



RESULTS FOR CHILDREN



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2018 Annual Report



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VISION

Save the Children's vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

MISSION

Save the Children's mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

VALUES

Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration,
Creativity, Integrity

Values we believe in

Accountability

We take personal responsibility for using our resources efficiently, achieving measurable results, and being accountable to supporters, partners and, most of all, children.

Ambition

We are demanding of ourselves and our colleagues, set high goals and are committed to improving the quality of everything we do for children.

Collaboration

We respect and value each other, thrive on our diversity, and work with partners to leverage our global strength in making a difference for children.

Creativity

We are open to new ideas, embrace change, and take disciplined risks to develop sustainable solutions for and with children.

Integrity

We aspire to live to the highest standards of personal honesty and behaviour; we never compromise our reputation and always act in the best interests of children.



Eglantyne Jebb
(1876-1928) –
a social reformer from
Great Britain and founder
of the international
movement Save the
Children (*Save the
Children Fund*)

100 years for children



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100 DE ANI

1919

Indignant at the aftermath of the First World War (thousands of children were dying of illness or famine every day all over Europe), Eglantyne Jebb establishes Save the Children Fund.

1920

Eglantyne Jebb establishes at Geneva the first international movement for children, The International Save the Children Union, having as members Save the Children Fund and Rätta Barnen (Save the Children Sweden).

1924

The League of Nations adopts the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, a document drafted and promoted by Eglantyne Jebb. The declaration will inspire the future UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

Save the Children celebrates 100 years of progress for children

It all began in 1919, when Eglantyne Jebb took a stand against a whole world in crisis ignoring children and their rights. With an extraordinary tenacity she dedicated her life to her vision and convinced generations to follow her.

100 years after, we continue to fulfill her vision and fight so that every child has the right to life, protection, development and participation ensured. So that the rights of the child be taken seriously and observed everywhere on earth, including and especially in times of crisis.

One billion children have been supported globally.



Dear friends,

To Save the Children Romania 2018 was the year of generosity of the companies and people who chose to support us, of collaborations and development of partnerships for children. We are happy that more and more companies and people understand the importance of social responsibility and that of personal contribution to the fulfillment of children's rights. The vision of people like Eglantyne Jebb is accomplished by each of us; it remains a utopia only if we choose to close our eyes.

Thousands of dedicated young volunteers joined our cause, with more than 75,000 hours spent with mutual feelings of content and development opportunities for a better future for the approximate 65,000 children with whom the volunteers have interacted during the information, counselling, educational or protection sessions carried out.

We have pursued, with the same determination, the efforts of ensuring the new-born babies the inherent right to life, equipping 88 maternities with 515 modern pieces of medical equipment worth 4 million Euro. Trusting our belief that it saves lives, we have further developed the network of socio-medical services in the rural area in order to monitor, each year, at least 7,000 mothers and pregnant women and offer them support in providing their children the adequate protection and care for a good start in life.

The positive discipline models and the prevention of all forms of violence against children received concrete shape through full services of psychological evaluation and counselling for 2,100 children and parenting sessions for almost 3,000 parents. We have initiated complex and innovative mechanisms for identifying and reporting the bullying situations in 40 schools, the conclusions to be used for extending the intervention in 2019.

The Festival of Christmas Trees, with its 20 artistic trees, raised the record sum of 770,000 euro, funds that will ensure the social and educational assistance of more than 5,000 children who do not have access to education, are at risk of school dropout or are affected by poverty and social exclusion.

We thank all our supporters and volunteers for trust and involvement and we assure them we will keep up doing our best for children!

Gabriela Alexandrescu
Executive President

Mihai Gafencu
President

Children we've reached:

320,877

Lives saved - 20,900

provision of state-of-the-art medical equipment, information and support for mothers and pregnant women.

Education - 28,950

pre-school education (Summer kindergartens), school education ("A Second Chance", "School after School"), health education.

Protection - 51,943

protection against violence, protection of children with parents abroad and refugee children, online protection, medical protection.

Information and Participation - 219,084

information on the rights of the child and encouraging children's participation.

Specialists 18,699 **Parents 44,098**

Volunteers: 2,527

Incomes (Euro)
6,539,677





5 key results in 2018

By the end of 2018 the supporting maternities program accounted for 88 maternities provided with 515 state-of-the-art pieces of medical equipment for saving the lives of 42,000 premature babies.

The most successful Gala of the Festival of Christmas Trees, through donations worth 770,000 Euros.

A large number of children and parents participating in the 2018 edition of the Global Campaign for Education – 210,000 children, teachers, parents and other invitees.

The launch of the 'BLOCK CYBERBULLYING' initiative within the Internet Class program, addressing teachers in the primary and secondary educational systems.

The number of active donors through the direct debit mechanism increased by four, from 5,500 in 2017 to more than 27,000 by the end of 2018.



HEALTHCARE

Save the Children's effort to support maternities in providing proper and prompt medical treatment for premature babies is consistent, while progress is visible: within seven years of campaign, the infant mortality rate has dropped from 10.1 to one thousand children born alive in 2010, to **6.7 in 2017**.

42,000
NEWBORNS



MARIA

Maria was born at 6 months, weighing only 620 grams. Since birth, she has been forced to continuously fight together with the doctors, while the incubator donated by Save the Children was her salvation. For more than a month, the incubator was her home, providing her with the right environment to grow and develop.



EQUIPMENT FOR MATERNITIES

Save the Children provided, since 2012, **88 maternities** in all counties across the country with **515 medical equipment pieces** valued at **4 million Euros**. In 2018, 37 medical facilities were provided with 122 equipment pieces, valued at 880,000 Euros.



INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES

Save the Children is involved in health improvement actions for mothers and children under 5 years of age by developing social and medical services in the rural area with the help of family doctors, social workers and health mediators. In 2018, social and medical services were provided for **7,892 beneficiaries, including 2,973 children** (1,356 younger than one year old), 460 pregnant women (90 younger than 18 years old) and 1,959 mothers (133 underage girls). Educational activities on health were carried out with respect to proper nutrition and medical supervision of children, pregnancy monitoring and vaccination of children included in the project according to the national scheme.



EDUCATION FOR HEALTH

Under the educational programs aimed at developing healthy, reliable and responsible behaviors for adopting a healthy lifestyle, **13,430 pupils** (6 - 18 years of age) benefited from informative sessions on the following topics: nutrition and physical movement, emotional health, sexual education, hazardous substances consumption behaviors. The project was carried out in 180 educational units from 68 urban and rural localities.



