 1996, a nurse and an educator attended kiotherapy and ergotherapy courses, at Marie Curie Hospital in Bucharest, for being able to replace, if necessary, the medical staff in an extended leave (maternity, child raising, illness etc.).



Publicity

For making popular the rehabilitation Centre, presentation folders were sent to the Paediatric hospitals in the neighbouring areas of Galați county and to similar centres all over the country (Arad, Caraș-Severin, Timișoara, Olt). A detailed article was published in the local newspaper "Observatorul" newspaper and on the occasion of several workshops and meetings with the representatives of the NGOs dealing with disabled persons, the Rehabilitation Centre in Tecuci was presented to the potential beneficiaries.

Evaluation

In September 1996, a delegation of the Director Committee of Salvați Copiii visited the Rehabilitation Centre and suggested ways of improving the activity.

In October, the President of SMURFIT Charitable Foundation, Mrs. Brigitta Smurfit, together with Mr. Anders Beimarck were the guests of the Centre to see how the project carried out and their impressions were favourable, especially regarding the efficiency of this centre.

Alternative Care Methods for HIV/AIDS Children

HealthAid UK, Radda Barnen (Swedish Save the Children) and Salvați Copiii Romania co-operate to implement in Romania the programme "Alternative Care Methods" in order to ensure a decent life to a group of HIV/AIDS children and to contribute to changing the attitude of the governmental representatives, medical and social authorities,

specialists, parents etc.

In 1990, HealthAid UK initiated at Colentina Hospital in Bucharest a long-term programme the assisting the HIV positive children.

The programme included the following stages:

- implementing the new model "Tender Loving Care" in a specialised section of Colentina hospital, so as to create an environment almost similar to the living conditions out of the hospital with a support of English volunteers (more than 300 all along the programme);
- initiating training courses for the staff assisting the HIV/AIDS children, courses that generated the establishment of the Nursing School in 1991, in Bucharest;
- setting family-like communities for HIV/AIDS children: in 1992, the first two houses started their activity, the third in 1993, the fourth in 1994. At present, there are 6 houses, each one for a small group of children.

Goals

- to draw up a comparative study to analyze the development differences of the HIV/AIDS children in the family-type houses, the ones abandoned in Colentina Hospital and the children in families. The study is meant to point out the necessity of multiplying the alternative care methods applied by NGOs;
- to grant social assistance, financial support and psychological counselling to the parents of HIV/AIDS children;
- to develop co-operation with the School Inspectorate of Bucharest; beginning with 1996, it has partially taken over the financing of the 6 family-type houses;
- to develop co-operation with other NGOs and participation to the establishment of the Romanian Forum for the Children and Families Affected by HIV/AIDS.

STRATEGY

Setting up a consultative group formed by representatives of the following NGOs: Salvați Copiii (Gabriela Alexandrescu, Luminița Marcu), Radda Barnen (Mihail Stoican), HealthAid UK (Tina Petrescu, Bogdan Leonte), Colentina Hospital (Dr. Sorin Petrea, Dr. Ioana Strauss). The main role of this group is to coordinate and monitorize the implementation of the project.

Evaluation of the existing situation regarding the HIV positive children (Colentina Hospital, family-type houses).

Creating a working group formed by 3 persons.

Contacts and co-operation with other humanitarian organisations interested in HIV/AIDS children issues (UNICEF, ARAS, World Vision etc.).

Contacts with media representatives (TV, publications) to make popular the programme.

Training courses for the working team

□ organisation of an intensive course, (30 hours) of initiation and perfecting regarding the importance of the social and emotional relations and educational intervention on raising and development of the HIV positive and AIDS children.

Drawing up a comparative analysis on the following categories:

1. Analysis of social and cultural environment of origin;
2. Analysis of social and cultural development environment;
3. Analysis of child's development;
4. Establishing the testing and observing instruments for the children:

a) Portage; direct or indirect observation tests;

- b) examinations and tests;
- c) Raven - for intelligence.

□ Participation of the team members in different workshops organised on the theme of HIV/AIDS children for a more precise understanding of transmission and prevention of HIV contamination.

□ Organising a training-workshop for the staff of the houses and the working groups.

□ organising counselling meetings for groups of 10-12 parents with the participation of working team members, specialists.

□ initiating training courses of trainers in order to set up a supporting network for the parents with HIV/AIDS children, as well as for the foster families.

