



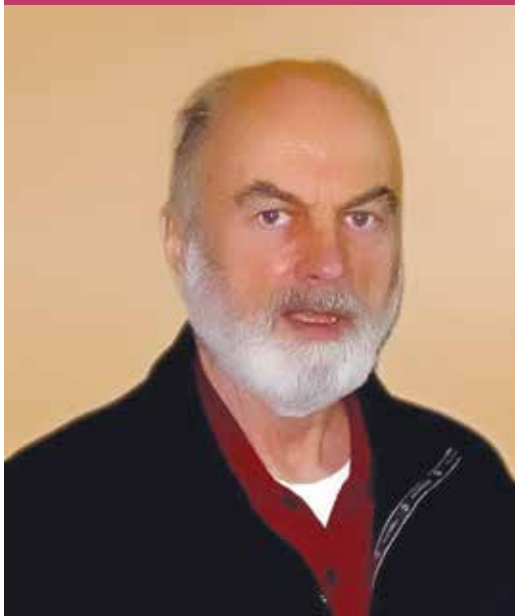
ANNUAL REPORT

CARITAS MOLDOVA

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Fr. Alfred Weiss,
President of Caritas Moldova (2001-2015)

Who had changed the world?

A wise man from the Far East once said: "When I was young, my only pray to God was "Lord, give me the strength to change the world".

In my middle ages, when I realized that I did not change any soul, I asked God: „Lord, give me the grace to change those people who come in contact with me: my family, friends, and then I will be happy „.

Now, in my old ages, I have realized how fool I was. Now, my only prayer is: „Lord, give me the grace to change myself."

Last year we modified the statute of Caritas Moldova. Even the opportunity to renovate and to build a new headquarters for mission was taken into consideration. All these things are important and useful.

This is the reality faced by the Moldavian people. The laws and the buildings should be filled with life; otherwise, they just remain dead letters, words and walls.

Though, in all years of our collaboration, you have done a great, lively, insightful, and practical work for people in need from Moldova. Thank you!

I wish to start the new year with changes in ourselves, with renewal, renovation and development, because it is reachable for all of us and with every step it brings us joy and satisfaction.

"Who changed himself, changed the world"



WHO WE ARE

Definition

Caritas Moldova is a charitable organization with a social role, whose mission is to contribute in poverty eradication and the establishment of some reasonable social systems, introducing a number of innovative projects, which have resulted in improving the welfare of the community, promoting Christian values of tolerance and mercy.

Identity

The Charitable Foundation "Caritas Moldova" is one of the 48 members of the Caritas Europe Federation and the member of Caritas International. It is a global confederation that unites 162 Catholic organizations for development, assistance in extreme cases and social service, whose efforts are directed towards building a better world, especially for disadvantaged people regardless of race, religion, age, sex, occupation or political affiliation.

Legal Status

The Religious Catholic Mission "Caritas Moldova", was created on 10 May 1995 as a social department of the Catholic Church of Moldova, and implemented its activity through local Caritas branches, consisting of local director (the vicar), operational coordinator, employees and volunteers. As of **02 June 2015 was reorganized through conversion from the Religious Catholic Mission "Caritas Moldova" to Charity Foundation "Caritas Moldova".**

Geography

Our Foundation operates on the territory of the Republic of Moldova through its national staff and regional network from Balti, Bender, Chisinau, Cretoaia, Grigorauca, Rascov, Ribnita, Slobozia-Rascov, Stauceni, Stircea, Tiraspol, Ungheni, Glodeni, Riscani.

Beneficiaries

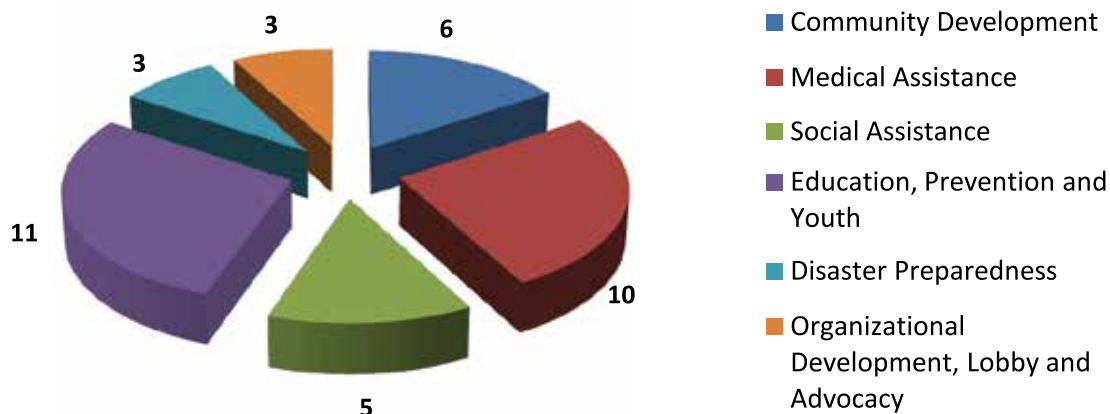
The main categories of Caritas Moldova beneficiaries are: elderly people, abandoned people, people with disabilities, children, young people, students, vulnerable families, single parent families, unemployed people, people at risk and other vulnerable categories.

- **4500** beneficiaries
- **130** employees
- **50** active volunteers

Inspiration

The main source of inspiration for Caritas is Catholic Social Doctrine, the teaching of the Gospel and of the Church, which include the basic principles of providing social assistance and the legal framework.

Implemented projects according to the field of activity



DONNATIONS AND CHARITY CAMPAIGNS

Individual assistance given to people and vulnerable families in social risk situations

GOAL: reduce social risk of people / families who cannot overcome difficult situations due to economic, social, psychological factors, etc.

Achievements:

TOTAL DONATIONS
771.853 Lei

CHANGED LIVES
61

GOOD DEEDS
20



ew project initiation is a permanent part of Caritas Moldova activities. The project „**Individual assistance given to people / vulnerable families in social risk situations**” has appeared with a coming initiative to help people in distress by giving them hope and support. Project work is oriented towards people / vulnerable families from the social and economic points of view, and those who want to overcome their condition and do everything possible to improve their situation.