TRAININGS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

With the support of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila from Bucharest, we organized the 7th edition of the training “Advanced Masterclasses”, on the topic of “Postpartum bleeding”, for 43 healthcare professionals from 7 medical facilities from Bucharest and more counties. The training was delivered by **Prof. Dr. Jacky Nizard, President of the European Board of Gynecology and Obstetrics**, “Pierre et Marie Curie Paris” University, and by **Dr. Ilinca Gussi, specialist doctor in Obstetrics-Gynaecology at “Dr. I. Cantacuzino” Clinical Hospital Bucharest**.



EDUCATION

For children from underprivileged communities, access to education remains a challenge. Their families are forced to choose between making a living and sending them to school and, often, children remain last.

8,500
CHILDREN

were included in the preschool education program.

Since 1998, our school dropout prevention and reduction programs included

37,000
CHILDREN



CRISTI

The first day of kindergarten was difficult for Cristi. Not understanding what he had to do among so many children, he chose isolation in the back of the classroom. But the joyful activities and nice words, the books and colored crayons have turned him into the child willing to express himself and enjoy every day of the summer kindergarten and, later on, school.



PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

The purpose of the summer preschool education program is to provide the children from underprivileged categories with equal opportunities at the beginning of the school. Designed as a remedy measure, the program is held during summer and helps children from disadvantaged and Roma communities to acquire the skills they need in school, both educationally and socially. Their parents are encouraged to attend the activities carried out to understand the need for integrating their children in the mass education system. In 2018, **1,000 preschoolers** attended the activities and **960 parents** benefited from counseling to understand the importance of education.



SECOND CHANCE

This program aims at the school integration or reintegration of children who dropped out or were never registered and are past the school age. The program is complex and integrated, suitable for the needs of these children, and provides educational support as well as material support and counselling. With the help of the teaching staff and social workers, the children were supported to catch up and participated in socializing and personal development activities. In 2018, **220 children** were included in Second Chance groups organized in collaboration with the partner schools, and 110 parents benefited from material support and socio-legal counselling.



SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

Activities to additionally prepare for school, as well as to acquire independent life skills were conducted. Moreover, the children and their families benefited from social, legal or psychological counselling, as well as material support. **3,300 children** participated in educational activities and **2,730 parents** in information and counselling activities.

„There are many children in my classroom and it is nice. The lady from Save comes to me, I do my homework and play. Since the snow came, we have been making snowballs.”

Gina, 10.

CHILDREN LEFT HOME ALONE

The protection and education program for children whose parents work abroad aims at reducing the negative impact associated to parents' migration on the children left home alone, by providing direct intervention and phone or online counselling to children and their parents/caregivers and by improving the capacity of the institutions in the field of social assistance, education and justice to properly address their needs.



73%

OF THE CHILDREN

improved their school results.



ANDREEA AND HER GRANDMOTHER

Andreea is one of the tens of thousands of children left in the country by one of their parents. She lives with her father and brother, but the father is a driver and is a long time away from home, so the two are looked after either by their grandmother or their aunt. She has matured before her time, but needs affection. In Save the Children, she found what she long wanted – attention. With the help of our specialists, Andreea has acquired many social and communication skills, and her school situation has improved, making her grandmother truly happy.



DIRECT SERVICES

In 2018, the activities were conducted as part of the **17 local programs** in the towns of Pitești, Bucharest, Reșița, Mangalia, Târgoviște, Craiova, Petrila, Timișoara, Brașov, Piatra Neamț, Suceava, Iași, Negrești, Lupeni, Sighișoara and Târgu Mureș and small urban/rural localities from the respective counties, consisting of social and psychological support to cope with the period of separation from parents, support at school and social activities. **1,012 children** and 738 parents and caregivers benefited from the project services.



HOTLINE

156 persons asked for support via the phone and online counselling line, either with regard to the protection of children whose parents are abroad, or by signaling various abuse situations, failure to fulfil parental responsibilities etc. Save the Children's specialists provided counselling and notified or approached the authorities, when necessary. **1,736 phone calls and messages** (by e-mail) were received and made.



CAMPAIGN

The information campaign regarding the parents' legal obligations when leaving the country and risks of their departure on the children has continued by organizing local roadshows, in Bucharest and 9 counties – attended by more than **7,708 persons** from **148 localities**, in both rural and urban area. We organized two regional debates in Pitești and Timișoara, engaging 137 specialists from relevant institutions from South Muntenia and West Regions. On November 20th, the Presidential Administration, through the Department for the Relation with Romanians Abroad, coordinated by Mrs. Sandra Pralong, State Adviser, in partnership with Save the Children, organized the international Roundtable on the situation of children whose parents work abroad, an event attended by President of Romania **Klaus Iohannis** and the European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, **Věra Jourová**, that gathered together 140 participants.

„I would love to have braids, like Bianca, my classmate. Her mother braids her hair, I wish to have my mother with me.”

Miruna, 10



47,751

CHILDREN AND PARENTS

benefited from psycho-therapeutic interventions since 2009 until now.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST VIOLENCE

About 1 in 6 children from Romania meets the criteria of diagnosis for a mental health condition. The factors that contribute to this dramatic statistic include: abuse, violence, insufficient specialized psychological evaluation and intervention services, lack of coherent national strategies to identify and refer children in risk situations, lack of a national strategy with regard to the ongoing training of specialists that could address the real needs of the children.



RESEARCH

The “**Analysis of the abuse identification and referral system in case of children under 11**” has shown that child abuse usually remains unreported, although 75% of the professionals’ referrals to institutions with responsibilities in the field of child protection were confirmed, as well as 58% of those made by natural persons, 68% of those made of children and 73% of the inquiries of the social services specialists.



INTERVENTION

Save the Children provided complete psychological evaluation and counselling services for child and family, as part of community psycho-therapeutic intervention programs – counselling centers for parents (opened in Iași, Timișoara, Târgu Mureș and Suceava) and the Emotional and Behavioral Education Centre for Children CEECC (opened in Bucharest). As part of the specialized services, **2,113 children** were evaluated and benefited from group therapeutic interventions or individual counselling/psychotherapy; in addition, **2,874 parents** were integrated in parental education programs, in view of developing parental skills.



