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OUR VISION

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

OUR 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.

OUR VALUES

Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration, Creativity, Integrity

The 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.

Dear friends,

We are on our way to getting better, despite these adverse times we are living. The first positive sign is the incredible solidarity you, supporters of children, have provided. We used it to strengthen ourselves, we took some of the energy sent out by your empathy, we became braver and stronger with you by our side.

We have invested in Good and delivered it to vulnerable children, doctors who needed medical equipment to save lives, to our educational centres where the equal chance to education is real.

You have exceeded our expectations and proved, once more, the remarkable strength that lies within a community, when it acts in solidarity.

This was a year when, in only 7 days, companies and people acting in good faith handed over the solidarity box from hand to hand, to raise funds for two ambulance cars for “Grigore Alexandrescu” hospital, the largest hospital for children in the country. We had genuinely amazing partners, with Mihai Şora signing the campaign’s flagship poster.

This was also a year when the record of generosity was broken, during the Christmas Tree Festival. This year’s edition was organized in partnership with the National Museum of Art of Romania and raised funds totalling 764.000 de euro.

In addition to the rapid response interventions, Save the Children strengthened its advocacy pillar, making sure that the rights of children became a priority on the public agenda.

We know it wasn’t easy. Together we learned that good comes from good, that solidarity resets society on the right track, that the most solid resources are those coming from communities.

We would like to thank each and every one of you! Thank you volunteers, who share their enthusiasm and energy every day. With such partners by our side we feel reassured we will never back down in front of hardship and continue to pursue our mission: standing beside children!

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Mihai Gafencu
President

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Gabriela Alexandrescu
Executive President

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Children we reached
350,000

Lives we saved - 112,000

by providing hospitals with state-of-the-art medical equipment, by providing information and support to young mothers and pregnant women

Education - 34,300

by supporting children and schools in poor areas, by creating better conditions at the start of the 2021-2022 school year, by providing information about the right to education

Protection - 50,000

protection against violence, protection of children with parents working abroad and refugee children, online protection, health-care, information concerning protection

Information and participation - 154,000

information about child rights, both in real life, as well as online, actions to encourage participation among children

Experts **Parents**
14,300 **107,000**

Volunteers - 2,700

Revenue (Euro):
7,570,813



5 key results in 2021

Providing last-generation medical equipment to 24 medical units, worth of 1,254,000 Euro. We also donated two state-of-the-art ambulance vehicles to the Clinical Emergency Hospital for children “Grigore Alexandrescu” in the capital, we replaced the batteries of the permanent energy system and fixed the medical gas supply equipment for several wings.

We also carried out the full renovation of the OB-GYN wing of Polizu Maternity Hospital, and thus ensured healthcare for **30,000 children**.

10,620 pregnant women, mothers and children up to 5 benefited from integrated social-healthcare services, and this type of action was expanded to other 6 counties in Romania, and was implemented overall in 20 counties and 15 districts in Republic of Moldova. 78,000 mothers benefited from counselling on how to care for new-borns and to tackle post-partum depression, and more than 78,000 new-borns benefited from care support kits.

34,342 children benefited from better conditions at the start of the school year 2021-2022, updated work methods or educational support depending on their needs.

1,742 children whose parents work abroad and 1,073 parents and child representatives benefited from psychological, educational and social support, and this type of action was expanded and is currently implemented in 40 schools in 18 counties and Bucharest.

The successful organization of the Christmas Tree Festival edition in partnership with the National Museum of Art of Romania: in a race of generosity which broke all records and obtained **764,000 Euro**.

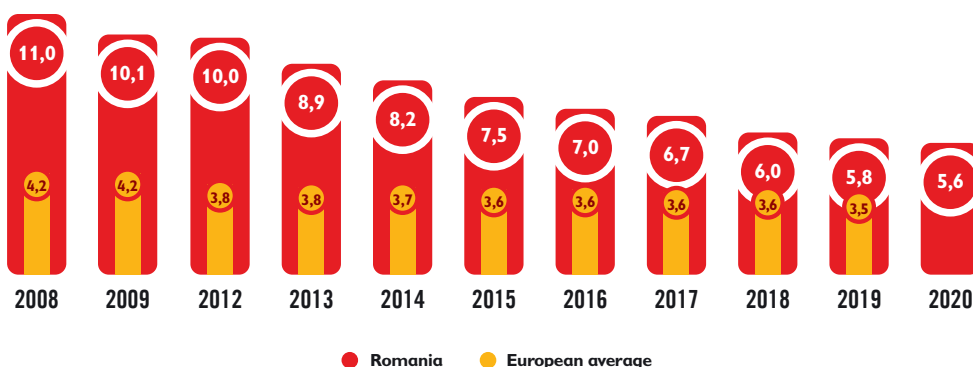
LIVES SAVED

PROVISION OF UPGRADED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTHCARE UNITS – MATERNITIES AND PAEDIATRIC WINGS

In 2021, 24 healthcare units were provided with state-of-the-art medical equipment worth of 1,254,000 Eur, thus ensuring the protection of 30,000 new-borns.

Beneficiary healthcare units: Emergency County Hospital **Bacău**, Local Hospital

Rupea, Municipal Hospital Dr. Aurel Tulbure **Făgăraș**, Emergency County Hospital Mavromati **Botoșani**, the National Institute for Mother and Child Health “Alessandrescu-Rusescu”, **Bucharest** Emergency University Hospital, Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children “Grigore Alexandrescu”, Emergency Clinical Hospital Sfântul Pantelimon, Clinical Hospital Prof. Dr. Panait Sîrbu, Emergency County Hospital **Cluj**, Municipal Hospital **Medgidia**, Emergency County Hospital **Târgoviște**, Local Hospital **Tg. Bujor**, Local Hospital **Tg. Cărbunești**, Municipal Hospital **Gheorgheni**, County Hospital **Deva**, Clinical OB-GYN Hospital “Cuza-



The Save the Children action to support maternity clinics was beneficial: child mortality rate dropped over the 11 campaign years, from 11 to thousand children born alive to 5.6 to thousand children born alive in 2019 (valid numbers for 2020, INS, February 2022).