During this year, in order to help people and families that are in extremely difficult situations, Caritas Moldova from its own sources and from private donations has provided direct financial support in 61 cases. These families needed much support and encouragement, and at the same time financial aid. Below on the page, we would like to present a few of the difficult situations in which some people and those who requested our help have been mentioned:

Gabriel G's case is downright touching. Being a year-old boy, he was diagnosed with leukemia.



Gabriel was hospitalized at his first birthday. Unfortunately, Moldova does not have adequate conditions for giving chemotherapy treatment to such children. However, doctors in Moldova have succeeded in preventing the worst. Now everything depends on the medication that the child should receive and strict observance of the treatment. Only in European countries such as Germany, Austria, France, Spain, UK is possible to purchase the necessary drugs. Caritas Moldova has contributed in raising funds to purchase the necessary remedies.



In June 2014, **Ecaterina. R.** had addressed to Caritas Moldova with the request to help her son, Daniel. He was diagnosed with deeply bilateral hearing loss. Caritas Moldova had provided the necessary amount of money to buy hearing aid performance, so Daniel could easily perceive the world around him. We wish to thank the Acoustic Med LLC company for their contribution.

Caritas Moldova has been also involved in **Olivia I.** case; in March 2014, being a 4 years old girl, she was diagnosed with acute leukemia. Medicines that she is administering now are bought by her parents from other countries like Italy, France, Germany and Russia. Until now, her parents have spent 12,300 euro for medicines and that amount covers only 3 months of her treatment. Once in every three months, Olivia must go to Italy for analysis. Only her hospitalization in this clinic costs 3,500 euro. The treatment is very expensive; her parents should gather a sum of 40,000 euro.

Ina L. was diagnosed with osteonecrosis. The lack of sufficient financial means for the surgery and treatment has led the family to appeal to people of good faith. Mrs. Ina L. is the mother of two children. This has shown us that „Living with two children is beautiful and that she wishes to be a healthy mother for her children.” Caritas Moldova has offered to Mrs. Ina L. a sum of money, contributing to cover the costs for the surgery, which was to be performed in Israel. Thanks to this granted

aid, in the middle of July, Mrs. Ina L. went to Israel for the treatment.

Laura B. has 4 years. She was diagnosed with neuroectodermal tumor that affects the spine. For five months, Laura was bedridden because she could not move her feet, hands, or head. Laura has been subjected to 10 cycles of chemotherapy at the Oncology Institute. Her condition has been improved, but to stop tumor development a course of radiotherapy is needed, which can be provided only in a private clinic in Turkey. The treatment costs 12,500 euro. Many people with big hearts got involved in Laura's case, and Caritas Moldova helped Laura's parents to gather the necessary amount for treatment

Tatiana M. has been diagnosed with renal impairment. Tatiana is following costly dialysis procedures 2-3 times per week. It is very difficult for a teenager to accept that instead of sports, she needs to follow daily treatments and hospital bed. However, dialysis is just a temporary solution. For a complete remedy it is required a kidney transplant, which costs around \$ 60,000. Tatiana is currently in Minsk. Her mother had sold the apartment that was the only household, in order to pay off her daughter's rehabilitation. Caritas Moldova has financially contributed in this case, and wishes other people with big heart to get involved and give donations.

Ana G., at the age of 7, was diagnosed with kidney cancer at a III-rd stage. Parents have contacted a clinic in Turkey, which



can take the girl for a treatment. The cost of hospitalization is 15,225.00 euro - the amount that the family does not have. Father is the only one who works in the family, mother is babysitting. They have 3 children, of which the youngest is only 10 months. It has been gathered: 77 096 lei. Caritas Moldova has also contributed to this fundraising. Ana's dream is to become a doctor, and to learn how to treat children with cancer.

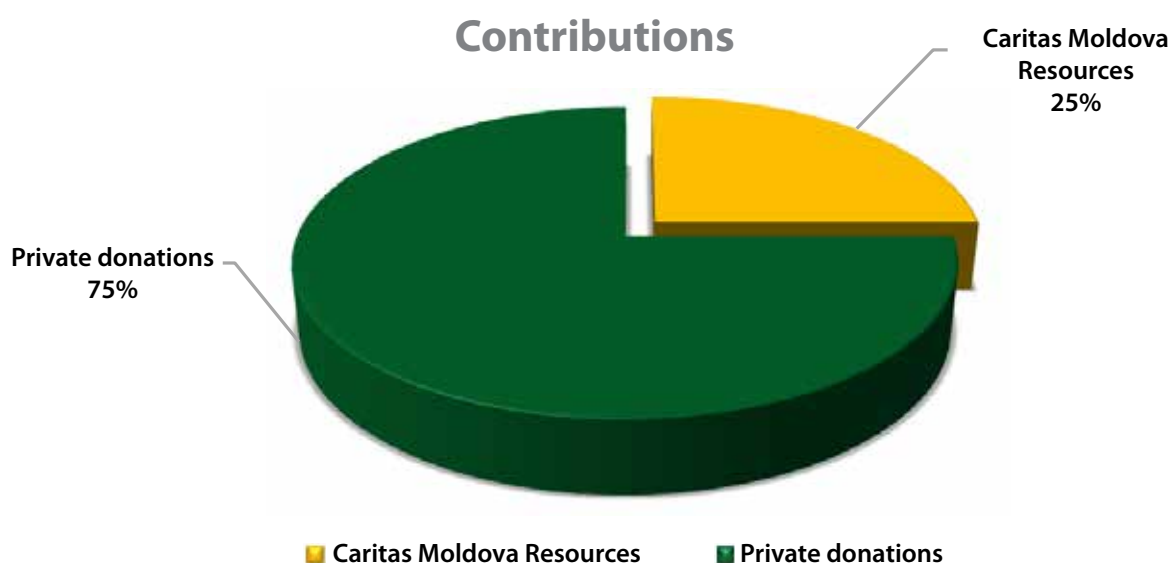
Was diagnosed with a very rare disease - extrofia of the urinary bladder. In 2012, Lawrence underwent donations.



a successful surgery that keeps him alive. The boy needs an intervention to renovate the urethra and other organs. This new surgery is scheduled in Serbia, and it costs 8,000 euro - an unbearable amount for the Laurentiu's family.