PREVENTION OF BULLYING

Given that bullying is a major risk factor for the children’s socio-emotional development, Save the Children carried out many activities to improve the schools’ response capacity, by involving all players with a significant role in eliminating this phenomenon: children, parents, teaching staff, representatives of the community etc. **1,994 children, 400 parents and 364 teachers** were involved in these activities to prevent and eliminate bullying.



TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS

Being recognized as a reference organization in the training of specialists, Save the Children delivered ongoing training courses for the professionals who interact with the children directly. Thus, **256 teachers and 93 professionals** from social assistance and child protection directorates benefited from workshops to improve their identification and intervention skills in connection to certain risk situations for children: abuse, depression, anxiety, ADHD etc.

„This is how the parents themselves were brought up. They were taught that this is the easiest way: why spend two hours explaining something to the child, when you can just slap him and solve the problem?”

Marius, 13



610

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN

benefited from educational and social services

PROTECTION OF REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN

Save the Children Romania, as partner of the General Inspectorate for Immigration, has further developed a wide range of services in support of asylum-seeking children beneficiaries of international protection, as well as their families and vulnerable adults. The activities were carried out in the Regional Centers for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers from Bucharest, Galați, Giurgiu, Rădăuți, Șomcuta Mare and Timișoara.



KAMAL, RASHIDA AND GHADA

Kamal, Rashida and Ghada were registered in the daily activities program, where they could interact with children from all over the world and got familiar with their new social and cultural environment. Ghada was registered in kindergarten and Kamal is in the 8th grade at a public school.



EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Save the Children provided educational and social services for **610 children and 670 adults that are asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection**, promptly addressing their needs to access social and educational services, by registering in the educational system, receiving integration support by carrying out daily cultural and recreational activities, attending Romanian language classes, etc. Moreover, **426 adults and 139 children** benefited from counselling and support in view of knowing their rights/obligations related to their status, accommodation conditions in the regional centers, access to social provisions, identification of jobs, access to healthcare services.



FRIENDLY SPACES FOR CHILDREN

In order to improve the reception conditions and services provided, **Save the Children has set up and equipped child friendly spaces** in the Regional Centers for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers from Bucharest, Giurgiu, Galați and Șomcuta Mare, such as: **2 social and psychological counseling offices** (Bucharest), **1 Mother and Baby Room** for the optimal care of newborns and infants (Șomcuta Mare), **2 outdoor playgrounds** (Șomcuta Mare and Galați), **1 room for Romanian language classes** and **1 recreational space for children** (Giurgiu).



SECURING BASIC NEEDS

To address their needs upon arrival in Romania, Save the Children provided material support (food, clothes, personal hygiene products, welcome packs) for **435 children and 152 adults**. Support has been provided to facilitate access to medical services for 184 children and 83 adults, while 48 children and 9 adults benefited from psychological counselling.

„I am happy my sister and I are with our parents and we can go to school every day. ...I love to play football and I hope I will one day play for the national team of my country.”

Albert 16, Central African Republic

INTERNET CLASS

The Internet Class Program, co-financed by the European Commission, is a unique project in Romania that promotes the use of Internet by children and adolescents in a creative, useful and safe manner. Save the Children has been a member of the European network Insafe since 2018 and of the international network Inhope since 2015, the largest coalitions that promote the principles of Internet safety worldwide and contribute to the development of a safer Internet, where children can exert their right to information, expression and participation.

96,1%
OF CHILDREN

access the Internet
using smartphones.





SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018

was marked by organizing “Challenges in Internet Use: Child Sexual Abuse Materials and Unprotected Personal Data” press conference that gathered representatives of the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police, Ministry of Communication and Information Society, National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption, UK Embassy in Romania, International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, bpv Grigorescu Ștefănică and the National Response Centre for Cybersecurity Incidents.

ctr.LAJUTOR



EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Since 2008, more than **399,000 children and 100,000 parents and teachers** have been involved in direct educational activities of the Internet Class Project. Moreover, 7,000 children benefited from information and counselling and more than 6,400 referrals were made via the specialized reporting line. In 2018, the Internet Class Program included a series of educational activities in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education:

“Digital Citizenship. Rights and Responsibilities regarding personal data online” Competition

Nationwide, 146 projects from 121 schools were registered and more than 12,000 persons were involved in direct educational activities carried out by the participating pupils and teachers.

“BLOCK cyberbullying!” National Campaign

2,400 teachers registered to participate in this educational initiative, organizing activities in class related to cyberbullying for 39,484 children, 4,900 parents and 1,796 other teaching staff and specialists.

esc_ABUZ



REPORTING OF ILLEGAL CONTENT

1,813 reports were received via esc_ABUZ reporting line, 1,182 of which represented child sexual abuse materials. The materials were referred by Save the Children specialist to law enforcement officials, where cases are investigated, content is tagged for removal from the Internet and also measures are taken to identify and assist the victim and also investigate the aggressors. The civil reporting hotline esc_ABUZ is run based on the collaboration protocols between Save the Children, IGPR and ANPDCA.



NATIONWIDE COLLABORATION

In collaboration with the county School Inspectorates, the county Resource and Educational Assistance Centers, the Centers for the Teaching Staff, the regional Social Assistance and Child Protection Directorates, and the county Police Inspectorates – departments of Prevention and Combating Organized Crime, we organized 8 regional seminars for specialists working in the child protection field. 260 specialists from all counties across the country attended the seminars, 42 information and intervention teams being created at regional level in order to prevent and reduce abuse against children online.



PARTICIPATION

Save the Children supports the real and quality participation of children. Thus, we provide them with the opportunity to express their needs, opinions and desires, engage them in the decision-making process on issues that concern them, inform them about things that are of interest and, more particularly, support them in exerting and defending their rights.

The rights considered to be important by the children were the right to family, opinion, protection and life, while the right to freedom of expression is seen to be the least respected both at home and in school.

21,500

CHILDREN FROM 160 SCHOOLS

attended the information sessions on the topic of their rights and responsibilities.



PLAN Z – HEROES

Together with Terre des Hommes and World Vision we implemented the project Plan Z – Heroes against bullying, a pilot project that supports the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children. Under this project, 14 young volunteers of each organization identified measures to eliminate bullying in schools. The 3 solutions that were implemented during the last year are: a Forum Theatre play, roleplay activities with the pupils and a helpline for victims of bullying in a partner school.



GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION

Under the slogan “**Keep your promises: provide inclusive and quality education for all children!**”, in the period 7 – 13 May 2018, over **210,000 children, teachers, parents and other guests** participated in the Global Campaign for Education, to draw attention on two major issues of education: lack of participation of all children in Romania to education and lack of a quality, safe and non-violent school environment.

The requests addressed to the decision-makers by the participants in GCE targeted: more funds for education, expansion and provision of free “School after School” services and provision of proper training and real support for the teaching staff, in view of promoting inclusive education.



CHILDREN’S NATIONAL FORUM

The 18th edition of the Children’s National Forum took place in the period 1-4 June, as part of the Education Program for a healthy lifestyle for children and adolescents – Healthy choices. **100 children** from Bucharest and 14 counties participated in the debates moderated by specialists and volunteers of Save the Children, as well as external experts, on the following topics: access to information on sexual education in the school environment, development of emotional skills and combating bullying in schools.

On the last day of the event, 7 delegations of children went to the headquarters of the Ministries of Education and Health, to present their recommendations to improve the education and health systems, by providing equal access to school and medical services for all children, quality education and courses that teach the young children to take better health decisions.



WE ALSO HAVE RIGHTS

Within the program “**We also have rights**”, 122 volunteers were trained and discussed with **21,500 children** by using peer-to-peer educational techniques and informed 397 teachers and 1,257 parents.

The International Children’s Rights Day was marked by the national campaign “**Young or old, we all have rights!**”, where sessions were organized to promote children’s rights, in 5 branches - Hunedoara, Iași, Argeș, Mureș, Caraș Severin and in Bucharest, by 513 teachers for 12,550 pupils. To have their rights observed, the children want to be listened to by the adults around them, to have better communication between the family, school and society and to truly benefit from quality education. The children also want to spend more time with their parents.



2,527

VOLUNTEERS

delivered

75,800

HOURS

of activity to the benefit of children.

VOLUNTEERS

Save the Children promotes participation and volunteering among children and youngsters by providing them with opportunities of active engagement in the life of children and protection of their rights. The National Volunteering Center is a support department for the organization's programs, where volunteer involvement is essential.



2018 NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING GALA

The finalists of the gala organized by VOLUM Federation included Save the Children volunteers, with a record number: 12 volunteers from Bucharest and across the country were selected by the jury based on their engagement in 2018. Save the Children was also among the winners – the prize for the volunteer of the year in the field of civic activism and human rights was won by **Paul Ursu**, who represented Save the Children – Iași branch.



RECREATIONAL-EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Save the Children volunteers help the children from the educational centers every day. With the support of patient, empathetic and caring volunteers, the children learn to write, read, count and develop important life skills. Everything happens in a fun way, with many games in between homework, lots of laughter and good will. The support of the volunteers is very important in this program, acting as teachers and good friends, as well as role models for the children.



INTERACTIVE INFORMATION SESSIONS IN SCHOOLS

The children and pupils around the country learn a lot of precious information from the volunteers who devote their time during information sessions in schools. The volunteers talk with them, using non-formal education methods, about children's rights and protection, road safety, safe use of the Internet, combating violence and education for health.

Peer-to-peer education, on which these activities are based, helps the children learn more and better, in a fun, relaxed and trustworthy atmosphere.



EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS

The volunteers support and participate in all Save the Children events, from fundraising activities, to marathons, from conferences and workshops to camps and galas. They join us in the organization of major actions, in equipping maternities by raising the necessary funds, in carrying out workshops for beneficiaries and implementing all the campaigns developed by Save the Children.

**„It does not matter how much you give,
but the love you put into your giving.”**

Claudia, 17, active in the educational centers



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ADVOCACY

In 2018, the new website www.salvaticopiii.ro registered a traffic increase of 30% compared to 2017, with 305,164 unique visitors and 385,582 visits.

In 2018, Save the Children's Facebook kept its first position among Facebook pages, under Nonprofit category, according to Facebrands top – 876,000 likes. Save the Children's page had an exposure percentage of 55.1% in the NGO sector, calculated based on displays, posts and likes, comments and shares.

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facebook.com/SalvatiCopiiiRomania

instagram.com/SalvatiCopiiiRomania



BAN ON BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

Through research and its campaigns over the years, Save the Children has significantly contributed to the ban of every form of bullying in schools through a bill that was adopted in the Parliament in December 2018 and is to be promulgated by the President of Romania in 2019.



MEDICAL PROTECTION FOR PRETERM INFANTS

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, a roundtable was organized with neonatologists on the topic **“Need for increasing the hospitalization capacity for serious neonatal cases in level III facilities”**, targeting reclassification of level II maternities into 3rd degree maternities, review of the Regional Hierarchy Criteria, the need to improve proximity prenatal care, timely detection and referral of potentially serious cases, provision of medical equipment, etc. At the end, a *“Memorandum on the reduction of child mortality in Romania and improvement of the situation in maternities”* was sent to the Ministry of Health.



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN LEFT HOME ALONE

The proposals for legislative amendments regarding the protection of children whose parents work abroad submitted by Save the Children following the consultations organized over the past 3 years were included in the bill for amending *Law 272/2004 on the protection and promotion of the rights of the child* (December 2018). One of the amendments concerns the quality of the person designated to take over parental authority, who may be a member of the child’s extended family and social network, where attachment relationships exist or together with whom the child enjoyed a family life.



UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

In January 2018, the UN Human Rights Committee adopted the report for Romania within the Universal Periodic Review. Following Save the Children Romania’s contribution and participation in the evaluation process of human rights in Romania, one can notice an increased attention to the rights of the child on the part of the Committee and the member states. Thus, more than a third of the recommendations addressing our country target children and their rights.



OTHER ACTIONS:

Save the Children asked from the Parliament of Romania:

- to eliminate discrimination, based on children’s age, from the draft law regarding breastfeeding in public spaces which restricted protection to children under 2.
- requests for clarification addressed to the European Parliament and multiple participations in the parliamentary commissions of the Romanian Parliament on the topic of the regulations proposed for the prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing, to give up the adoption of rules imposing obligations from associations and foundations that are unjustified and impossible to observe.

"FIRST SMILE"

Save the Children, with the financial support of **Kaufland Romania**, launched the project "First Smile", where 3000 new moms throughout the country received packages with things necessary during the babies' first weeks of life: children's clothes from the Kuniboo collection, bevola® baby branded hygiene and care products, specially designed for the sensitive skin of babies (delicate shampoo, skin care oil and wet napkins), K-Classic diapers, leaflets with useful information and other things necessary for babies.