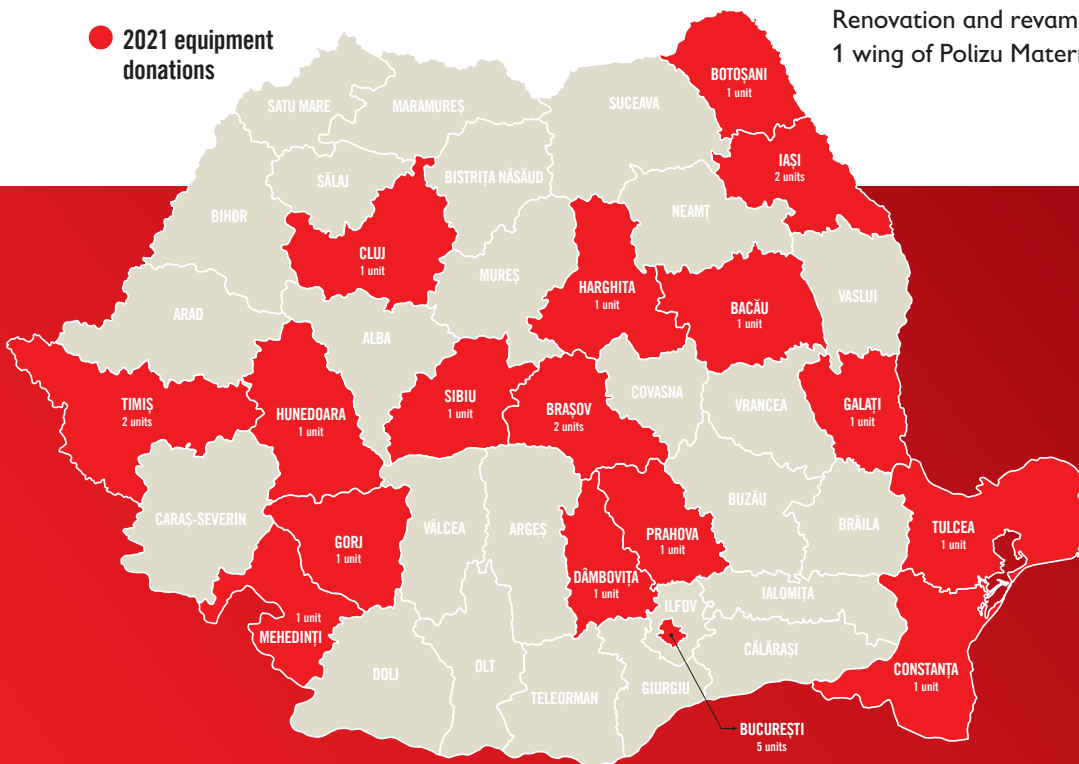
With Conf. Dr. Alexandru Ulici, the Manager of the Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children “Grigore Alexandrescu”, and Aluziva, when the largest paediatric unit in the country was provided with two top-of-the-line ambulance vehicles for cross-disciplinary transport.

Vodă” Iași, Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children “Sf. Maria” Iași, Emergency County Hospital **Drobeta Turnu-Severin**, Municipal Hospital **Câmpina**, Emergency Clinical County Hospital **Sibiu**, Emergency Clinical Municipal Hospital **Timișoara**, Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children Louis Țurcanu **Timișoara**, Emergency County Hospital **Tulcea**.

Over the past 11 years, as part of the national program to reduce child mortality, Save the Children Romania invested over 7 million Eur and thus provided 102 healthcare facilities across all the counties of the country with 940 pieces of medical equipment, which were used to treat and ensure survival of over 140,000 children.



● 2021 equipment donations



Renovation and revamping the OB-GYN 1 wing of Polizu Maternity Clinic

Partners/Sponsors:
The highest amounts were donated by: BCR, FOX, Lidl, UniCredit Bank, Libris, Archiweb Design, Penny. People who supported the campaign: Dana Rogoz, Mihai Șora, Aluziva, Sonia Argint



INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES

In order to improve the health state of mothers, pregnant women and children up to 5, Save the Children has been developing integrated social-medical services in the rural areas with the help of healthcare assistants and social workers. A total of **9,120 persons** from 20 counties benefited from such services in 2021, of whom **3,000 children aged 0-5 years, 3,620 mothers and pregnant women and 2,500 adolescents and parents**. These services included the organization of health-care education activities, and the pregnant women in south-west Oltenia region also benefited from medical tests, ultrasounds and check-ups free of charge at the Screening Centre in Craiova, part of the Clinical County Emergency Hospital Craiova, as well as from home monitoring and counselling. The pregnant women from Babadag, Tulcea had ultrasounds and medical tests done free of charge, as well as gynaecologic consultations as part of the Examination caravan for pregnant women, organized with the support of **Caravana cu medici Association**.

This type of integrated action was also expanded to 15 districts in Republic of Moldova, to support teenage mothers, pregnant women and their children, with the help of MSD.

In September, in partnership with the Romanian Senate, we launched the **Review of the situation of teenage mothers in underprivileged rural areas**. The debate included representatives of authorities with responsibilities in this area, both from Romania and from Republic of Moldova, who highlighted the problems impacting the healthcare and protection system for children and pregnant women and drew a series of recommendations.

78,000 mothers across the country received information on how to care for new-borns, the importance of hugging and how to tackle postpartum depression, as well as support kits. Other **20,000 mothers** from 10 maternity clinics across the country had access to alternative medical information through educational videos sent via video communication systems fitted in wards.



Partners/Sponsors: MSD, Kimberly-Clark, Ogilvy, Alliance Healthcare Romania, Caravana cu medici, European Social Fund through POCU 2014-2020.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Save the Children, with the support of **Essilor**, continued the national program designed to identify and support pupils suffering from sight problems in order to correct them. The national program will become, with the support of school inspectorates and the Ministry of Education, the first national screening program to identify and assess the eye problems of children aged 5 to 17 years. In 2021, ophthalmic screening was resumed in 12 schools in Neamt county and Bucharest and partner associations assisting children from poor areas, for approximately 11,140 children of whom 2,520 received eyeglasses free of charge.

Partner: Essilor.



ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

The parents of 1,511,000 children in Romania (41,5%) cannot cover the costs of quality education, healthy food and urgent medical treatments (Eurostat data for 2020).

To **Simona**, a child living in a vulnerable environment, the pandemic had adverse and deep effects on her evolution at school. The fact that she could participate in the remedial education activities during summer break was an opportunity to catch up, and to start the new school year more confident in her ability to overcome challenges.

The education of vulnerable children in the second year of the pandemic.

In 2021, we carried out actions to prevent school dropout reaching **34,342 children and their families**, schools and local authorities.



Save the Children stepped in and provided direct educational and social services to children from Bucharest and 18 counties, as well as to members of the teaching staff and partner school institutions.

As a result, 10,942 children benefited from direct services such as additional school training and remedial education, emotional support and guidance, as well as informal education. 6,000 parents received emergency material support (social vouchers, food products and hygiene products) and social services. 23,400 children benefited from improved educational services and better conditions to learn at school after 477 educational experts were

trained and 54 schools in Bucharest and 18 counties were provided with online learning devices, school furniture and supplies, hygiene products and protection kits, as well as other materials necessary to ensure a safe learning environment.

Remedial education programs through Summer Schools

In the summer of 2021, to contribute to reducing the educational gap between children, Save the Children organized remedial teaching support programs for more than 2,500 children, organized in 39 summer kindergarten groups and 71 remedial education groups.

Impact

The results obtained by the children at the 2020-2021 school-end evaluation show that nearly half (48%) of the participating children achieved full autonomy in learning and over 71% of the children saw a progress at school.




Partners/Sponsors: The highest amounts were donated by Kaufland Romania, PEPCO Romania, OMV Petrom, Lidl Romania, Catena Pharmacies, Endava Romania, Profi Romania, Renault Romania. The program was also supported by the European Social Fund through POCU and EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021.

CHILDREN LEFT HOME ALONE

Facing deeper vulnerabilities, both emotionally, as well as at educational, social and economic level, caused by the pandemic crisis, the children left home whose parents went to work abroad required comprehensive and urgent support. Save the Children Organization came to their aid with psychological, educational, recreational and material support for them and their families.

Direct services – In 2021, **1,742 children and 1,073 parents and children's representatives** benefited from the activities organized as part of local programs carried out in collaboration with 40 elementary schools in Argeș, Brașov, Caraș-Severin, Constanța, Dâmbovița, Dolj, Galați, Hunedoara, Iași, Mureș, Neamț, Olt, Suceava, Timiș, Tulcea, Vaslui, Vâlcea, Vrancea counties and Bucharest.



VERONICA. It was winter when Veronica's mother left for the first time to work abroad. Veronica was only 6. We felt the little girl's pain when during day-care activities she refused to decorate the Christmas tree and wrote a letter to Santa Clause saying she would not forgive him for not bringing her mother back for so many winters.