We believe that good and valuable things are done only with small steps. Many sufferings can be relieved by involving everyone. In support of this idea, we present below a chart illustrating the way in which the financial aids were granted. Note, that the biggest part comes from private

Caritas Moldova Resources 25%
Private donations 75%



WE THANK THOSE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED:

Cedacri International LLC; EXCONS Group LLC; IM Glass Container Company; FPC „Numina” LLC; Expo Business Chisinau, Free Entrepreneurial Zone; Dina Cociug LLC; MOLDCABLU Trade House LLC; Oleg Muntean IE; Bioprotect LLC; Accounting and Audit LLC; Nostalitserv-Prim LLC; Total Gravura LLC; FCP Ungar LLC; Golden Rule LLC; Association of Professional Accountants and Auditors of RM; Bicomplex LLC; Viovada LLC.

Fundraising Campaign "The Candle of Faith"

Every year, February 11 is marked as World Day of the Sick. On this day, especially Caritas Moldova wishes to draw attention of society to the problems of the needy and sick people and calls everybody to human solidarity with those in need.

This day was considered important when we decided to highlight the campaign against hunger "One human family, food for all" launched by us on December 5, 2013. The campaign "One human family, food for all" was born from a global initiative of Caritas Internationalis, received the blessing of Pope Francis and was implemented in over 165 countries. This year, Caritas organizations have conducted various activities to reduce global hunger.

In 2014, with the support of Bishop Anton Cosa, Caritas Moldova had also organized several campaigns to collect food that was further distributed to the sick poor and lonely people through the seven medical and social home-care centers. Another initiative and a charitable campaign called "The Candle of Faith" was performed through the parish Caritas branches of the country.

Thus, between March 5 - May 12, 2014 and between November 30, 2014 to January 8, 2015 - had been supported those in need, especially those who suffer from hunger. In exchange of 20/25 lei or 30/35 lei donation each donor had received a "Candle of Faith" as a gift.

During the Great Lent and Easter time have been distributed 1181 candles, and during Advent and Christmas time - 289 candles. Out of the total number of collected donations, 6370 lei were used for food and their distribution in parishes involved in the charity campaign.

For example, in "St. Joseph" parish in Ribnita town was purchased food for 19 bedridden people; in "Exaltation of the Holy Cross" parish in Tiraspol town was purchased and distributed food to 8 poor and needy people; in "St. Marta" parish in Sloboda - Rashkov village were pre-

pared hot meals for 7 lonely elderly people with special needs.

The rest of the total collected funds, 12,188 lei were used to purchase and distribute food packages to sick and poor people during the "World Day of the Sick".

Over 50 families with children or people in age, from 17 districts, mostly those who live in extremely difficult situations, have received substantial food packages.

We appreciate the generosity of good people who have been actively involved in the campaign and supported this social cause addressed to people in extreme poverty.

We would like to thank all our partners: the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Diocese of Chisinau, Hotel "Vila Natali", "Moldauditing" LLC Company, the European Centre of Education "FIDES" and ULIM for the given support during this campaign.



Become a volunteer – get involved!

Caritas Moldova helps young and interested people in the development of the community they belong to, by implementing the project „Youth and the world community”.

The overall strategy is to increase the group capacity of young people and other community members, as a capable resource besides the target parishes in order to motivate them to identify their community problems and to implement projects / initiatives in solving the problems that are important to them.

PURPOSE: to involve young people in community development and decision-making process at local and national level.

The project „Young people for the community and world” has begun its activity in seven parishes: Rascov, Slobozia-Rascov, Tiraspol, Ribnita, Balti, Bender and Stircea. For proper implementation of the project, have been held meetings with priests, have been formed voluntary groups, have been identified moderators and volunteer groups and have been organized trainings.

Thus, the young people took part in several training modules „Moderators’ training and youth group leaders from communities.” After the training, volunteer groups were involved in various activities such as:

- About 50 young people (from Balti, Rascov, Slobozia-Rackov, Ribnita and Tiraspol) were monthly involved in thematic sessions held both for volunteers and young people interested in volunteering;
- 17 volunteers and group moderators have organized seminars held for volunteers and interested persons. The covered topics were: „I am unique”, „The risks that young people face”, „Healthy lifestyle”, etc.



- Organization of charitable activities in local parishes: distribution of a hot meal to elderly and lonely people during the Advent time (Slobozia-Rackov volunteers); home visit and distribution of food packages collected during the Advent time (Ribnita volunteers).
 - 100 young people and seniors who were actively participating and supporting volunteer initiatives of Caritas branches in Balti, Ribnitsa, Rascov, Slobozia-Rascov, Singerei, Tiraspol, Bender, and special guests- the Don Bosco Foundation host volunteers - had participated in the fourth Volunteer Festival „Volunteer Family of Caritas Moldova,,;
 - Organizing and involving volunteers in various civic and team building activities:
 - 29 volunteers from Balti, Rascov, Slobozia-Rascov, Ribnita and Tiraspol were involved in organizing the International Children’s Day celebrations on June 1, St. Nicholas, and Christmas;
 - Organizing various programs and summer camps by involving 23 volunteers as animators (Rascov, Tiraspol, Ribnita);
 - Young volunteers from Slobozia-Rascov, have distributed hot meals and sang carols during the Advent time to lonely and elderly people from the village;
 - Purchasing and plantation of rose cuttings on the territory of Rascov parish, by a moderator and 20 volunteers;
 - 6 volunteers from Rascov, were involved in painting the roof of the Children’s Day Center;
 - 26 volunteers from Rascov, Slobozia-Rascov and Tiraspol were mobilized and have arranged and cleaned the territory near the parishes and Children’s Day Center;
 - Organizing entertainment activities and moderating the opening event of the sports field in Slobozia-Rascov village.
 - The involvement of volunteers in various charitable campaigns organized by Caritas Moldova (Candle of Faith, The Meal of joy, etc.)
- Thus, Caritas Moldova showed solidarity with Social Mission “Diaconia” by assuming the Christian responsibility in helping poor and burdened people. during the Easter Campaign „The Meal of joy”, that was held on April 12, 2014. Twelve energetic and enthusiastic volunteers from Balti and Stauceni had collected non-perishable food from

the shops Linella Stăuceni, Green Hills and Fidesco Balti, for lonely elderly people - beneficiaries of the Medico - Social Centers of Caritas Moldova and beneficiaries of Stăuceni social kitchen.