INNOVATIVE ACTIONS, AWARDS





“SMILE ROMANIA”

With the support of GSK Romania, 594 children aged between 6 and 12 from Oșești (Vaslui County), Ibănești, Hilișeu, Albești, Avrămeni, Cristești and Unțeni (Botoșani County) and Săbăoani (Neamț County), benefited from free dental consultations and treatment.



BARNAHUS “HOUSE OF CHILDREN”

Save the Children, in partnership with the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption, organized a workshop for legal professionals, as well as a roundtable for specialists in the child protection field, inviting prosecutors, police officers and judges from Island, Sweden and Croatia, for the promotion at national level of the concept **Barnahus – An integrated model of evaluation, hearing and protection services for children victims of domestic violence.**



ACCREDITED TRAINING PROGRAM

At the end of 2018, the Ministry of National Education received and endorsed the whole documentation in view of accrediting the training program for the teaching staff “**Competent teachers for children and family**”, in order to develop teachers’ prevention and intervention skills in bullying situations.



CALLIGRAPHY HOUR

At Cotroceni National Museum, PiArtVision and Save the Children organized the event “Calligraphy Hour” for children whose parents work abroad. The children were joined in the classroom by personalities such as **Mihai Șora, Maia Morgenstern, Ana Barton, Marius Manole, Amalia Enache, Ligia Deca.** In addition to promoting the importance of handwriting in children’s education, the event also aimed at drawing the attention on the fact that the children home alone must receive consideration from the society.



AWARDS

The program Every Child Matters - Safety through education for nutrition and health - S.E.N.S. was awarded under the Health section of the Civil Society Gala.

In 2018, Save the Children’s Executive President was for the 4th consecutive year in the Top of the **50 Most Influent Women in Romania**, realized by **Forbes Romania.**

„We wish for all children in Romania to have a good start in life and, at the same time, to help the young mothers.”

Katharina Scheidereiter,
CSR Manager, Kaufland România

IN ROMANIA, EDUCATION IS FREE ONLY IN THEORY

Poor financing of education, multiple reforms started and abandoned on the way have caused, within no more than 8 years, the hidden costs of education to double: on average, from 1,490 Ron per child to 3,093 Ron, according to the latest research conducted by Save the Children Romania. The bill is paid by the parents, while the children whose families lack the necessary financial resources are much more vulnerable and discriminated from the start. Most money that the parents take out of their pockets for the pupil to receive quality education is spent on teaching materials – school supplies, equipment of classrooms, schoolbooks.

Photo: 2018 - a schoolyard in one of the Romanian villages.

RESEARCH



WAR AGAINST CHILDREN

Save the Children International launched a report on the effects of war on children and appealed to the international community to end the habit of turning a blind eye to the areas devastated by war, where children are victims on hand and to take measures to immediately stop violence. One of the Syrian mothers says *“My little girl, when hearing an airplane engine, is having seizures because of panic and loses consciousness.”*



THE MANY FACES OF EXCLUSION

Launched with the occasion of the International Children’s Day, the report **“The many faces of exclusion”** drawn up by Save the Children International, showed the evolution of the threats to childhood: malnutrition, school dropout, exploitation of children through work, extreme violence, early marriage and giving birth during adolescence. Compared to the 2017 report, **Romania lost two places in the world ranking regarding childhood safety**, ranking 54 out of 175 countries. For our country, the most serious indicator remains birth during adolescence (**34 births to 1,000 teenage girls**), exceeding states such as Rwanda (25.6), Trinidad Tabago (30.8), Uzbekistan (17.6), Albania (21.8), Bahamas (28.7), Botswana (31), Burundi (27.9), Djibouti (21), India (23.3) or Mauritius (28.3).



ABUSE IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL

The qualitative social research **“Analysis of the abuse identification and referral system in case of children under 11”** emphasized the different perspectives specialists had upon the phenomenon of abuse. One of the worrying conclusions was the total lack of referrals regarding mild forms of physical abuse and low interest in the forms of emotional abuse, regardless of the professional system investigated – education, protection, health or justice.



CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN AND MOTHERS IN UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES

The research, conducted in the rural area, **“Analysis of the situation of children, pregnant women and mothers in underprivileged communities”** was subject to the debates carried out with 293 specialist physicians, midwives, social workers within the partner General Directorates for Social Assistance and Protection of the Child, representatives of Save the Children’s local teams and of the Government, followed by a set of recommendations that were sent to the Ministry of Health. The data obtained show that **six out of ten teenage mothers have never had access to information regarding reproduction health or sexual education**, while seven out of ten have never benefited from family planning.



THE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES



The 20 Christmas trees were created by the following designers:

Doina Levintza | Stephan Pelger & Club Med | Inside Academy & JYSK Romania | Dhaniel Nora – Purple Flowers & Sephora | Dorin Negrău | Octavian Roman - Creativ Interior, with the support of Stwoodio | WizzDesign & Iulia Totoianu, with the support of Libris.ro | Anca Fetcu Lupu, with the support of Olin & Oscar Downstream | Nicu Bocancea & Flower Shop Iris | Veronica Schmidt & Michael Schmidt Foundation | Laura Hîncu & Green Spots | Art Safari Bucharest | Anton Sandu & STYLAND | Tudor Laban & Obsentum | Adela Pârnu & Stona.ro | Ioana Uretu - Cărți, Dulciuri și Flori & Metropolitan Jewelry | Maria Finta, Ioana Vallimarescu & Luiza Niculusca & Time Critical Line | Mihaela Bachmann | Ana & Maria Mohonea – Architectural Christmas. They were joined by the Christmas Tree made by Save the Children, created by Ștefania Mircea and 12 children.



The 2018 edition of the Festival of Christmas Trees raised **EUR 770,000** in the auction for 20 Christmas trees specially designed for this event, from raffle tickets and sponsorships, for the school inclusion of **5,000 children** from underprivileged communities. The amount obtained is a record of the 18 editions organized so far.

