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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Moldova is a small country without exit to the sea. It is situated in the Southern side of Europe. It borders in the West on Romania. In the North, East and South it is surrounded by Ukraine. The land extends itself in the North and South on above 350 km, in West-Eastern side it extends on more than 150 km and it has the total area of 33.843 km².

A smaller part of the Republic of Moldova (about 12%) lies to the East of Dnjester and in 1992 it has selfdeclared as Transnistria. The whole land is divided into 32 districts and 3 cities. Nowadays Republic of Moldova is divided according to the politically regard on 3 land parts: the selfdeclared Republic of Transnistria, the autonomous area of Gagausia and the remaining state area.

The capital of the Republic of Moldova is Chisinau city. Other bigger cities is Bender and Tighina city (also Bender), Cahul, Rîbnita, Tiraspol (capital of Transnistria).

The form of the government of the Republic of Moldova is the parliamentary democracy. The president is chosen by the parliament.

The number of the inhabitants is approx. 4.5 million (July, 2005) and 765,000 people from them live in Chisinau.

Republic of Moldova near Albania is the poorest state of Europe (with blooming corruption). Up to its independence, at the beginning of the '90 year, Republic of Moldova was one of the wealthiest Soviet republics. Since then the economic position has drastically changed having caused big poverty, above all of the rural population. As a consequence, 85% of the population live under the poverty border. The average month wage raises to 30 euro (approx. 465 Lei). The pensioners receive approx. 19 euro per month. The industry is struck by a crisis which cannot be overcome for many years. The unemployment rate has also terrifically been risen. To cover the most important life costs, at least 100 euros would be monthly necessary. For economic reasons and in order to protect the standard of living, a quarter of the population (approx. 1 mil.)

has left illegally the country for abroad, at the local level remaining elder people.

The bad economic condition of the families is the prevailing reason for the children' institutionalisation. The local system is still financed from the budget. Because of the precarious economic situation in the country side the financial means were drastically shortened for this field. The orphanages which should provide education and care to handicapped children and children from deprived families as well as to orphan children go to ruin. Most of the buildings are old and damaged, initially many being built for other purposes, hence, they are unfit. These buildings are bad maintained and don't correspond to the actual needs of the children. To note as well that the feeding is insufficient. The health state of the children depends as well on the feeding, hygienic condition, environment and psychical factors. According to statistics, 72.68% of the children have somatic illnesses, approx. 83.5% of children suffer simultaneous from several illnesses. The education provided within the orphanages is minimal, the teachers often are shortage of qualification and continuing training and with it also of the necessary motivation.

To the socially target population groups belong also the elder and sick people, invalids and large families whose insufficient living standard was caused by the bad economic situation of the country.

In order to achieve positive changes in this regards, PRO UMANITAS would like to provide its contribution to the improvement of the livingstandard of the mentioned target groups through the distribution of clothes and foods, projects' development as well as to improve their general living condition.

Short information about the structure of PRO UMANITAS

The charity Association PRO UMANITAS with its office in Chisinau, capital of the Republic of Moldova, was founded on the 23rd September, 2003 and registered on the 08th October, 2003 by the Ministry of Justice from which PRO UMANITAS received the

state recognition. During the meeting of the association' council as well as within the Ministry of Justice there was confirmed the statute as the basis of the association's activity.

The founders and members of the association have good experience in the field of humanitarian aid and within collaboration with local and international relief organizations.

In 2004 PRO UMANITAS has received the state certificate from the Ministry of Justice which confirms the public utility of the association and which substantially would make easier the activity.

All important decisions with regard to the activity of PRO UMANITAS are taken by the board which is consist of 6 members and Father Piotr, our spiritual leader. In the office of PRO UMANITAS there are 4 employees.

Within the development of projects the local volunteers provide an essential help and participation.

Goals of the association:

- Help for orphan children and young people from poor families;
- Support for the elder and handicapped people;
- Development of the humanitarian actions;
- Collaboration with nongovernmental and international relief organizations.

Target groups:

- Orphan children as well as children and young people from poor families;
- Disabled and sick people.

The collaboration with various organisations from Austria, France, Germany and Switzerland allows to transform PRO UMANITAS' plans into reality.