Our actions to support the children and their caregivers were focused on providing psychological and social counselling, educational support, material support, as well as on organizing recreational and interactive activities. Summer schools combined remedial education with leisure activities, and the Caravan of knowledge organized in collaboration with *Casa Experimentelor* and *Moara de Hârtie*, delivered informative, practical and creative scientific activities and traditional crafting for children.

The campaign *Stay close to your child!* – Focusing on raising awareness among parents and caregivers on the negative impact that parents' leaving to work abroad has on children left home, this campaign was launched during the *Protection of children with parents working abroad – the importance of parenting and support services* conference, which took place on May 18 in partnership with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, and joined together 180 participants, representatives of institutions with a role in education and child protection. During summer, we organized information activities focused mainly on the parents who came back home to spend their holiday: information campaigns at border crossing points in partnership with the Romanian Border Police, information events in collaboration with local authorities, such as the activities organized in partnership with Suceava County Council under the auspices of the Month of Diaspora, information caravans for more than 1,350 persons in 67 localities, mainly in rural areas. The media campaign reached more than **5,300,000 people**.

Help-line – 1,030 counselling sessions were conducted for cases related to the protection of children whose parents worked abroad or cases of abuse, failure to fulfil parenting responsibilities etc.



Although the percentage of children likely to move abroad with their parents is reduced (only 7%), many of the parents working abroad have no intention of returning to Romania permanently (41%), according to a sociologic investigation conducted by Save the Children Romania. Among the reasons that may determine them to come back home they mentioned having a job, better healthcare and a stable social-political climate.

78% of the children in the program improved their emotional and social skills.
Over 36,600 unique visitors of www.copiisinguriacasa.ro.

Partners/Sponsors: PEPCO Romania, DIGI Romania, Essilor.

The program was also supported by the European Social Fund through POCU.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST VIOLENCE

47,351 children and parents benefitted from therapy and parenting since the opening of the Save the Children counselling centers.

In 2021, more than 2,000 children and parents benefitted from individual and group counselling/psychotherapy and parenting programs.



Intervention

The effects of the pandemic were felt at many levels: emotional, in our conduct, in our relationships, also affecting the school climate. Save the Children continued to provide support to children, parents and teachers. More than 2,000 children and parents benefitted, through the 5 counselling centres operating in Bucharest, Timișoara, Târgu Mureș, Iași and Suceava, from psychological counselling/psychotherapy and parenting programs, while the teachers were offered training sessions meant to help them meet the children's needs. With the toll-free hotline Family Tel, we also provided expert support to parents to appropriately overcome the emotional and behavioural challenges caused by the pandemic.

Informative sessions and training specialists

As part of the ongoing training program “Competent teachers for child and family”, the organization's specialists held training sessions for **357 members of the teaching staff** who expressed an interest in ensuring the wellbeing of the children and the academic performance of pupils, and **8,925 children** were involved in the activities of their teachers.

795 specialists and parents participated in webinars and informative workshops on how to manage as efficiently as possible the children's emotional state, to find ways of coping and resilience at a time of many emotional and behavioural changes, which, if inadequately handled, may cause visible negative effects on the long-term physical and mental development.

Partners/Sponsors: Banca Comercială Română, DIGI Romania.

IMPROVING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND PREVENTING BULLYING

Based on scientifically documented methodologies, **we supported 30 schools and 17 kindergartens** to improve their educational environment, thus making **over 5,000 pre-schoolers and pupils** feel safe and allowing them to develop in a balanced social-emotional and cognitive way.

380 members of the teaching staff and school counsellors were trained as part of the “**Schools without bullying**” program to apply educational methods based on positive discipline and implement antibullying methodological guidelines. **1,500 children and 350 parents** were informed as how to act in order to reduce bullying. In 21 of the 30 partner schools, we facilitated the setting out of an Anti-Bullying Action Group (ABAG).

213 specialists in kindergartens were trained to apply the methodology “Let’s be friends – no bullying”, by developing skills which allowed them to recognize and provide an appropriate response to bullying, as well as competences to handle conflicts between children. **2,000 parents were informed** how to support pre-schoolers to develop healthy relations. We contributed to transforming 17 kindergartens in educational communities based on care, tolerance, respect and courage. Over 3,600 pre-schoolers improved their social-emotional skills. **The evaluation of the pilot project proves the efficiency of the methodology “Let’s be friends – no bullying”**, by reducing social exclusion behaviours from 21% to 7%, getting aggressive behaviour from 17% down to 9%, increasing the number of cases where children act courageously in defending their friends, from 82% to 94%. The project is carried out in collaboration with **Save the Children Denmark** and **The Mary Foundation**.

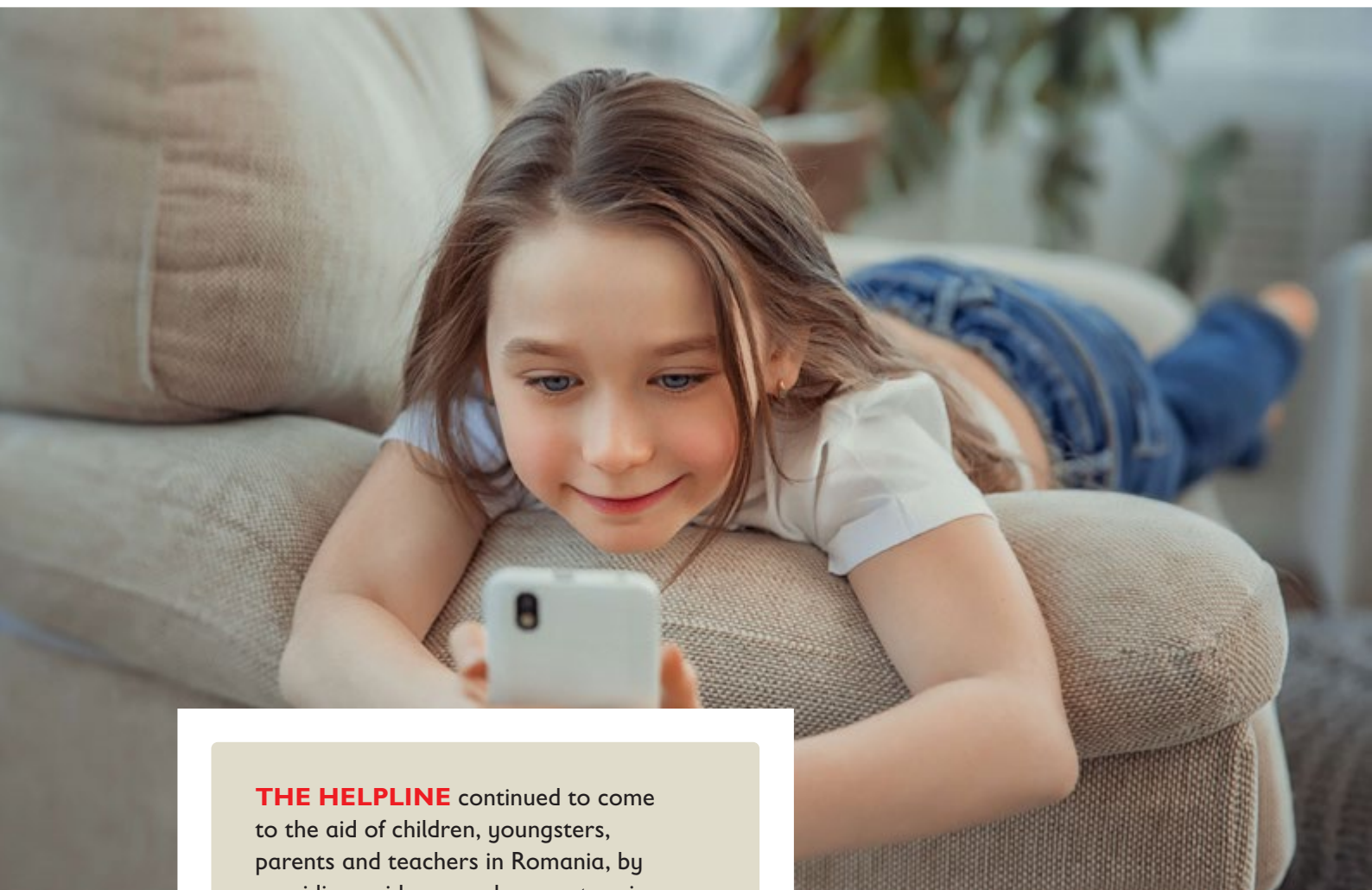
Partner/Sponsor: Kaufland Romania.