In the first 17 editions, Save the Children obtained, by means of the Festival of Christmas Trees, **4,547,800 Euro** and managed, thus, to actively support **34,485 children**: 7,556 children participated in the Summer Kindergartens Program, 23,083 children were included in the School after School program, and 3,866 children were supported through the Second Chance program. *“At the end of 18 years, when good has risen, we understood this evening that marks the Festival’s 18th birthday, that our great success is that of the good achieved through joint efforts. Together, we have successfully served this same good, built for it, trusted one another, in order to help the children who need to believe that the grownups will protect them. The*

Festival of Christmas Trees has become a workshop of good, an irreversible example that social solidarity is the foundation of a construction that will be useful for the entire society. Special thanks to Andreea Raicu and Amalia Năstase, as well as to those that performed on stage: Bogdan Bolohan & Carla Nicole Munteanu (10) and IRINA RIMES, whose implication was pro bono.” – Gabriela Alexandrescu, Executive President Save the Children Romania.

The highest amount bid, **137,000 Euro**, was for **the Christmas Tree created by Dhanial Nora – Purple Flowers, with the support of Sephora purchased by LIDL Romania and Kaufland Romania**. *“I am very happy to be part of this festival of good and I thank Lidl Romania, Kaufland Romania and Sephora Romania for their support. Christmas is an opportunity to be grateful to the people around us for being there for us. I thank the children supported by Save the Children Organization, because they teach me how to help, how to be fulfilled, through solidarity with the youngest and most vulnerable. I bow to you”* said Dhanial Nora.

The record amount of **230,000 Euro** was donated by **Kaufland Romania** to purchase four Christmas Trees, being the highest amount donated so far in the Festival of Christmas Trees by a single company.

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Buyers of the Christmas Trees:

Kaufland Romania, Lidl, Catena, RBC, BCR, Carrefour, Deutsche Leasing, AV Investments, Club Med

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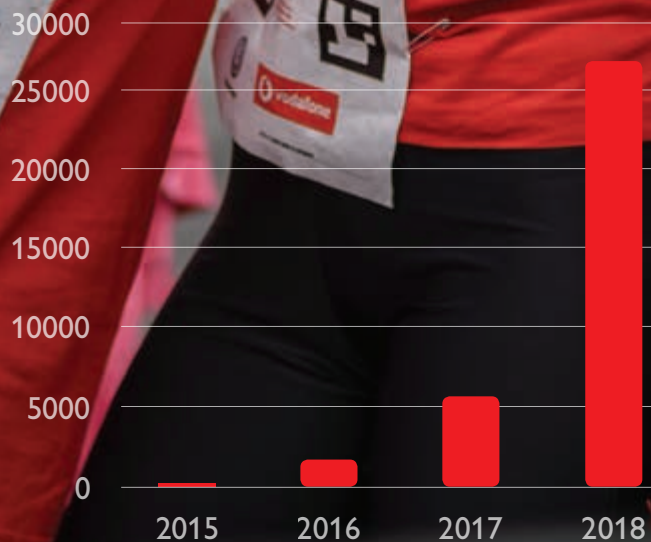
27,000

ACTIVE DONORS THROUGH DIRECT DEBIT

embrace our cause.

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Over 163,000 Ron was raised by Save the Children team, in Bucharest Half-Marathon, by 120 runners. The money was used to equip Grigore Alexandrescu Children's Hospital with a modern incubator and two monitors for vital functions.





DIRECT DEBIT

The Direct Debit donations are a form of repetitive and constant donations, by which the donor commits to pay a fixed amount on a monthly basis, transferred automatically from the bank account. Since the start of the program, in October 2014, until the end of 2018, Save the Children attracted more than 27,000 active donors whom the fundraisers met in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Timișoara and Iași. Thanks to the donors, significant sums of money contributed to equipping the maternities with state-of-the-art medical equipment.



2% OF THE INCOME TAX

Every year, Save the Children is carrying out the fundraising campaign addressing individuals, to redirect 2% of the income tax. Anyone who achieved incomes from salaries/pensions in the previous year can contribute through this campaign, by filling in form 230 found at www.salvaticopiii.ro/redirectioneaza.



ONLINE

Periodic support through online donations is very important, these donations contributing to the sustainability of the organization's projects. Whether it is education, health or protection, Save the Children is constantly carrying out impactful activities for the community, giving increased interest to children from disadvantaged environments.



SMS

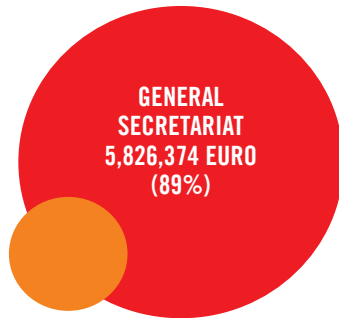
SMS 8844 with the text SALVEZ - a simple method to monthly support the Save the Children program to equip the maternities with medical equipment is by means of the SMS donation mechanism. It is the easiest way to support a charitable cause, by sending an SMS worth 2 Euro at 8844 with the text SALVEZ.

„Because I like challenges, I chose to be a street fundraiser. In this job, I interact with a large number of people which enables me to develop two important skills for me, communication and persuasion.”

Andreea, fundraiser

2018 Financial report

THE ACTIVITY OF SAVE THE CHILDREN IS CONDUCTED AT THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
TOTAL REVENUES
6,539,677 Euro



BRANCHES
713,303 EURO
(11%)

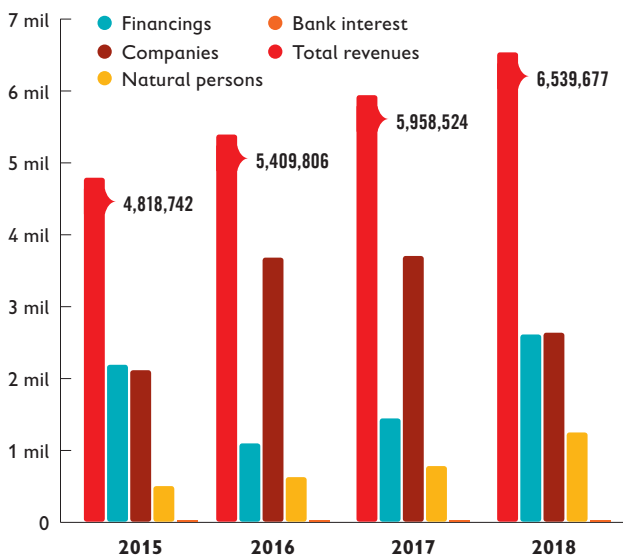
PROGRAMS EXPENDITURES

CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION	1,461,465 EUR
PROMOTING AND ENSURING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION	1,817,735 EUR
Access to education for children from disadvantaged settings	1,395,039
Educational integration of refugee and asylum-seeking children	378,075
Pre-school education for children from disadvantaged categories	44,621
ENSURING CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO PROTECTION	1,098,563 EUR
Protection of children against violence and economic exploitation	616,738
Protection of home-alone children	235,183
Children's protection on the Internet – Internet Class program	150,939
Support for children living on the street identified with TB	49,091
Protection of children against HIV/AIDS	46,612
PROMOTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS	174,523 EUR