ROXANA House

"Roxana House" is a continuation of the model applied by HealthAid. Set up as a family-type alternative for HIV children, it was introduced in Romania beginning with 1991. This is the 6th "house" of this type opened in Bucharest for the HIV positive children. It accommodates four HIV positive children.

This programme aims at:

- improving the quality of the sanitary - hygienic conditions and of feeding for the HIV positive children;
- integration in the society and normalisation of the life style of HIV positive children;
- increasing life time of these children;
- establishing and maintaining a family-like house for small groups of children;

- training the staff, developing new care methods specific for HIV positive children.



Prevention and Fight Against HIV/AIDS Contamination

(Dolj Branch)

Because the correct feeding is the key of an extended lifetime, of delaying AIDS, beginning with July 1996, extra food was provided for the children in the Hospital of Infectious Diseases in amount of 1.5 million ROL. Children's families were also supported in the difficult moments they passed through.

Together with Romanian Angel Appeal, the programme was extended by permanently employing a social worker and the co-operation with the University of Louisville - USA had as a result the endowment with one-use-only sanitary supplies. Thanks to the contribution of ODD FELLOWS Norway, a multi-investigation analyzer was obtained for the medical watch centre.

HIV/AIDS Prevention

(Mangalia Branch)

This programme had in view to ensure the solidarity of the local community towards the HIV positive persons, identification of the difficult circumstances and providing a financial support for the families with HIV positive children. One of the important component parts of the programme was to make sensitive and aware the local community about the existence of this scourge and its real implications. An ample information and education campaign took place in schools.

S.O.S. - AIDS

(Caraş-Severin Branch)

The HIV/AIDS prevention programme has as main goal to educate people for preventing contamination. In 1996, as a result of a cooperation agreement with the Sanitary Police and Preventive Medicine Inspectorate, a counselling programme for the affected families was carried out, action finalized on the 1st of December, the World Day of Fighting against AIDS, when the 51 HIV positive children in families were offered financial support from Salvați Copiii.



As a result of concluding two co-operation contracts with Mureş Sanitary Department and Infant Neuro-psychiatric Clinics, two therapists, an educator and a medical physical culture teacher work together with the staff for rehabilitation of the children with motor and psychic disabilities. 20 children were initially included in this programme, but with the support granted by Niva Press, two more therapists were employed, so that another 20 children could be included in the programme.

Children's progresses are obvious. According to monthly evaluation, new stimulation methods are established and corrections are made if necessary. Some of the children were recovered and sent to other institutions adequate to their development and one of the children went back to his family. This is, in fact, the goal of the programme, to prevent children's sending to hospital-hostels after three years of age, but as much as possible to return to their families or in institutions for normal children.

"Sanitary Education" Programme

(Negrești Branch - Vaslui)

Within this programme, there are permanent activities of cleaning the schools, training the children in first-aid problems, informing both pupils and teachers about the means to prevent HIV/AIDS contamination. On the occasion of the World Day of Fighting against AIDS, specific actions were organised with the participation of many children in town and neighbouring villages. All these actions were rewarded by the organisers with sweets, school supplies, clothes.

HELPER Programme

(Târgu-Mureş Branch)

The programme started on the 15th of August 1996, at Nursing Home for abandoned children in Târgu-Mureş and it consists of offering rehabilitation services for the children with motor and psychic deficiencies.

VI. Parents' University

"States parties shall respect the responsibilities, rights and duties of parents or, where applicable, the members of the extended family or community as provided for by local custom, legal guardians or other persons legally responsible for the child, to provide, in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child, appropriate direction and guidance in the exercise by the child of the rights recognized in the present Convention". (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 5)

Parents' University guides the information and parents training on the basic issues in raising and educating the child. The programme is meant to be a type of counselling in training and keeping up the family. It directly has a contribution in educating young generation to know its rights and responsibilities in the modern society.

The programme is based on three concepts:

- the children reflect the education degree of the family and, therefore, the parents should be taught how to educate their children;
- finding the ways to satisfy the educational needs of the family, for developing an open civil society;
- children's and parents issues should be considered as a unit, as issues of the whole family.