The volunteers had numbered the collected products and distributed them to 40 lonely elderly people in Glodeni, 35 people from Grigoruca village, Singerei district and 25 people from Stăuceni, Chisinau. The rest of the remained products (200 kg) were used for the beneficiaries daily feeding at the social kitchen of the Roman Catholic Parish from Stăuceni.

*„From the beginning there was a fear that people will not be receptive and will pass by, but people of a good will from Balti were seriously involved in this campaign. I am glad that we have managed! „*said Tatiana, a volunteer from Balti.

„Easter campaign „The Meal of joy „was something new by the fact that I was faced with the stressful and enjoyable situation to ask, to demand from others.

At first, it seemed to be annoying, because people preferred to ignore me, but thinking that these products were being collected for the poorer people as us, I spent the whole day standing on my feet. At the end of the day, I have realized how much pleasure I received and that actually I lived one good day in my life, I have done something good, and I felt myself satisfied morally and spiritually.

Then we distributed products, and this was that very part that impressed me a lot, because I was among the people who survive; the package of rice meant more for them than it seems to me. The people I saw were just materially poor, but in their eyes, could be seen so much hope. I was decided to do the same next year, to get involved for giving them a piece of bread „: told us Magda, a volunteer from Stăuceni.

Thus, through this project, have been achieved some of the objectives to support the younger generation by cultivating proper moral values, cultivation of the new social leaders and supporting the development of personality with solid social, political, economic, cultural and personal ideas.

Just because Caritas Moldova is not limited only with national sources, since 2013 our organization have received international volunteers through the EVS program (Agatha from France and Alfonso from Spain). During 2013, Agatha was involved in both activities: the office and the project implementation throughout the country. Since 2014, Alfonso, with his knowledge in photography, filming and video editing, has been dealing with the film about the Caritas Moldova work.



When you travel to a less known country, your expectations are changing every day, like the vision about this country and its inhabitants.

My name is Afonso and I am a volunteer in Caritas Moldova since July 2014.

I was pleasantly surprised by the number of projects implemented by Caritas Moldova in different areas such as education, medical and social care, homeless people assistance, trainings for children and youth, etc. For me it was a unique opportunity to learn about the social assistance and culture of a country that is in constant motion and change.

During the activity, I had worked on photo and video reports about Caritas projects and had implemented a photographic project with the homeless people.

Each of them received a disposable camera in order to present one day of their life, those things that make them happy, and the difficulties that they experience.

Through photography art, I tried to approach to the society one of the most vulnerable and hidden layers of it by demonstrating that each person can have values and skills, regardless of his social status.

I appreciate and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with this internationally recognized organization that is working for the most vulnerable people. Last but not the least, I would like to thank the employees of Caritas Moldova for the acceptance and support of my initiatives.

(Alfonso Garcia)



Activity Field

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Renovation of laboratories at the Vocational School in Riscani

GOAL: Improvement of education facilities and quality of education at the Vocational school.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 350 students aged 15-18 will benefit from renovated laboratories and classrooms. Laboratories were equipped for the following specializations: cook, welder, auto mechanic and carpenter.

DONOR: Caritas Switzerland, Leopold Bachmann Foundation and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)



Sport's field construction in Slobozia-Rascov village, Camenca district

GOAL: Creating an area for games and entertainment for children and adolescents from vulnerable families.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 25 preschool children and 65 children of school age and young people, in Slobozia-Rascov will benefit from sport field for mini-soccer, volleyball and basketball; and will receive gaming equipment and entertainment for children (slide, carousel, swing and climbing element).

DONOR: Czech Republic Embassy in Moldova



Renovation of the Pilot Complex of Curative Education „Orfeu” in Chisinau

GOAL: Creating necessary conditions for the rehabilitation and integration of disabled children of preschool and school ages.

ACHIEVEMENTS: After the technical expertise, the project execution and its construction have started, and are going to be finished in October 2015.

DONOR: Eastern European Fund of the Catholic Church “Renovabis.”



Renovation of Laboratories at the Vocational school in Ungheni

GOAL: Improvement of educational facilities and quality of education at the Vocational school

ACHIEVEMENTS: the technical project for building renovation has been elaborated during the year. The building serves as a laboratory for practical trainings. The renovation has been started in October 2014 and is planned to be completed in June 2015.

DONOR: Caritas Switzerland, Leopold Bachmann Foundation



Healthy choices for youth in preventing HIV/AIDS

GOAL: Prevention of infection and reduction of spreading HIV among youth from rural area, reduction of stigmatization of people with AIDS in rural areas (Căușeni district)

ACHIEVEMENTS: 97 young people aged 14-18 years, from Căușeni district have participated at training „ Healthy choices for youth in preventing HIV/AIDS” (50 hours). 87 adults from the same district have participated at „ HIV/AIDS prevention and the efficient communication between parents and children” (total number of hours - 24).

It also has purchased: a carousel for the playground Community Center, sports equipment (soccer balls, hoops, badminton sets), some technical equipment (a music center, camera, projector and screen), uniform for the school football team members, special sports equipment was purchased for the fitness room, a laptop and a camera

DONOR: Caritas Luxembourg



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Activity Field

Home Care

GOAL: Providing qualified medical and social assistance at home for people with insufficient means for existence in: Chisinau, Stauceni, Grigorauca, Stircea, Bender/Tighina, Tiraspol, Rascov

ACHIVEMENTS: In 2014, 497 patients benefited from Social Center services within the project, were made 16365 medical visits at home and 3643 visits with a social purpose.