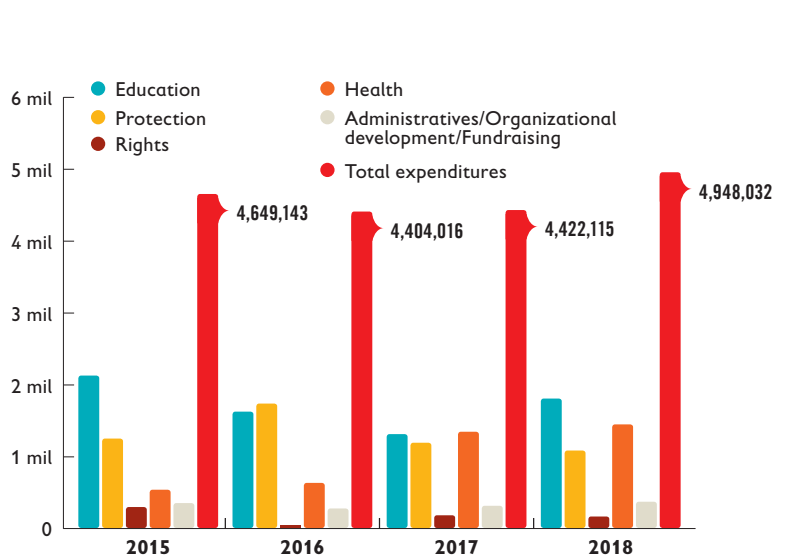
TOTAL FUNDS - EUR	6,539,677	%
Not-for-profit organizations from the country and abroad and European funds	2,570,092	38%
Contributions, donations, sponsorships	3,881,665	59%
State institutions	56,447	1%
Bank interests	20,506	1%
others	10,967	1%

EXPENSES - EUR	4,948,032	%
Programs	4,552,286	92%
Organizational development	67,816	1%
Administration	146,562	3%
Fundraising and communication	181,368	4%

2015-2018 REVENUES (EURO)



2015-2018 EXPENDITURES (EURO)



THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SAVE THE CHILDREN ORGANIZATION ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2018 WERE AUDITED PRO BONO BY KPMG AUDIT SRL

“The figures in this financial report are extracted from the financial statements of Save the Children Organization, on December 31, 2018, for the financial year concluded at that date.



The financial statements were audited by KMPG Audit SRL which expressed an opinion without reservation upon them in its report on April 18th, 2019. More information can be found in the complete financial analysis and in the independent auditor’s report.”

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We thank all our partners, who support Save the Children causes and understand the importance of mobilization and joint efforts, so that the children in Romania can have a better future. We trust and still count on your support! There is still much to be done for children.



SIMONA HALEP'S INVOLVEMENT IN SAVING CHILDREN

Since 2015 Simona Halep has been supporting the "Care for children" campaign initiated by Dorna in partnership with Save the Children Romania, the objective of which is providing the maternities in Romania with medical equipment.

KAUFLAND ROMÂNIA – It has been constantly involved in supporting Save the Children's socio-educational centers, facilitating the access to education for 2,600 children from Bucharest and the counties of Braşov, Constanţa, Cluj, Dâmboviţa, Hunedoara, Iaşi and Timiş. At the same time, it supports the education for health program, facilitating the information sessions among pupils and innovative actions of sustaining new mothers on the first days of caring for their babies.

IKEA FOUNDATION – It has supported educational and health services for vulnerable children: Roma, children with special educational requirements and children at risk of developing a mental health disorder. Important awareness activities and information sessions for specialists complemented the initiative.

H&M CONSCIOUS FOUNDATION – It has been supporting the pre-school education and the school drop-out prevention programs from Bucharest, Reşiţa, Craiova, Târgu-Mureş and Timişoara since 2015. Over 1,000 children from underprivileged communities participated in School After School and Summer Kindergarten activities.

CATENA – One of the most important supporters of the educational programs providing sponsorship for the Festival of Christmas Trees, Catena is annually supporting over 1,000 children to have their right to quality education observed.

LIDL ROMÂNIA – It has been a partner for education since 2012. More than 1,500 children from underprivileged communities from Bucharest and the counties of Braşov, Caraş-Severin, Constanţa, Cluj, Dâmboviţa, Hunedoara, Iaşi, Ilfov, Mureş and Timiş benefited from support.

DORNA – In six years of partnership, Dorna has supported Save the Children Romania in providing 60 maternities with 96 pieces of medical equipment for premature babies. The 2018 campaign, **One second job**, with **Simona Halep's** support, has continued the equipping efforts, so vital for the most little children.

GEFCO ROMÂNIA – Through GEFCO Romania's contribution, Save the Children has provided vital equipment for premature babies to Bucur Maternity and the Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children Grigore Alexandrescu in Bucharest.

CARREFOUR FOUNDATION – Thanks to Carrefour Foundation we have improved the health and nutrition of pregnant women, mothers and children under five in underprivileged communities, through direct support and information sessions.

APTIV TECHNOLOGY SERVICES & SOLUTIONS – It has been supporting since 2017 the protection of children left home alone as a result of parents' economic migration, through the integrated educational centre in Sânnicolau Mare, Timiş county. The company has also involved itself in reducing the infant mortality through equipping the Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children „Louis Ţurcanu” Timişoara and it sustains the activities for the prevention of violence upon children developed in the Counselling Centre for Parents Timişoara.

PROFI ROMÂNIA — It joined Save the Children's program for reducing the infant mortality rate, through the campaign "Helping a child costs you 0 Ron", where Profi customers could scan and choose the social cause to support.

LIBRIS — It joined the infant mortality reduction program as early as 2014. Due to the donations made by Libris clients, modern equipment was purchased for the maternities from Bucharest, Iași, Brașov and Sibiu.

FOX COM SERV — The company has financially supported the provision of state-of-the-art equipment for Grigore Alexandrescu Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children and Călărași County Emergency Hospital.