Goals:

1. To educate the parents in the important fields for children's development and education;
2. To counsel the families with a low level of education, with disabled children or with other difficulties;
3. To guide the families with gifted children for completely turn into account child's potential;
4. To counsel the couples without children willing to foster or to adopt a child;
5. To conceive and apply preventive education and mental health programmes at family level;
6. To early find out the deficiencies and disabilities and to apply efficient programmes of intervention in the family;
7. To associate the parents and train them as therapists for their own disabled children needing a special care;
8. To create a permanent service for assisting the families.

The programme was carried out in the following fields:



- Psychology, pedagogy and family morality;
- Workshops for parents;
- Counselling and psychic therapy;
- Parents' Club.

Evaluation

Specialists upheld the conferences and the average number of participants was of 50 persons. Every conference was followed by a workshop for settling any misunderstandings and to answer any questions generated by the debated issues.

The high-school students were the most interested in and we must consider they haven't assumed yet the role of parents.

It was noticed the necessity to train specialists for counselling the families and for psychological therapy.

Parents' University

(Suceava Branch)

Parents' University appeared because of the lack of a counselling system for the families at a social risk. It has in view informing, training and counselling the families. It includes many component parts and is conceived so as to include a wide range of problems appeared in the families, especially raising and educating children with special needs (autist, disabled, children with difficulties at school, teenagers in difficult circumstances).

For the proper running of this programme, it was established a cooperation with social workers, psychologists, physicians, teachers.

VII. Integration of the Pre-School Refugee Children in Romanian Community

"States parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure that a child who is seeking refugee status or who is considered a refugee in accordance with applicable international or domestic law and procedures shall, whether unaccompanied or accompanied by his or her parents or by any other person, receive appropriate protection and humanitarian assistance in the enjoyment of applicable rights set forth in the present Convention and in other international human rights or humanitarian instruments to which the said States are Parties". (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 22)

Goals

- Educating and making sensitive the public opinion on the presence of refugee children in Romania;
- Offering a concrete support to the refugee children in order to integrate them in the Romanian society;
- Reacting in situations of any forms of abuse and discrimination the refugee children are subject.

Short history

The programme started in August 1995 by means of the financial support of Radda Barnen - Sweden. A co-operation contract was concluded with Kindergarten no. 167 in Bucharest that accepted the pre-school refugee children from the hostel in Tudor Gociu street to attend it in the school year 1995-1996. School supplies and the other necessary things in the educational process were provided. The contract was renewed for the school year of 1996-1997.

Approaches were made to fit out a living room in the hostel for the refugee children.

Partners

Radda Barnen,
SIRDO, CEFRAN

Methodology

- Identifying the pre-school aged refugee children in the hostel;

- Purchasing school supplies and necessary materials according to curriculum for kindergartens;
- Children's registration to the kindergarten, as a result of the medical approval;
- Talks with children's families to identify their needs and expectations;
- Children's involvement in entertaining and educational activities, complementary to the education process.

Results

In the school year 1995-1996, 11 pre-school refugee children (from the hostel in Tudor Gociu Street) benefited by assistance within the programme. In the school year 1996-1997, there have been 21 children.

Meetings, conferences:

- 16-18 February 1996, Sinaia, Romania, the workshop "Project planning and management" organised by ECRE
- 23-24 March 1996, Budapest, Hungary, inaugural meeting of CEFRAN, organised by ECRE
- 9-11 September 1996, Bucharest, Romania, the workshop "Migration to Romania, Causes, Counselling, Directing Measures", organisers: Raphaels-Werk, UNHCR, ACCEM, SIRDO
- 6-8 December 1996, Prague, Czech Republic, "Integrating Refugees", organisers: CEFRAN, ECRE
- 19 December 1996, Bucharest, Romania - "Christmas gettogether", organised by UNHCR - Liaison Office
- Other participation (out of this programme):
- 18 June 1996, Bucharest, Romania, the Conference of the Prof. Dr. Victor Groze (Mandel School for Applied Sciences, CWRU, Cleveland, USA) referring to the results of the research on development of Romanian children adopted by American families; organiser: "Copiii Noștri" Foundation
- 2-3 October 1996, Bucharest, Romania, the First National Meeting of the Romanian Forum for the Children and Families affected by HIV/AIDS
- 25-27 November 1996, Bucharest, Romania, "Sociology of Education", course organised by Pestalozzi Foundation
- 21 December 1996, Bucharest, Romania - inauguration of SOCIETA Foundation