A contract was signed with every beneficiary. After the family doctor's examination, a special home-care plan is prepared. The mobile team supervises the patient during 1-3 months. Every patient is provided with all necessary relieve pain medicines and symptoms required treatment, as well as with all needed hygiene materials. In some cases, bedridden patients are helped with medical equipment: multi-functional beds, wheel chairs, toilet chairs, crutches, walking sticks or other equipment to lighten their lives.

Along with medical services, house-cleaning services are provided and patient hygiene is maintained, shower and laundry, household help is given in cases where the recipient is lonely or bedridden.

Relatives and close people receive special training from nurses: methods and techniques of patient care, administration of drugs, massage to prevent pressure sores, etc.

Since April 2014, in Grigorauca village (Singerei district) began a new project "Dignity Life". This project includes providing remote support for the families in need by people or families from Caritas Czech Republic. Their help is individual

and depends on the beneficiaries needs. It can be a heating support during winter time, treatment, home repair and other special or urgent needs. In July 2014, 7 families had been already helped and 35 families are still waiting for help.

As well, during 2014, CF Caritas Moldova has provided 1630 home visits that were financed by CNAM with 148,864 lei.

DONOR: Caritas Vienna, Caritas Luxembourg, Caritas Czech Republic, Caritas Ostravsko-Opavsko (Czech Republic).





Capacity Enhancement in Cystic Fibrosis

GOAL: prolonging of life of the children and adults suffering of Cystic Fibrosis (CF)

ACHIEVEMENTS: 58 persons (children and adults) suffering of Cystic Fibrosis were: involved in awareness campaign and public information; received informational and technical support; had free access to some types of medicines; benefited of advocacy and lobby on the treatment protocol, the national program and conditions of hospitalization.

DONOR: Caritas Luxembourg



Activity Field

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Psycho-social assistance of lonely elderly people in Ribnita

GOAL: psycho-social assistance of lonely elderly people in Ribnita

ACHIEVEMENTS: 20 elderly people have benefited from the craft workshops activities, psychological counselling services, entertainment, sport and social activities, medical care, and hot meals.

In the craft workshops, seniors have organized New Year composition (Christmas/ Advent wreaths, icons, books, candlesticks, Christmas trees decorations, bags, hangers for children), have woven socks, gloves, scarves and have crochet dolls. They have learned new tech-

niques using recyclable materials for manual work.

There have been also organized visits to cinemas, museums, concert halls and art galleries. There were celebrated beneficiaries' birthdays and other holidays. There have been organized special sale exhibitions of works made in the workshops.

In the Center, works a medical assistant and other employees, that take care for each person's health and can help every elderly person to spend their time beautiful and healthy.

DONOR: Caritas Vienna



Night Shelter for Homeless People "Saint Stephan" in Stauceni, mun. Chisinau

GOAL: Reintegration of the homeless people into society, improvement of their moral and physical health condition.

ACHIEVEMENTS: During the year 2014, 72 people have benefited from the night shelter services, including 22 people have gained employment and have rented an apartment; 13 beneficiaries have reintegrated into their families.

The spectrum of services provided in the night shelter includes: night, food, clothing, sanitation conditions, medical examinations, me-

dicines; identification of cases by the social worker and establishment of individual intervention plan for each beneficiary, establishing a network social beneficiary; mobilization of the beneficiary resources; rehabilitation and social engagement of the homeless, providing psycho - social analysis, moral and spiritual support, leisure time activities, access to informational resources (TV, radio, newspaper, books), visits to the theater.

DONOR: Caritas Vienna



Remote adoption of children from underprivileged families „God Parents”

GOAL: remote support for children from disadvantaged families.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 40 children from socially vulnerable families from 13 rural areas: Rascov, Slobozia-Rascov, Grigorauca, Cretoaia, Stauceni and from urban area: Chisinau, Balti,

Ungheni, Riscani, Tiraspol, Ribnita, Bender have received financial and material support from the „God Parents” Austrian companies „Big” and „Salon Real”.

DONOR: Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft G.m.b.h, Salon Real/ Austria



EDUCATION PREVENTION AND YOUTH

Activity Field

Social integration of children from vulnerable families within Day Care Centers for children in Balti and Ribnita, Rascov village, Camenca district



GOAL: prevention of school abandonment, social reintegration of children from vulnerable families, socialization of children from boarding schools from Balti, Ribnita and Rascov village /Camenca district.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 134 children from socially vulnerable families, aged between 7-18 years have received: teaching assistance in homework preparing; computer training; Interest group activities, handicrafts; psycho-social and moral-spiritual education; primary health care; interactive activities, excursions, participation in sports competitions; organizing summer camps; a hot meal.

32 children have benefited from the Day Center services in Balti city. Teachers have organized social evenings for children, debates, lectures / seminars on different topics: ethics, aesthetics, the world around us, animals' world, natural sciences, etc. Children were actively involved in the children's Parliament. They were editing the monthly newspaper „Breeze”. In summer, the children took part in the summer camp

and participated in competitions, went on trips, etc.

37 children monthly benefited from the Day Centre services in Ribnita. Children were involved in charity activities (Christmas, Easter, Sick Day, etc.), in which they sold their handicrafts. With the collected money, were prepared food packages for the elderly and bedridden people. Were organized recreational activities for children, tours around historical places, visits to the cinema and participation in Christmas carols' festival.

In the handicraft workshops the children from Rascov Day Centre have discovered new talents in the workshops and tried to work with new materials such as polymer clay, zips, beads, with which they have managed to create jewelry and accessories.

During Summer time, 82 children from the Day Center and from the neighborhood took part in the summer camp. It has been also organized a joint camp in Tiraspol with the children from the Day Center „Petrushka”. The children



have shared their experience; have made friends with other children of their age that has strengthened relations between centers.