ROMANIAN BUSINESS CONSULT — For almost 10 years, it has been supporting the education of vulnerable children, by sponsoring the Festival of Christmas Trees and contributing to the sustainability of the three educational programs: A Second Chance, School after School and Summer Kindergartens.

CORA SUN PLAZA — One of the companies that has given a personal example to promote the principle of social responsibility by supporting Save the Children as early as 2007. Through the „Open Heart Month” campaign it has contributed to the access to education for all children and to the survival of premature babies.

ORIFLAME ROMÂNIA — A trusty partner in our endeavour to reduce the infant mortality in Romania, with the help of whom we have equipped with modern medical equipment the Bega and Odobescu maternities in Timișoara and Petroșani Hospital.

METROPOLITAN LIFE — Through MetLife funds we have offered educational, psychological and social support, depending on the specific needs, to children affected by their parents' economic migration in Sighisoara and eight other towns: Brașov, Bucharest, Craiova, Iași, Pitești, Suceava, Târgu-Mureș and Timișoara.

BANCA COMERCIALĂ ROMÂNĂ (BCR) — It is one of the oldest and most constant partners, supporting the education of vulnerable children, the protection of children against violence, and the right to life of the premature babies, together with other specific initiatives of the organization.

GSK ROMÂNIA — Due to the "Smile Romania" campaign, 594 children from rural communities in Vaslui, Botoșani and Neamț counties benefited from dental consultations and treatment.

COFCO INTERNATIONAL ROMÂNIA — For three years, it has supported the school reintegration of children from Bucharest disadvantaged areas who dropped out of school or had never been registered. Social, psychological and material support was also provided.

DP WORLD CONSTANȚA — The company supports the program for the prevention of violence against children, the access to education and the reduction of infant mortality rate. With its contribution, we equipped the Maternity of the Medgidia Hospital with modern equipment.

GOOGLE — It contributes to ensuring a safer internet for children through information and awareness activities regarding the benefits of the digital world, but also the existing perils and the way children can manage them. Children, parents, teachers and other specialists are involved in the activities. Counselling regarding problems met on the internet is also provided.

OMV PETROM — Since 2012, it has been supporting the Internet Class program, bringing the principles of a safer internet in rural communities. Over the course of 7 years of collaboration, over 10,000 children were involved in initiatives within this partnership.

ORANGE FOUNDATION — Through its financial support we have carried out a series of programmes addressed to children with hearing or visual impairment, making possible the development of adapted educational resources and raising the level of awareness regarding these children's needs.

ORANGE ROMANIA — It supports the Internet Class project, taking on the mission of contributing to a safer and better online environment, for children to be able to enjoy, without worries, all the benefits of the digital world. In 2018, over 39,000 children were involved in educational activities related to online safety.

FORNETTI — It has been supporting Save the Children Romania's programs since 2015, being a partner in reducing the infant mortality rate through equipping the maternity in the Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children "Louis Țurcanu" Timișoara, but also in preventing school drop-out and violence against children by sustaining the educational centres and the counselling and parenting activities.

INTERBRANDS — 30 children from the educational center within School no. 1 Bucharest are benefiting from educational support, school supplies, a warm meal a day, recreational activities and many meetings with their supporters from Interbrands.

KPMG — It has been providing the organization's audit pro bono since 2010, allowing us to invest the organization's funds in programs for children. KPMG joins the companies that understood the importance of social responsibility, being examples to follow with regard to engagement in changing the society we live in.

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INVOLVEMENT OF SUBSIDIARIES

Save the Children Romania has subsidiaries in 11 counties, which act as a catalyser of resources and social services available at local level, by engaging members and rallying volunteers.

Timiș



At local level, the project “Together for an inclusive community” (financed under INTERREG IPA for Cross-Border Cooperation Romania- Serbia) aimed at increasing the level of social, educational and cultural inclusion for children belonging to underprivileged groups from Timiș County, Romania and Southern Banat, Serbia. The project beneficiaries were 500 children and 75 teaching staff from Romania and Serbia.

Hunedoara



123 children and 40 families from Petrila Day-Care Center for children and families in difficulty benefited from psychological, social and educational services for the prevention of school drop-out, continuation of studies, improvement of school results.

Mureș

Within the project “I learn to be safe in Dacia Gymnasium”, conducted in partnership with Mureș Police Inspectorate, emotional education workshops were carried out with 418 primary school pupils.



Dolj



Within the project “Healthy choices”, training sessions were organized for 65 teachers on the following topics: nutrition and physical exercise, emotional health, sexual education, prevention of consumption behaviors. The trainings were conducted with the support of the Public Health Directorate and of the County Center for Resources and Educational Assistance, while 2,900 children benefited from information in schools.

Caraș-Severin

Within the project “Joy of giving”, 260 children and their families benefited from holiday presents, and other 200 children welcomed Santa Clause’s arrival for the winter holidays. The development of the humanitarian project engaged 250 children, 130 parents, 17 volunteers among school pupils and teaching staff.



Suceava



Suceava Citadel Marathon, the 2nd edition, is a charitable event aimed at raising awareness on the phenomenon of high infant mortality rate, as well as raising funds for medical equipment for maternities, the motto of the event being "Run for Life". 460 participants ran for the children and raised the amount of 18,328 Ron.

Neamț

Projects were conducted for 1,700 children, 520 parents and 180 specialists targeting the awareness and observance of children's rights, education for health, educational, psychological and social support for children with parents abroad, and those in other vulnerable situations.



Iași

The project "YES! School" aims at carrying out interventions on the issue of school failure by personalized socio-educational assistance, and adapting the curriculum to the context of the community and vulnerable groups. 240 teachers and 430 preschool aged children, from primary, gymnasium and high-school systems, as well as children/adolescents who dropped out of school/have never been to school were involved in the activities.



Vaslui



Through the new project, "A future through school", there have been strengthened the activities for the reduction and prevention of school dropout and the school and social integration of children who abandoned the educational system or had never been registered. 72 children took part in the School after School and A Second Chance programs.

Argeș



ARTSQUAD -

"Competence development of youth workers & youth trainers who work towards the social inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities" by creating working tools in 4 areas: music, theatre, storytelling and use of digital technologies.

Constanța

1,116 children and adolescents, with the direct involvement of 48 volunteers and 32 teachers, participated in the program for a healthy lifestyle. Other 2,000 primary school, gymnasium and high-school pupils, from school units in urban and rural area, attended information sessions on bullying and violence in school, delivered by 25 volunteer pupils.



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