CHILDREN'S SAFETY ON THE INTERNET

In 2021, 40,455 children and 6,631 adults participated in educational and awareness raising activities.

Over 588,000 children and 158,000 adults (teachers, parents and specialists) have been involved in educational activities since 2008 to date.



THE HELPLINE continued to come to the aid of children, youngsters, parents and teachers in Romania, by providing guidance and support on issues encountered on the internet.

Education and raising awareness

The educational activities continued both in schools, as well as online, with over **40,455 children from 1,268 teaching institutions, 3,387 parents, 3,222 teachers and 22 experts participating in these sessions.**

1,371 teachers completed training workshops on creative, relevant and safe use of the internet by children, and more than 4,860 children, teachers and parents were directly involved in the educational activities.

Each conference part of the “Responsible parenting in the digital era” series brought together experts in the field along with public figures such as: Dana Rogoz, Prințesa Urbană, Cristian Manafu, Iulia Ionescu, Florin Grozea and Cristian China-Birta.

The information campaigns dedicated to parents and children alike called “Unskippable Stories”, focusing on reporting illegal or harmful content online, were designed to raise awareness on how all users can contribute to creating a safe online environment for children.

Thus, in 2021, the number of complaints received via the **reporting hotline [esc_ABUZ](#) was 5 times higher than that registered in 2020, up to 7,500**, of which **4,511** were images or materials depicting sexual abuse on children.

The materials thus identified were sent by Save the Children specialists to IGPR, where they are under investigation, the online content is to be deleted, the victim will be identified and provided assistance, and the assailants will be investigated. Since 2008 to date, more than 17,731 complaints were made through the civil reporting point [esc_ABUZ](#) set out by the Save the Children organization.



Partners/Sponsors: NEPI RockCastle, Endava Romania, OMV Petrom, Orange, Uipath Foundation, Save the Children Italy, European Commission, Insafe, Inhope, General Inspectorate of Romanian Police.



FAISAL*, 12 years of age, from Afghanistan, ended up in Romania in one of the refugee centres where Save the Children operates. The material and emotional support he received since arriving here was vital to overcoming difficult moments.

With you I felt listened and safe. All I want is to be happy, go to school and become an actor.

PROTECTION OF REFUGEE, RELOCATED AND ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN

The period between January and December 2021 saw the highest number of asylum applications in the history of Romania: 9,773 persons, of whom 2,614 were children.

9,200 refugee and asylum-seeking children and their families benefited from education and social assistance since 1995 to date.

Considering the rise in the number of unaccompanied minors, Save the Children's intervention was focused on fulfilling the basic needs of the children upon arriving on the Romanian territory. 1,190 children and 571 adults received assistance in the Regional Centres for Processing and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers of the General Immigration Inspectorate in Bucharest, Galați, Rădăuți, Șomcuta Mare and Timișoara.

Educational services

1,020 children benefited from educational and recreational activities to ensure fair access to education. Educational materials were also distributed, including tablets.

Welfare and ensuring basic needs

The Covid-19 pandemic worsened the situation of migrant children and their families and sharpened the already existing vulnerabilities. In this regard, welfare activities were carried out, with a focus on providing emergency material support, social counselling, and information. 1,020 children (of whom 230 unaccompanied minors) and 352 adults benefited from information, while 1,190 children and 571 adults received material aid to cover their basic needs upon arriving in centres. We also provided support to access welfare for 1,020 children and 352 adults (counselling, accompanying them during procedures, application for welfare, allowance, marital status documents, disability file etc.). We collaborated with medical facilities from accommodation centres and organized information sessions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, by also distributing packages with hygiene products.



Partners/Sponsors: Save the Children Italy.

The activity was also supported through the Active Citizens Fund Romania program, financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021.

CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION

Save the Children legacy programs and projects are meant to strengthen children's ability to participate, to speak up and to bear influence on decision-making within their families, the schools where they learn, the community and the country. We provide them with an opportunity to express their opinions, we get them involved in the making of the decisions which concern them and, most of all, we stand beside them to help them exercise and protect their rights.

30,350 children in 140 schools participated in sessions informing them of their rights and responsibilities.

National Children's Forum

The 21st edition of the National Children's Forum was organized in June 2021, and included the participation of 100 children from Bucharest and 12 counties. The Forum was carried out online and for 2 days the participants and experts from Save the Children and volunteering facilitators debated on violence at school, touching on the following approaches: children's ability to actually get involved in the school's life, the functionality of Antibullying Action Groups, the importance of school climate in guaranteeing quality education, ways to transform any school in an inclusive school. The recommendations generated by the debate were discussed with representatives of the Ministry of Education.



Global Campaign for Education

Between 7 and 13 of June 2021, **100,140 pupils, 6,141 teachers, 4,037 parents and 940 guests** took part in the activities carried out within 534 teaching institutions as part of the Global Campaign for Education. Firstly, with this campaign we aimed at making children's opinions and messages heard concerning the need to prioritize education, considering that both children and their right to education have been severely impaired by the crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Secondly, with the upcoming evaluation of Romania by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, we wanted to give children the opportunity to directly contribute to this process, to express their opinion and propose the most relevant questions when it comes to ensuring children's rights the Romanian state should address.

We also have rights

The program We also have rights! successfully provided information in the spirit of informal education concerning the rights and responsibilities of children to a record-breaking number of **30,350 children**, with the help of over 890 volunteers. The activities facilitated the interaction in both face-to-face and online or hybrid classes, stimulating participation, free speech and children's initiative in over **140 partner school units**.

Between 14 May – 13 June 2021, the organization launched the **National Competition on Child's Rights "Understand your rights"** ("Înțelege drepturile"), focused around finding out children's level of understanding of the law, their involvement in the drafting of age and knowledge-appropriate materials, with the participation of over **1,300 pupils and guiding teachers** across the country.



Education for health

More than **20,800 children** aged between 3 and 17 years from **263 schools and kindergartens** benefited from informative sessions on topics such as: nutrition, emotional health, education on reproductive health and prevention of substance abuse behaviours, with the help of 360 volunteers, 643 members of the teaching staff and healthcare professionals and 56 representatives of local partners, all trained beforehand. The Education for health program was implemented between 2017 – 2021 in **687 teaching units** in Bucharest and 15 counties and informed **102,950 pupils**.

In response to the children's major concern of the environmental issues, an ecologic and environmental education module was developed in 2021 and will be included in the series of informative sessions carried out in schools.

Partner/Sponsor: Kaufland Romania.