DONOR: ERSTE Foundation, Komensky Fond, Caritas Viena (Day Center in Balti), Caritas Viena (Day Center in Rascov), Caritas Viena (Day Center in Ribnita)

Social integration of children from disadvantaged families and children from boarding schools, through development of skills, within Creative workshop for children, Bender/Tighina

GOAL: social integration of children from disadvantaged families and children from boarding schools by developing skills in the Creative workshop for children, Bender/Tighina.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 20 talented children from poor families, aged between 9-17 years, have benefited from their work in workshops: batik painting, toy making, embroidery, artful hands; Psycho-social and spiritual education; Entertainment activities, development of interpersonal relationships and child orientation to Christian values professional skills; hot meals.

Thus in Workshop Artful Hands, 14 children have made up new toys and other works from various materials.

In Batik Painting workshops, 11 children have made a batik picture. Have been organized expositions and master-class lessons in the Bender/Tighina Art Museum, where children have shared their masterpieces and have shown their work techniques on batik design.

During Christian ethics lessons, 20 children have learned the most important Christian values. In August, children together with volunteers have participated at creative lessons and spiritual exercises in Rascov village, Camenca

district. During these activities, children have acquired dialogic communication skills, experience of conflict resolution, learned to apply their abilities, and practical knowledge helping to find independent solutions in different situations.

DONOR: Caritas Czech Republic, Congregation "Sacred Heart of Jesus" from Poland



Family reintegration and social integration of children from socially vulnerable families, temporarily placement for children at risk “Petrushka” Centre, Tiraspol

GOAL: family reintegration and social integration of children from socially vulnerable families, providing temporary shelter to children at risk, providing assistance to young people without parental care in continuing studies.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 27 children from the placement center and 39 children from the Day Center, 6 young people from the assisted flats had benefited from the following services:

Professional social assistance for children and their families; pedagogic-educational activities: daily assistance in doing homework; work in interest groups – drama groups and manual work, computer classes, educational classes and – life skills; psycho-social counselling of children and their families; Psycho-social and spiritual support: individual discussions with the priest, participation in liturgical ministry;

Cultural activities: visits to the theatre, cinema, museums, libraries, trips and excursions, thematic festivals, celebrating children's birthdays.

Was organized a summer camp with the children from the Rascov village Day Center, the children have shared their experience, made friends with the children of their age, which have strengthened relations between centers. Summer activities have continued with „Happy Island“, which proposed to create favorable conditions for children and adolescents soci-

alization in society. Every Friday were created „Theatre Fridays“ where children had the opportunity to demonstrate their talents. It has been organized different exhibitions and sale of works made by Children Centers at various local events.

Medical assistance: providing medical assistance in emergency cases; collaboration with the family doctor; if it is necessary - treatment of children at the local hospital.

Offering assisted apartments for 6 young people without parental care and support in continuing education. As a result, due to the project, two young people were able to become independent;

During the children's stay of at the center has been led an intensive work with their families. Have been improved living conditions and they have been helped to recover their rights to social benefits, to find a job and register their children in kindergarten / school.

Due to the co-operation of local authorities, 2 creative workshops have functioned with local financial support. The local football team and the Congregation “Sacred Heart of Jesus” have financially contributed to the purchase of clothes and gifts for children in need, beneficiaries of the Centre.

DONOR: Caritas Vienna



Preschool Education for children from Slobozia-Rascov village, Camenca district

GOAL: providing access to pre-school education for children living in communities with no kindergartens.

ACHIEVEMENTS: 10 preschool aged children from Stircea village, Glodeni district, which are former beneficiaries of the Preschool Center in Stircea village (project finished in 2013) have been supported to continue learning. This ensures further children's education in accordance with the age peculiarities principles, basic social and communication skills.

During the year 2014, 25 children in Slobozia-Rascov village, Camenca district were involved in teaching and intellectual development, educational games, which led to their health improvements, physical /intellectual develop-

ment and socialization. Children have been receiving free food during the day.

In addition, families where children come from, had benefited from social assistance and had participated in trainings organized by an expert in psychology, who practices his work in child – family field.

Day Care Center for children from Slobozia-Rascov village, Camenca district had hosted and participated in many holidays: St. Nicholas, Christmas, Easter, Martisor, International Mother's Day, International Children's Day. During these holidays, parents and children have enjoyed the exciting artistic programs, presentation of songs, poetry and plays.

DONOR: Caritas Vienna



Resource center for parents and specialists interested in rehabilitation and social inclusion of children with special educational needs (SEN)

GOAL: to inform and counsel parents and specialists as concerns the rehabilitation of children with special educational needs (SEN).

ACHIEVEMENTS: In 2014, 30 children and their parents from Singerei town and the district had benefited from free consultations of the Resource Center.

53 specialists who work with children with special needs from the district and from the republic (Bender, Dubasarii Noi, Glodeni, Chisinau) had benefited from the Center's work. The seminars and trainings were carried out for 20 parents who raise children with SEN. During the seminars, parents were involved in various activities related to

the socialization and education of their children.

18 volunteers received instructions on how to organize leisure time for children from the rehabilitation institutions or children with SEN.

During the year, specialists from the Center have organized the following activities:

31 January 2014 - training for parents „Leisure time - how to be with my child”; February 7, 2014 - was held a seminar with the subject „Physical therapy in the home recovery of children with CMI”; February 11, 2014 - was organized the second part of the training seminar on „Physical therapy in the home recovery of children with

CMI". This seminar was attended by social services and mobile teams of the country; April 9, 2014 - was organized a volunteers' training „Voluntary activities in working with children with SEN". This training had been attended by 19 volunteers; June 10 - training for parents "Education without palms"; organized to improve and strengthen the relationships between parent - child and child - parent; July 2, 2014 - training for social workers from the district. Was organized the seminar with the subject: „Social assistance of children with CMI" to further welfare improvement of children with SEN; 18 - December was held a round table on the topic: „Resource Center as a partner in the development of social services for children with SEN" where school teachers, mobile team speci-



alists and psycho-pedagogues specialists from Singerei were involved in.