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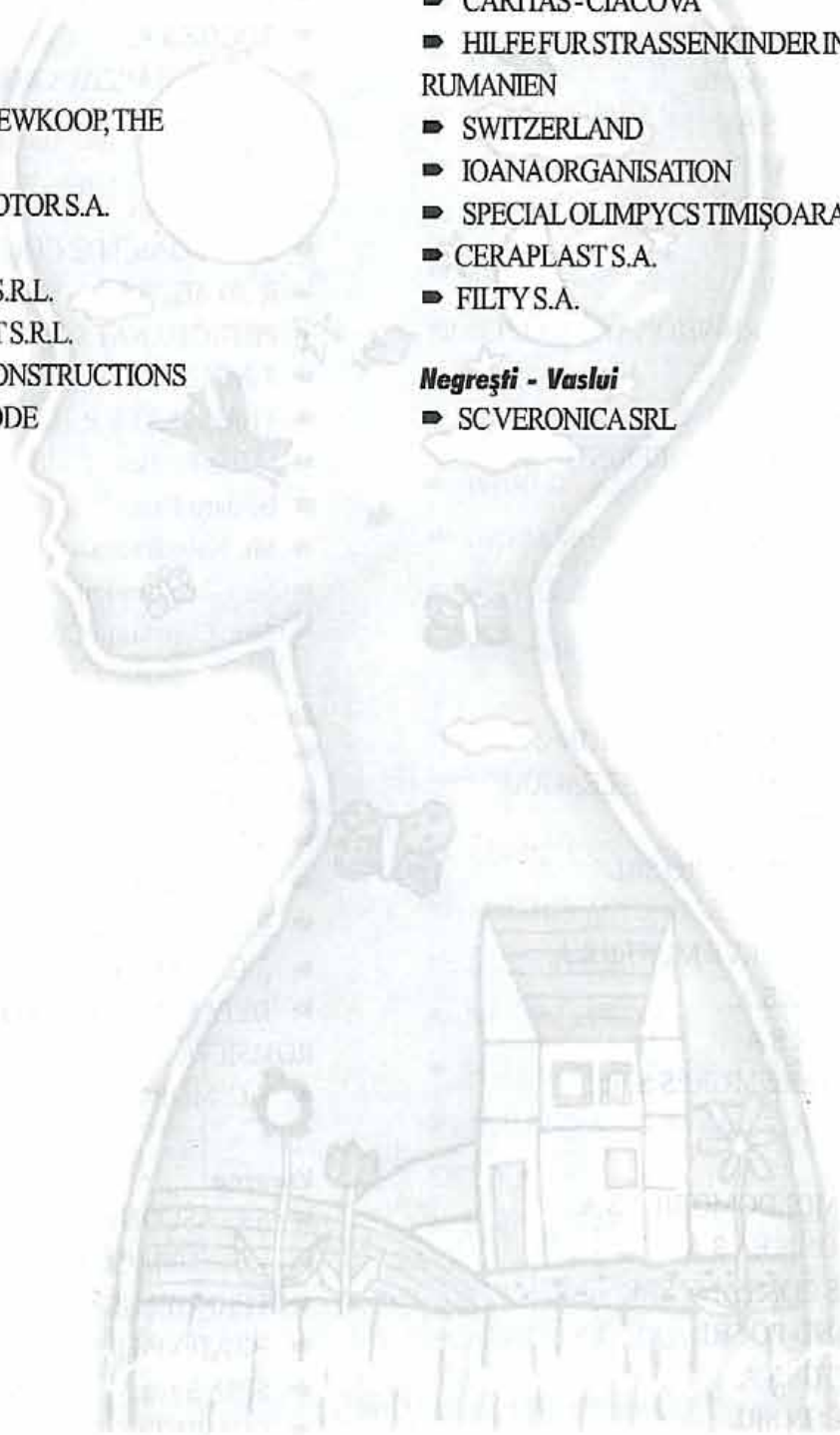
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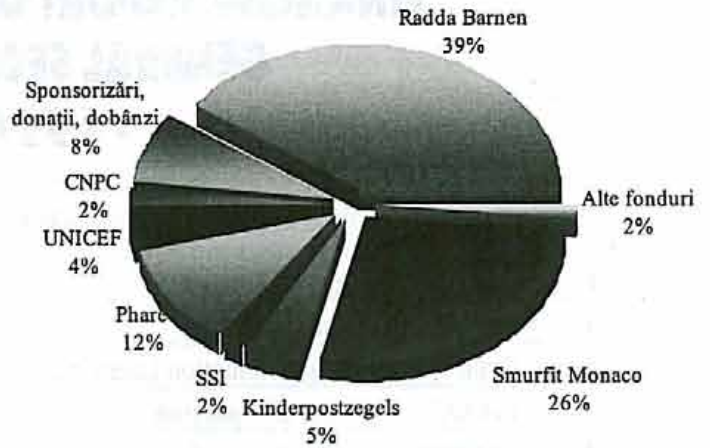
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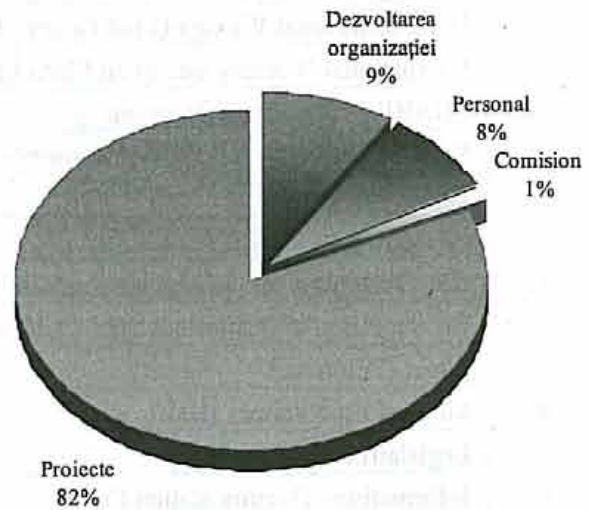
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No.	EXPLANATIONS	AMOUNT (thousand USD)
I.	INCOMES - TOTAL	438.3
1.	Radda Barnen financing	175.7
2.	Smurfit Charitable Foundation financing	121.3
3.	PHARE - Childhood Protection	48.0
4.	Stichting Kinderpostzegels financing	20.0
5.	UNICEF financing	16.7
6.	International Social Service financing	7.0
7.	National Committee for Child Protection financing	8.2
8.	UN International Women Guild Geneva financing	3.2
9.	International Working Group on Child Labour financing	2.5
10.	PHARE - Democracy financing	2.2
11.	Sponsorships, donations, interest, membership fee	33.5