“Childhood is a phase when the little ones discover who they are meant to be, who are those with a positive impact on their lives and, most importantly, who they really are. I truly wish all the children had equal chances, and the best way I am sure that I am making a change is by becoming actively involved. Their smiles when they say they understand, their joy when they succeed and their desire which is born from knowledge, all these make me happy and realize that, because of them, the children, and us, the volunteers, the world will soon be a place where we want to live in”,
Theodora, active volunteer Save the Children Romania

VOLUNTEERS

**2,700 volunteers carried out activities for the children
67,500 hours were volunteered in 2021**



With its volunteers, Save the Children is building a community where volunteering is a valuable resource for both the personal development of young people, as well as for fulfilling the rights of all children.

Recreational-educational activities with vulnerable children

Tackling school dropout is a significant element in the involvement of Save the Children volunteers, as they are present every day in the educational centres or online, to support children with their homework and fill the void of knowledge left by online school.

Events and campaigns

Despite the difficulties generated by the second year of pandemic, the volunteers involved themselves in both fundraising events for providing medical equipment to maternity clinics, as well as in debates on emotional health and a healthy lifestyle. They made their voice heard at the National Children's Forum and the conferences on safe online browsing and contributed to the drafting of the National Strategy for the protection and promotion of the rights of the child 2022 – 2027. They engaged in Bucharest half-marathons and the 3.5% campaign, pleading for the cause of prematurely born children and showed kindness to children from vulnerable areas during winter holidays.

Interactive information sessions in schools

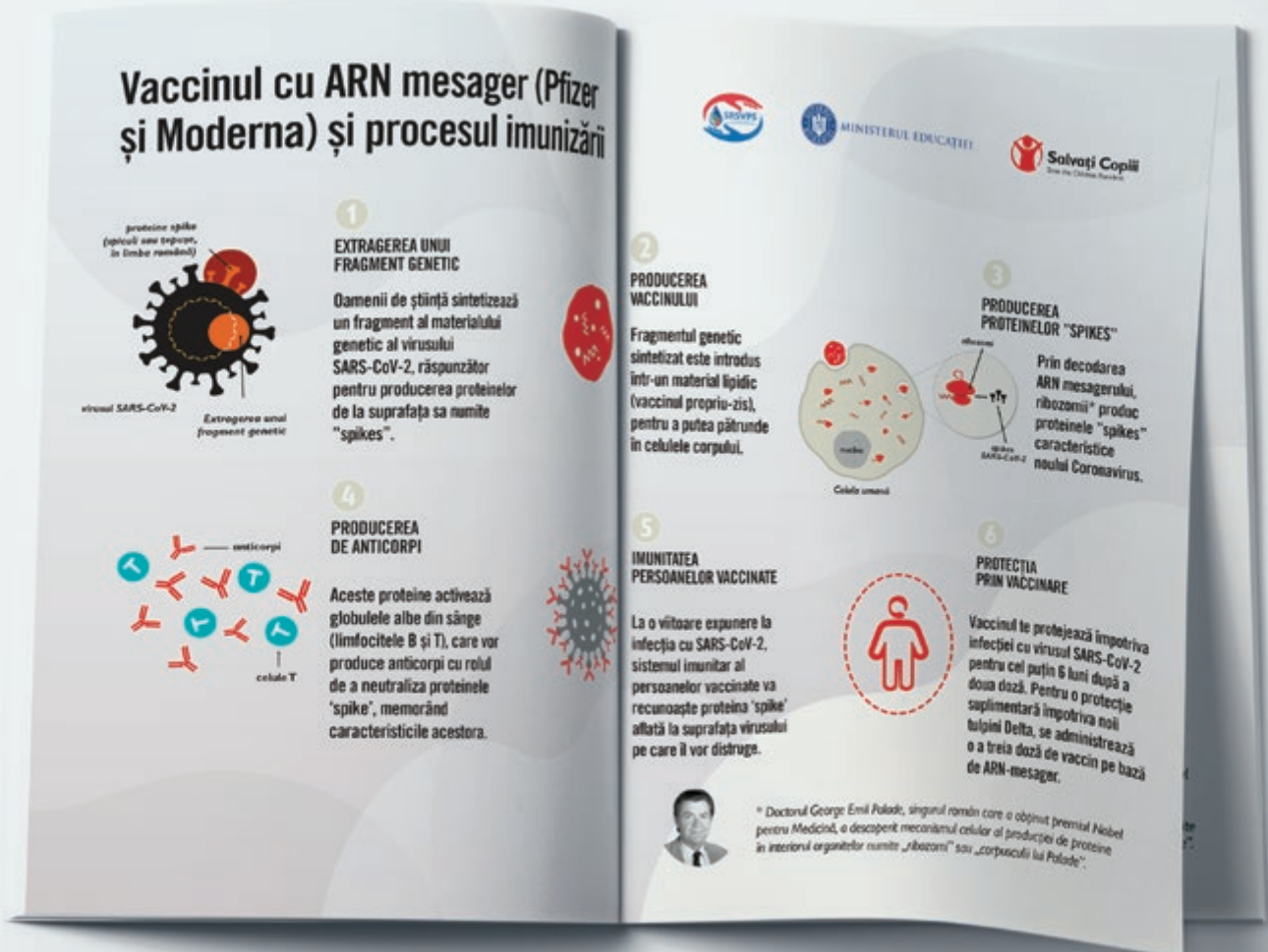
Whether online, face-to face or a mixture of both, school was not a challenge for our volunteers who acted as facilitators and held lessons on child's rights, discrimination, violence, as well as emotional education and how to tackle bullying. They taught the children how to lead healthy lives or creatively use the internet, through peer-to-peer learning, in order to develop healthy behaviours.



ADVOCACY

Informing members of the teaching staff and parents on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination

Save the Children joined the Ministry of Education in its campaign to inform members of the teaching staff and parents on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination. In collaboration with the Romanian Society for Vaccination Strategies and Promotion of Health and with the scientific advice of Dr. Gindrovel Dumitra and Prof. Dr. Alexandru Rafila, we created the *Information booklet for teachers and parents on the importance of vaccination (published in 6,000 copies) and 2 explanatory posters on the mechanisms of immunization with messenger RNA (Pfizer and Moderna) and viral vectors (AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson)*. These materials were used as basis for the national campaign “Vaccination and testing for schools!” conducted by the Ministry of Education, and were distributed, both online and printed, to school inspectors, members of the teaching staff, parents, pupils, trade unions and medical associations. The booklet is currently available on the website of the Ministry of Education, as well as on www.salvaticopiii.ro.



Report on applicable legislation on sexual offences with underage victims

Following a decision of the European Court of Human Rights condemning the Romanian state in a case where a court of law rejected the accusation of an 11-year-old girl of being raped by an adult, and abusively decided that the sexual act was consented by the child (M.G.C. v. Romania case), the Council of Europe decided to monitor Romania for “protection against ill-treatment”, finding that “Romania is unable to develop a stable and coherent judiciary practice around the notion of consent, to clearly differentiate rape cases from consented sexual act with a minor”. This severe situation determined Save the Children to draft a comprehensive report on the acute under-reporting of sexual abuse on children, thus requesting the Presidency, the Government and the two chambers of the Romanian Parliament to amend the Criminal Code with a series of offences sanctioning sexual abuse on children: procuring, using the services of an exploited person, using child prostitution, rape, sexual assault, sexual act with a minor, sexual corruption of minors and recruiting minors for sexual purposes. Following our initiative, the Ministry of Justice and the Romanian Parliament launched a public consultation on a draft law (Romanian Senate – L 494/2021) whose content reflects the Save the Children’s report and some of our legislative proposals.