1. OUR PROJECTS DURING 2005

1.1. Center of professional training for young people and daily center for children in Grigorauca village, Sîngerei district

The center trains the young people and it makes possible for them after graduating the school and being without any available financial means to learn a profession. To note the following training courses within the center like being the agricultural field, mechanics, radio, sewing classes, foreign language study, computer classes, hairdo workshop.



the professional training center in Grigorauca before



... after repair

The children will have the possibility to develop their abilities in music, foreign language study, computer.



so looks now the computer class

The center foresees for the future to train up to 85 young people and children.



official opening of the center

The project's donors:

Austrian Agency for Development in collaboration with Hilfswerk Austria, family Garst through "Help for children in Need" Organisation for future (HCN), Switzerland, "Hilfswerk Liechtenstein", "Aluplast", Company, Germany.



the so long waited goal is achieved

The council from Sîngerei district, the town hall from Grigorauca village and the Ministry of Education from Republic of Moldova will issue certificates at the end of the young people' training within the center.



here there are held the theoretical lessons for sewing

1.2. Repair works within the boarding - school for mental handicapped children in Strășeni district

The boarding – school in Straseneni faced great problems in 2005: the bad condition of the roof, no water system which since the last 15 years has not been working, destroyed sanitary links within the bathrooms and toilets of 2 dormitories of the children, bad water running within the soup kitchen and laundry.



before repair works



after repair works

1.2.1. Repair of the sanitary links (bath and WC) within the dormitory

In collaboration with „KINDERMISSIONSWERK” Organisation, Germany there were repaired the sanitary links within one of 2 dormitories where children sleep. To this project, the council from Straseneni

district has also financially contributed, in particular paying partial for the building materials.



Sanitary links before repair works



sanitary links after repair

In the nearest future there is foreseen the repair of the sanitary links within the 2nd dormitory with the financial support of the same German donor.

1.2.2. Water supply

The appropriate water source was built 800 m far from the boarding-school's building and the water running has been connected to it. The water runs to the dormitories and as a result, the children will have daily water.



Installation of the water pipes



The Ambassador of the German Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Wolfgang Lerke (first from right side) and Mr. Peter Garst (right side, HCN' President) after evaluation of the water supply project.

1.2.3. Repair of the roofs

Due to the participation of the Austrian Agency for Development and Hilfswerk Austria there was installed new roof on 2 dormitories of the boarding-school. It was urgent to install because the water after rain was running direct in the dormitories and it made the walls wet. Simultaneous, the Council of Straseni district paid for the installment of the new roof on the school within the boarding-school.



Installment of the new roofs on 2 dormitories



So looks now the new roof



Intern look of the dormitory before repair



Intern state of the dormitory after repair

1.3. Repair works within the sport hall of the middle school in Grigorauca village, Sîngerei district

Mr. Manfred Ahlbrecht in collaboration with the German Football Association, Mabanaff, Zürich and Adidas – Salomon AG has contributed to the repair works of the gym hall: having installed a new wood floor, windows, doors, changing rooms, the office of the sport teacher, the hall near the sport room and the outside side of the gym hall.



The sport hall before repair works

In the same time there was bought new sport equipment in order to facilitate the gym education of up to 300 children who attend the school.



Installation of the new floor



The sport hall today



The new sport cloths and sport shoes bring a lot of joy to children

Due to the donated sport cloths and sport shoes the pupils will be able to participate within different regional contests.

1.4. Soup kitchens for children and elder people in Stauceni village and Grigorauca village

The maintenance of the soup kitchen within the Parish in Stauceni has been financially supported since the last 2 years by Mrs. Doris Epple, President of Doris Epple Stiftung, Germany. The soup kitchen provided monthly

warm meals to 33 elder people, 19 sick people, 80 children, 13 orphan children from Stauceni.



The soup kitchen in Grigorauca

The soup kitchen within the Parish in Grigorauca village was financially supported during 2005 by family Garst from Switzerland, Father Hans Bock and the Roman-Catholic Parish from Schierling, Germany as well as by Caritas Moldova. Monthly within this canteen 29 grown-ups who can't move, 64 children from whom 44 children are from the nearest village benefit warm meals.

1.5. Little projects

1.5.1. Meeting with parishioners

During 2005 year, in the first Sunday of each month Father Klaus Kniffki after church service organized meetings with the parishioners from Chisinau. Especially the elder people were invited and waited at these meetings where there were also invited guests and representatives of international organizations who were visiting at that moment Republic of Moldova.