DONOR: Caritas Luxemburg

„Family first, the rights of children - now"

GOAL: capacity building of non-governmental actors and competent authorities from Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine regarding the implementation of the UN Commission recommendations concerning the child rights.

ACHIEVEMENTS: On May 15, 2014, in the International Free University of Moldova was held an International Scientific-Practical conference „Preserving the integrity of the family – a priority policy for the child protection"

The conference brought together over 150 participants from Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Romania and Austria, practitioners and academics, social workers, psychologists, managers and educators, masters and PhDs. The Participants had discussed such topics as: the role and the involvement of the Church in family members' promotion and support, moral and ethical issues, Caritas model in assisting the family and its members in different countries, the state's role in implementing the social protection of families and children and government policies, modern family: child care needs and risks, the role of academic world in the family study related issues, staff and the young generation training, the support of families at risk of split-up or divorce, pro-family reforms, positive practices, prevention of the child institutiona-

lization: family work, family as a partner in social integration of vulnerable members and others.

Among guests of honor have been included: Anton Cosa – the Bishop of Chisinau, Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova, Mrs. Valentina Buliga, Mr Gerhard Schaumberger, the Head of ADC, Austrian Embassy, Mr. Valeriu Ghiletschi, the Member of Parliament of Moldova and Mrs. Barbara Wolf as a representative of Caritas Vienna, partners of Caritas Moldova - Foundation „Aspern" from Kiev and Caritas Belarus.

The General Assembly of Caritas Moldova was held on 26 September, having the **Family** as main topic. In his welcoming speech the Bishop Anton Coşa said: *"Speaking about the situation of family at this General Assembly, the following question imposes itself: what role does Caritas have in sustaining the families? Trying to answer this question, I point out that we cannot reduce our charitable commitment just to a simple existentialism of social offices from our ministries or mayoralities".*

Caritas Moldova has implemented its child protection policy in the framework of a training organized in Ribnita parish, with the participation of the expert from Austria, Mrs.



Astrid Wrinckler, and with the participation of 20 employers involved in different activities with children. As well, in the framework of this project, the local expert Mrs. Victoria Adascalita evaluated the protection and child-care service. It was a participatory evaluation, in which were interviewed: 27 employees and 29 children; were organized 2 focus groups. Based on this information, the expert prepared the evaluation report and the proposal of improving the working methodology of Caritas Moldova children day centers.

DONOR: Caritas Austria, Austrian Development Agency

„Children with future – future for children”

GOAL: creating an environment in which children and young people from rural areas are assisted in developing perspectives – for themselves and for their peers, psychological and educational assistance for children who have no communication with parents and usually get easily into a depressive state.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 30 people have attended the training „Key Concepts in preventing suicide among children and young people” held between 11-13 March, 2014. They were familiarized with the suicide problem among children and adolescents, ways of its prevention, and how to act in crisis situations. The training was moderated by Dr. Claudius Stein, the representative of the „Krisenintervention-szentrum” organization, Vienna, Austria.
- 486 children were involved in leisure activities and educational summer camps organized on June 2-6, 2014. They were held in Orhei district, and in such

villages as: Mitoc, Putintei, Ciocilteni and Orhei town.

- 26 trainers were trained in the ToT „Methods of educational intervention in preventing suicidal behavior among pupils”, held between 4 and 8 August 2014. This training was aimed to facilitate organization of weekly meetings in Youth Clubs.
- on the 10th of September were organized workshops for children and youth in the Cathedral Square of Chisinau as a World Day Celebration of the Suicide Prevention.



- Since September 2014, 126 children have attended weekly meetings held within youth clubs.
- Design and Publishing of the informational materials on the subject of suicide prevention and publishing of a trainers guide „Life is a gift“.
- 30 people (teachers, psychologists) have attended the training „Fundamental con-

cepts in crisis intervention“, which was organized on October 8-10, 2014. The moderators of this training were Dr. Klaus Schweinbacher and Mag. Karin Spinka, representatives of the Austrian organization „Die Boje“, that provides children and adolescents' assistance in crisis situations.

DONOR: Caritas Austria with financial support of Austrian Development Cooperation

„Youth for Community and World“

GOAL: raising the participation of young people in community development and in decision-making processes at the local and national level.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Within the project, were visited some young people - prospective volunteers, whom were presented the foundation activities and the reason of why we need volunteers, what is the volunteer activity and other issues related to volunteering. Were formed volunteer groups; have been identified group moderators and have been organized trainings for them; have been monthly gathered on thematic meetings in youth groups; have been actively involved in activities and campaigns organized by parishes and mission. Thus, five volunteer groups were active (around 45 young people), and were involved in social activities at the community level.

The group moderators have assumed the commitment to develop volunteering in the

„Young Caritas“ network, by motivating and mobilizing new young people in volunteering. They have noticed that volunteering represents not only a community development but a personal growth too. Thus, project moderators have shared the achieved successes and the realized activities as well as the faced difficulties. Within the project, for them were organized trainings in the development of personal capacities and working with beneficiaries; solidarity training lessons within the Easter Campaign „The Meal of Joy“ for volunteer group leaders (Balti, Stauceni) and within the „Faith Candle“ campaign were organized two training modules „Moderators and community youth group leaders' training.“ Moreover, being active volunteers, they have created a good atmosphere and have shared their activities performed in the „Festival of Volunteers“, annually organized by Caritas Moldova.

DONOR: Dusseldorf



Activity Field

DISASTER PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Improving food supply for children in Chisinau Municipal Hospital of Physiopulmonology

GOAL: monthly supply of nutritional ratio of children from Chisinau Municipal Hospital of Physiopulmonology, for achieving a higher efficiency in treatment and preventing relapses.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Between the period of June and December 2014, 135 children (0-18 years) hospitalized in the Municipal Hospital

of Physiopulmonology have enjoyed a daily supplementary feeding in form of dairy products (yogurt, cheese), juice, fruit and vegetables puree. The supply of nutritional ration is rich in proteins, carbohydrates, fats and contributes to efficient treatment and infection prophylaxis.