Child abuse should be punished, not rewarded!

Legislative proposal to ban people who received a final conviction for severe offences committed on children from exercising the right to be elected in office

Save the Children drafted a law to amend Law 115/2015 on the election of local public administration authorities and Law 208/2015 on the election of Senate and Chamber of Deputies to henceforth prevent cases where the superior interests of children from a community are in the hands of abusers convicted for serious crimes, such as crimes against children, rape, child pornography, child trafficking, ill-treatment, or other crimes where children are the victim. This draft law is currently under debate in the Chamber of Deputies (PL-x nr. 535/2021).

Blocking the government initiative to cancel the right of pupils in pre-university education to free of charge transport

In February 2021, the Romanian Government intended to adopt regulations to reduce budget expenditure meant for children which would have deprived pupils from their right to county transport and full reimbursement of commute, benefits obtained as a result of a sustained effort of the civil society, including structures representing children. Save the Children sent a request to the Ministry of Education arguing against the amendment of art. 84 of Law on national education no. 1/2011 ensuring the necessary resources to cover transport expenses for 400,000 pupils forced to commute daily to go to school or high school. As a result of Save the Children advocacy efforts, the pupils’ right to county transport and full reimbursement of commute is observed.

RESEARCH

Considering the rapid and deep changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on the fulfilment of the rights of children in Romania, we have given particular consideration to monitoring the state of children, by conducting studies and consultations with the participation of over **41,000 children, parents and teachers**.

The “Mandate for Education” survey, filled in by 8,200 pupils, sent out a strong message about the priorities that should be set by authorities to ensure the rights of the child, particularly the right to education, in a context marked by the pandemic.

Two online consultations were organized on the implementation of the national pilot remedial education program, dedicated to exploring the expectations of teachers and their experiences during the implementation of the remedial education program. More than half of the teachers (53%) appreciated that the number of hours included in the pilot project, 20 hours/month, did not cover or only partially covered the needs of the pupils.

To monitor pupils’ perception on the conditions in which the educational process was carried out during the pandemic, two online consultations were organized, with the participation of 26,000 gymnasium and high school pupils, in order to observe the **perception of pupils concerning sanitary safety in schools** and their views and experiences related to the **use of rapid saliva antigen tests**. Only 36% of pupils stated they were informed about the importance of vaccination and 56,7% believed that saliva testing improved health safety in schools.

The analysis concerning the conditions of living, housing and healthcare of children, adolescent pregnant women and mothers from vulnerable communities was meant to point out all vulnerabilities these priority group categories for Save the Children’s interventions were facing. The sociologic inquiry showed that 2 of 5 pregnant adolescents from poor rural areas in our country did not undergo the recommended tests during pregnancy because of lack of access to healthcare and of financial resources.

In October, we launched the **Report on the poverty of children from Europe**, conducted under the coordination of Save the Children Europe. The report was designed as a detailed comparative analysis of the way the Covid-19 pandemic and the measures applied by the states impacted the children from 14 European states, including Romania, while its recommendations focused on the future implementation of the European Child Guarantee. One of the report’s conclusions refers to the fact that, for the first time in five years, the risk of poverty and social exclusion increased among Romanian children (36,3%).

In December 2021, a new **Study on violence against children in Romania** was launched, as a flagship and sole instrument to measure this phenomenon lengthwise at national level. The research is at its third edition. Despite decreasing, violence is still present in the lives of children: one of two (46%) is hit in the family, 5% are subject to physical abuse in schools, and the incidence of sexual abuse outside the family is growing.

In conducting and launching the research studies, we also benefited from the involvement of teams and volunteers of Save the Children subsidiaries, as well as from representatives of the National Council of Pupils, Ministry of Education, Romanian Senate, ANDPDCA, School Inspectorates and local authorities.

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Direct debit – Save the Children registered the **most active Direct Debit team in 2021**, with **32,534 active donors** reported for this year. Direct Debit donations are a type of repetitive and constant donation through which the donor commits to pay a monthly fixed amount, by automatic withdrawal from their bank account. Due to donors who said yes to Save the Children fundraisers in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Timișoara and Iași, the significant amounts collected went to provide maternity clinics with last-generation medical equipment.

3.5% of the income tax –

Save the Children carries out every year a fundraising campaign asking natural persons to redirect 3.5% of the income tax. All persons who obtained revenues from wages, pensions, independent activities, intellectual property rights or rents may contribute to this campaign, by filling in the 230 form found at www.salvaticopiii.ro/redirectioneaza.



Online – Regular support through online donation of Save the Children projects is very important, as these donations contribute to the sustainability of the organization's projects. Whether it is education, health or protection, Save the Children constantly carries out actions with an impact on the community, with a particular focus on children from disadvantaged areas.

SMS – SMS 8844 with the text SALVEZ – a simple method to support each month the Save the Children's program to provide medical equipment to maternity clinics is by using the SMS donation mechanism. It is the easiest method to show support for a good cause, by sending a text message of 2 Euro/month at 8844 with the text SALVEZ.

20% of the corporate tax – a mechanism which allows companies and small-sized entities each year to support the cause of premature new-borns, based on a sponsorship contract, as per the legal provisions.

The Save the Children team of 900 runners and 74 galantoms participating in Bucharest Half Marathon successfully raised the funds necessary to provide state-of-the-art equipment to the Emergency University Hospital Bucharest – SUUB and the Clinical Emergency Children's Hospital "Grigore Alexandrescu".

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

At its 21st edition, the Christmas Tree Festival benefited from a most prestigious partnership: the **National Museum of Art of Romania**, where the unique trees were displayed and auctioned for on the Evening Gala of 9 December, in a race of generosity which broke down all records. The event raised funds of 764,000 Euro, as a testimony of the fact that social solidarity remains the most efficient solution, when facing a crisis.

The artists who created unique trees, for this edition, are: Smaranda Almășan • Ana Bănică • Nicu Bocancea & Iris Flower Shop • Adina Buzatu & Gheorghe Zamfir • Daniel Codrescu & the Mosaic Studio of the People's Salvation Cathedral • Irina Dragomir • Anca Fetcu Lupu & Beelive Design • Gheorghe Fikl • Omid Ghannadi & Inside Academy • Simona & Gabriel Gherasim – Gallantique Boutique • Teodor Graur • Laura Hîncu • Hamid Nicola Katrib • Doina Levintza • Carmen Marin • Ana Mohonea & Maria Mohonea - Architectural Christmas • Dhaniel Nora, with the support of Sephora • Adela Pârvu, with the support of PPG Romania • Obie Platon • Felicia Simion, with the support of Mara Mura • Smiley & HaHaHa Production • Ada Tache & Karim Rashid, with the support of DENT ESTET • Iulia Totoianu, with the support of Libris.ro • pupils of Step by Step Secondary School & Dhaniel Nora • UNTOLD.

They were complemented by the Save the Children Christmas tree, created by Ștefania Mircea and some of the children part of the Save the Children programs.

The highest bid amounted to 110,000 Euro and was offered by **Kaufland Romania**, for the tree “Involvement”, created around a life story which impressed Omid Ghannadi and the Inside Academy team.





The hosts of the evening were **Andreea Raicu** and **Mihai Morar**, who were able to rally record donations and thus transform the evening into a spectacle of good. The Evening Gala was also attended by the long-time supporters of Save the Children Romania, including **Prof. Dr. Alexandru Rafila**, minister of Health, **Dr. Mihai Craiu** and **Călin Stegorean**, general director of MNAR, who spoke about the role of Save the Children as an example of social practices and accountability.