II.	EXPENSES	349.7
A.	PROGRAMMES - TOTAL	283.9
1.	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	83.7
2.	Reintegration of Institutionalized Children in their Natural Families	32.2
3.	Street Children	31.2
4.	Medical Programmes (HIV)	16.5
5.	Legislative Programmes	0.2
6.	Information - Documentation Centre	2.4
7.	Child Hot Line	4.5
8.	Stimulation and socialisation of institutionalized children	3.1
9.	Refugee Children	1.6
10.	Children in Conflict with the Law	0.9
11.	Abused Children	4.5
12.	Counselling Centre	2.5
13.	International Cases	1.3
14.	Parents University	1.8
15.	Rehabilitation Centre in Tecuci	78.5
B.	Organisation and Development	32.6
1.	Organisation	11.2
2.	Information	4.8
3.	Publicity	3.9
4.	Fund-raising	3.5
5.	Administrative Expenses	9.2
C.	Personnel	29.1
D.	Banking commission	4.1

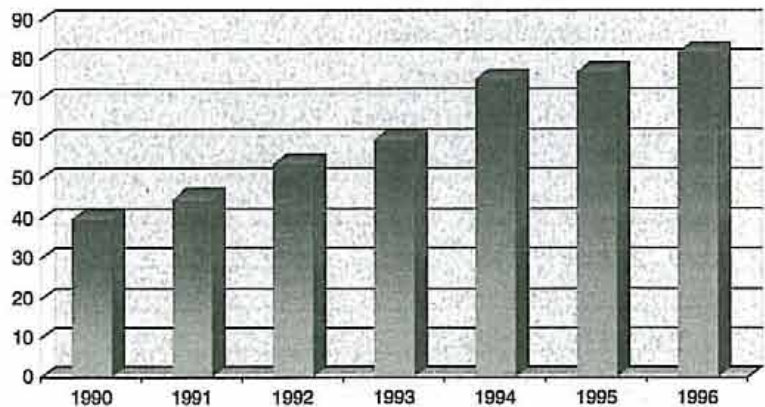
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