DONOR: Caritas Switzerland

Humanitarian Aid

GOAL: providing humanitarian aid to socially vulnerable families and improvement of material and technical basis of the social-medical institutions from the Republic of Moldova;

ACHIEVEMENTS: During 2014, Caritas Moldova had received and distributed humanitarian aid in the form of: winter/summer clothes for children, women and men, multifunctional beds, bedside tables, bed linen, orthopedic care equipment, school furniture (desks, chairs, blackboard), wood for the playing field construction, sanitary products (gel for dishes, sanitary napkins, washing window solution) and food.

The goods were donated to non-governmental organizations in: Chisinau, Prepelita; to the local authorities from the villages: Colibasi, Macaresti, Costuleni, Putintei, Cosernita, Voinova; to the asylums from: Cocieri, Susleni, Chisinau; to the Public Health Institutions in: Balti, Orhei; to the General Department of Social Assistance in Chisinau, and to the General Department of Penitentiary Institutions.

DONOR: Caritas der Erzdiocese Wien, Caritas Switzerland, Kukukkultur, Clean House LLC.





„Whoever serves me, My Father will honour him”. (Jn 12, 26)

In the midst of the current problems of Moldova we could lose our focus and forget to what we, collaborators of charity, have been called. Political confrontations and economy's challenges can bring our mind to elsewhere. But in these moments we are even more called to forget our personal ego and pour light over the poor.

Today, more and more we see in Moldova how is shaping a new profile of the poor - on the one hand are those whose rights are not respected - or they have lost their savings or their rights, or they cannot benefit of what they are entitled. On the other hand are those, who are „poor in spirit” – so means their poverty is more a state of mind, a habit, an expectation from the others, an incapability to fight for his own life, a limitation of the heart. But behind every social phenomenon or behaviour are people. People who suffer from material or spiritual poverty.

The love of Christ urges us to care for them without making difference between people, to go and meet them without being judgmental, creating services that stimulate participation and inclusion, expression of solidarity and opening of our hearts.

Thank you!

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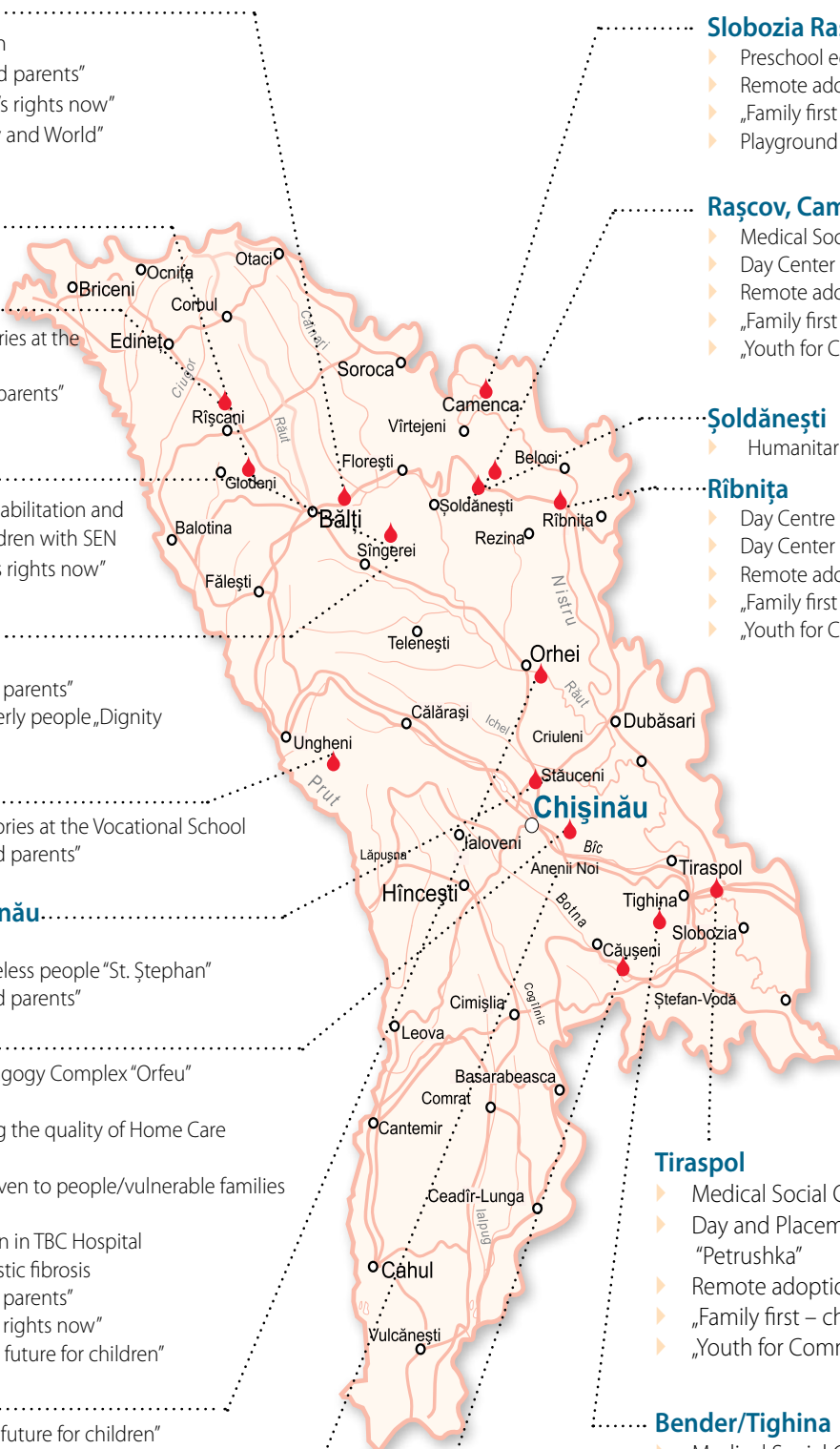
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