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AWARDS, IMPACT, COLLABORATIONS

Online impact

In 2021, the www.salvaticopiii.ro website registered 930,913 visits and 956,687 unique visitors.

The Save the Children Facebook page (facebook.com/SalvatiCopiiiRomania) kept its first position in top Facebook pages, in the Nonprofit category, with a **reach of 5,547,710 people** and **by engaging 835,992 people**.

The Instagram account (Instagram.com/SalvatiCopiiiRomania), with **16,532 followers**, ranks 1st in top children NGOs accounts.

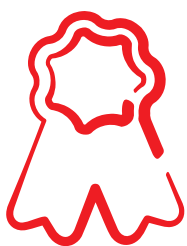
In 2021, Save the Children Romania had almost 9,500 media features, which means a 10% increase in media coverage versus 2020, with 8,473 online references, 591 TV references, 244 radio references and 161 in the print media.

General Secretariat Partners

Ministry of Education, National Authority for the Rights of Disabled, Children and Adoptions, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Welfare, Presidential Administration, Ministry of Communication and Information Society, National Regulatory Authority for Communications and Information Technology, Ombudsman, Bondoc & Associates, Romanian Society of Paediatrics, Bucharest School Inspectorate, county school inspectorates, general social assistance and child protection directorates, public welfare services, General Romanian Police Inspectorate, county police inspectorates, National Institute for the Health of Mother and Child “Alessandrescu-Rusescu” Bucharest, Psychiatry Hospital “Al. Obregia” – psychiatry for children and adolescents, Bucharest Resource and Educational Assistance Centre, county resource and educational assistance centres, teachers’ organizations, National Agency against Human Trafficking, General Immigration Inspectorate, JRS Romania Association, Caravana cu medici, Terre des Hommes, DIGI Romania, National Students’ Council, World Vision Romania, SOS Children’s Villages, Sexul vs. Barza, Școala de Valori Association, Moara de Hârtie Association, Training Association - Casa Experimentelor, ELSA Association – part of the Law Faculty, Bucharest University, Association of Students of Psychology and Educational Science, Association of Students of Sociology and Welfare.



Awards



The campaign *Emergency Fund for hospitals and rural communities during COVID-19 pandemic* obtained the **1st Prize** in the *Health* category, and the advocacy action *Save the Children antibullying methodology becomes law* obtained the **2nd Prize** at the Civil Society Gala, in the *Defending individual/collective rights* category.

The *Ambulance for life* campaign obtained the **Silver Award for Excellence** at the **PR Awards Gala**.

In 2021, the Executive President of Save the Children Romania was included, for the 7th consecutive year, in **Forbes Romania's** Top 50 most influential women in Romania.

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

SAVE THE CHILDREN CARRIES
OUT ITS ACTIVITY IN THE GENERAL
SECRETARIAT AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

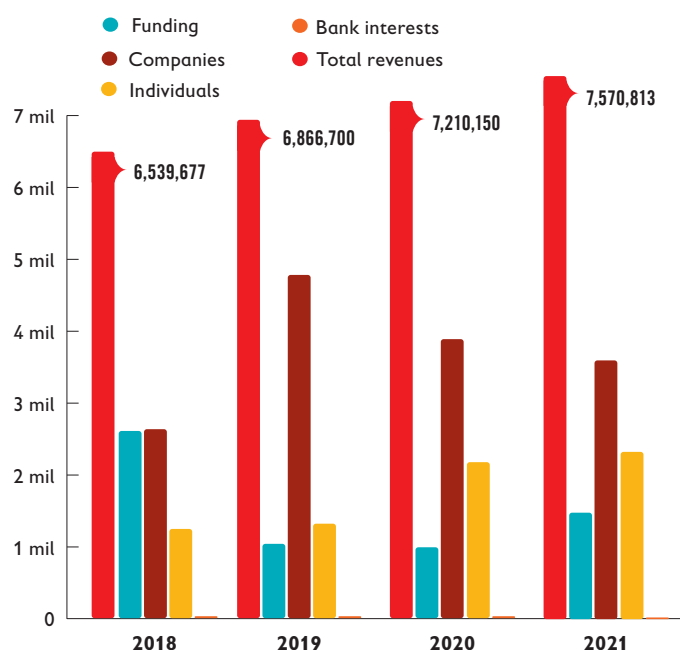
TOTAL REVENUES
7,570,813 Euro

**GENERAL
SECRETARIAT**
6,510,813 EURO
(86%)

SUBSIDIARIES
1,060,000 EURO
(14%)

INITIAL BALANCE - EUR	8,216,315	
TOTAL REVENUES - EUR	7,570,813	%
Contributions, donations, sponsorships	5,995,295	79%
EU funds	1,412,142	19%
Public institutions	99,352	1%
Bank interests	64,024	1%

2018-2021 REVENUES (EURO)



EXPENDITURE WITH PROGRAMS

TOTAL	8,517,232 EUR
PROMOTING AND ENSURING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION	3,986,033 EUR
Access to education for children from disadvantaged areas	3,570,413
Educational integration of refugee and asylum-seeking children	300,620
Preschool education for children from vulnerable communities	115,000
CHILD'S HEALTH AND NUTRITION	2,704,791 EUR
ENSURING CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED	1,618,102 EUR
Protection of home-alone children	1,078,085
Protection of children against violence and economic exploitation	267,213
Protection of children on the internet – Internet Hour program	228,451
Protection of children against HIV/AIDS	44,353
PROMOTING AND ENSURING CHILD RIGHTS	208,306 EUR

EXPENDITURE - EUR	9,204,977	%
Programs	8,517,232	93%
Fund raising and communication	262,658	3%
Contributions to international programs	133,487	1%
Administration and organization	291,600	3%
FINAL BALANCE - EUR	6,582,151	

The financial statements of Save the Children Organization on 31 December, 2021 are verified by the auditing commission appointed by the organization's General Assembly and are externally audited by KPMG.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

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 are confident and further rely on your support! There is still much to do for the children.



MSD – supports the widest public health intervention dedicated to improving access to integrated services (healthcare, welfare, education) for adolescent pregnant women, mothers, and children under 5, from disadvantaged rural areas in Romania and Republic of Moldova.



PEPCO Romania – has been a key partner for Save the Children programs addressing the protection of children left home alone following the parents' economic migration, and the prevention of school dropout among disadvantaged children since 2019. More than 860 children received educational, psychological and social support in 2021.



KAUFLAND ROMANIA – with the support of Kaufland Romania, approximately 3,200 socio-economically vulnerable children and children whose parents went to work abroad were supported. At the same time, between 2017 – 2021, 102,950 children benefited from information on topics related to education for health, and over 3,600 pre-schoolers improved their social-emotional skills as part of an antibullying prevention pilot program in kindergartens.



MOL ROMANIA – major partner in supporting the health of children in Romania, who will help us provide state-of-the-art medical equipment to 6 hospitals, to make sure doctors have everything they need to provide proper care to children.



KIMBERLY-CLARK – supports, together with Ogilvy Romania, the information and support campaign for 78,000 mothers in 100 maternity clinics across the country on how to take care of new-borns. Furthermore, 20,000 mothers from 10 maternities benefit from information about the health of new-borns by means of videos broadcast via a video communication system installed in every ward.



LIDL – has been a partner for education since 2012. Over 3,500 children from disadvantaged communities from Bucharest and the counties of Brașov, Caraș-Severin, Constanța, Cluj, Dâmbovița, Hunedoara, Iași, Ilfov, Mureș and Timiș benefited from direct school integration and dropout prevention services, social, psychological and legal counselling, as well as material support. In 2021 the company also supported Save the Children's campaign to provide the Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children Grigore Alexandrescu with 2 ambulance vehicles.



BANCA COMERCIALĂ ROMÂNĂ (BCR) – is one of the oldest and most constant partners, supporting children's education, by sponsoring the Christmas Tree Festival, prevention of violence against children, ensuring the right to life for prematurely born children, as well as other initiatives of the organization. In 2021 the company also supported Save the Children's campaign to provide the Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children Grigore Alexandrescu with 2 ambulance vehicles and the neonatal unit of Târgoviște Emergency County Hospital with state-of-the-art equipment.



CATENA – one of the most important and constant supporters of the educational programs, by sponsoring the Christmas Tree Festival and not only, it supports annually 1,000 children and their families through integrated education services, social and psychological support, material support.



TERONA – a partner who understood the importance of getting involved during times of crisis, Terona supports the projects we carry out in our educational centres.



FOX – has been involved in reducing child mortality rate since 2018, by financially supporting the provision with top-of-the-line medical equipment. Together, in 2021, we reached healthcare facilities in Tulcea, Hunedoara and Gorj counties.



ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE ROMANIA – contributes to improving the health of mother and child in 16 disadvantaged rural communities through social and medical integrated services at local level, for mothers, pregnant women and children up to 5 years of age.



NEPI Rockcastle – supports the online child protection program, through online and offline events dedicated to children and parents, in which we provide guidelines on children's behaviour online.



LIBRIS – has been supporting the child mortality reduction program since 2014. Since then, Save the Children has benefited from donations from more than 450,000 Libris.ro customers, who contributed to the purchase of modern medical equipment.



UNICREDIT BANK – supports the right to life and proper care for children. In 2021, the company participated in the rehabilitation of the permanent energy supply system of "Grigore Alexandrescu" Hospital in Bucharest, so that the interventions in the surgery and the intensive care units should not be exclusively dependent on the state of the national energy supply system.



FUNDAȚIA VODAFONE ROMANIA – contributes to the reduction of child mortality in Romania by financially supporting the acquisition of new medical equipment necessary to ensure survival of prematurely born babies in Botoșani county.



PENNY MARKET ROMANIA – with the help of Penny Market Romania, the II Neonatal Clinic within the Emergency County Hospital in Cluj-Napoca was provided with medical equipment vital for new-born babies and children from two educational centres in Timisoara were supported with a daily hot meal.



OMV Petrom – a long-standing partner in supporting online child protection, in 2021 the company supported the education of 320 vulnerable children. They received tablets with access to internet, and their families benefited from welfare. 100 teachers were trained to improve online classes.



BANCA TRANSILVANIA – continues its involvement in supporting access to education for underprivileged children. In 2021 the company also contributed to reducing child mortality by providing financial support for the acquisition of last-generation medical equipment for the proper care of new-born babies.



ROMANIAN BUSINESS CONSULT (RBC) – for 11 years, has been supporting the education of vulnerable children by sponsoring the Christmas Tree Festival and contributing to the sustainability of the organization's three educational programs: A second chance, School after School and Summer kindergartens.



CORA SUN PLAZA – is one of the companies that promoted the principle of social responsibility setting itself as an example, contributing to the acquisition of last-generation equipment to support children's health.



DENT ESTET – the collaboration with DENT ESTET consists in dental prophylactic services by hygiene products distribution as well as consultations free of charge provided in the DENT ESTET clinics in Bucharest and Timișoara. More than 1,600 children from vulnerable groups benefited from the support.



KPMG – has provided the pro-bono audit of the organisation for more than 9 years. At present the company continues to support us and enables us, through the discount offered, to invest the organisation's funds in programs for children.



WATER SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL – one of the partners which showed social solidarity during the challenging times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the help of Water System International we continued to support the projects we carry out in our educational centres.



ENDAVA ROMANIA – in 2021 the company supported the program designed to reduce school dropout by providing educational and social services to 90 children from vulnerable groups and their families in Bucharest, Brașov and Argeș counties. It also supported the training program on the online safety of children and adolescents, engaging 10,000 pupils and teachers in activities meant to raise awareness and observance of the rights in the digital environment.



MONDIAL S. A. – as of 2021, the company joined the program to equip hospitals from the west side of the country, mainly supporting healthcare dedicated to children, by becoming involved in the renovation and provision of last-generation equipment to the paediatrics wing within the Municipal Hospital Dr. Teodor Andrei Lugoj, as well as by supporting the first steps for the construction of a new intensive care unit within the Emergency Hospital for Children "Louis Țurcanu" in Timișoara.



We feel confident of our future with responsible partners by our side!

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INVOLVEMENT OF SUBSIDIARIES



Argeș

With the support of our partners and sponsors, the children benefited from daily educational support, complemented by informal education activities, designed to expand their knowledge and area of interests and to develop their communication and interaction skills, their creativity, mobility and dexterity.

Caraș-Severin

Projects were carried out focused on education for health, educational, psychological and social support for children at risk, as well as information sessions on the rights of the child. Integrated social-medical services were also provided to mothers, pregnant women and children up to 5.



Constanța

3,200 pupils from 23 schools in 12 communities benefited from information sessions on the rights of the child. 99 mothers and pregnant women from Negru Vodă and Albești benefited from information and support to solve their medical and social problems, as well as material support.

Dolj

963 children from 10 schools were informed on education for health, and 5,000 pupils from 18 schools improved knowledge on child rights. 100 children and their families benefited from social-educational and material support.



Hunedoara

200 children and 65 families benefited from the full renovation of the Petrila Day-care Centre. Save the Children experts stayed with the children and provided the necessary support to overcome critical periods and adapt to changes.

Iași

The issue of school dropout in disadvantaged localities in Iasi municipality was addressed with a series of innovating approaches and actions dedicated to various target groups.

The research study “Together for a friendly school” focused on identifying the means to build on the concept of “friendly school” in order to tackle school dropout.





Mureș

350 children from Ciurila, Cluj county, Bahnea, and Idiciu from Mureș county received social-educational support to prevent and reduce school abandonment, while the organization also provided integrated support solutions for children with parents working abroad from Târgu Mureș, Sântana de Mureș and Sighișoara. 92 parents participated in activities meant to develop their parenting skills within the Counselling Centre for Parents in Târgu Mureș, and 75 mothers from Râciu, Mureș county were assisted to improve their health and the health of their children, aged 1-5.

Neamț

Over 500 children, approximately 200 parents and legal representatives, as well as experts from several localities of Neamț county were part of the subsidiary's programs in 2021. The activities involving children were focused on improving their school performance and integrating them in the community by acquiring independent life skills.



Suceava

As part of local information caravans and the event organized in partnership with Suceava County Council, under the auspices of the Month of Diaspora, 132 parents returning home for holidays/caregivers and 121 experts from 13 localities across the county, mainly from rural areas, received information on the impact of economic migration on children left home alone, and on the obligations which fall with the parents before leaving the country.

Timiș

196 children received support in the Educational centre "Let's grow up together" in Sânnicolau Mare. The specialists from Timișoara Parent Counselling Centre have been organizing parenting activities for parents/tutors/caregivers of children whose parents went to work abroad, as of July 2021 for 2 years, in partnership with Moșnița Mayoralty, Timiș County.



Vaslui

Over 800 pupils benefited from information sessions on education for health. Children left home alone due to economic migration of parents received social-educational and psychological support. At the same time, 80 pregnant women, mothers and children aged 0-5 benefited from healthcare, counselling and material support.



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