1.5.2. Easter action from "Pro Moldavia e. V."

In 2004 the same as in 2005 "Pro Moldavia e.V." Organisation from Germany through PRO UMANITAS provided seeds to the people in need especially who live in villages. The distribution of the seeds was done through the Roman-Catholic Parishes of the country. As a result, the beneficiaries appreciated the good harvest which resulted from the seeds of high quality.

1.5.3. Foods for the elder people' house in Straseni district

During 2005 year, 29 elder people from the elder people' house in Straseni were provided with foods. The project's development was supported by Mr. Dr. Gottfried Prenner from Austria.

In the same time Caritas Moldova provided twice flour (3000 kg) and various vegetables to this elder people' house and to the boarding-school of mental handicapped children in Straseni.

1.5.4. Easter action

The children from the boarding - school of mental handicapped children in Straseni received Easter sweets. The project was organized together with funds from Mr. Josef Krutzler from Austria.



Mr. Josef Krutzler (left side) and Mr. Gottfried Prenner (right side)

A large and poor family from Grigorauca village was supported in order to buy the needed medicine for the children.



support for the large family in Grigorauca

In the same time the kindergarten from Grigorauca was provided with toys for children. This action was possible due to Mrs. Agnes Schuesseler who contributed through Sister Christophora from Germany.



School supplies for children from the average school in Gangura

With financial support from Mrs. Agnes Schuesseler there were bought school supplies for children from the middle school in Gangura village, Ialoveni district.

1.5.5. Children Day

On 1st of June 2005, at the international children day, the mental handicapped children from the boarding - school in Straseni enjoyed sweets, school supplies as well as visits from our volunteers. The project was organized together with Dr. Gottfried Prenner, Austria and Mrs. Monique Berenguer "Les enfants d'Edinet", France.



Children' joy during the international children day

1.6. Summer camp for children from Grigorauca village

In collaboration with Sister Christophora from Germany and Mr. Josef Krutzler from Austria, there was possible to organize the summer camp for 120 children during 10 days in Grigorauca. Father Vladislav from the local Parish together with nuns and local volunteers organized the program of the summer camp. There were organized drawing contests and various games between children as well as discussion in groups.



Contests within the summer camp's program



Handicraft workshop for children within the summer camp

1.7. Repair works within the boarding - school from Congaz village

In collaboration with Mr. Manfred Ahlbrecht from Germany and Doris Epple Stiftung, Germany there was repaired and installed new taps and water pipes within the laundry and bathroom, there were bought 2 new wash baths for cloths' wash and for children and there were installed new heating pipes in the sport hall.



The repair works have been done with quality

The next step will be to provide the sport hall with needed sport equipment.

1.8. Christmas gifts

Before Christmas time there were bought sweets for 55 children from poor families and the Christmas party was organized within

"Hoffnung" center from Chisinau. The project was supported by Father Hans Bock from Schierling, Germany.



This day will remain for a long time in the children' memory

In the same time, "Pro Moldavia e.V." Organisation from Gladbeck, Germany offered financial support in order to provide children from various families in need from the country side with Christmas gifts. Through the Parishes there was distributed funds and there were bought sweets for up to 746 children.

1.9. Foods donated by METRO shop from Chisinau

Together with Mr. Manfred Ahlbrecht, Germany and in name of PRO UMANITAS, METRO shop from Chisinau offered 1 ton – rice, 170 kg – buckwheat, 220 kg – macaroni, 220 kg washing powder, 40 liter oil.



Father Klaus Kniffki with gratitude receives the foods from METRO

Further, the foods were offered to the soup kitchen for children and elder people from Stauceni, Grigorauca, orphanage nr. 2 from Chisinau, boarding - school with mental handicapped children and the elder people' house from Straseni district.

2. TRANSPORTS WITH HUMANITARIAN AID

During 2005 PRO UMANITAS received humanitarian aid for 71360 EUR and in volume of 72595,5 kg. The goods were received from "Hilfe fuer Osteuropa e.V." Organisation, Germany, "Hilfswerk Liechtenstein", Association "Les enfants d'Edinet", France, "Viva Westfalen hilft e.V.", Germany, Adidas – Salomon AG, Germany, "Pro Moldavia e.V.", Germany, Jahncke Fruchtsaeffe Konzentrate GmbH, Germany, "ORA International", Republic of Moldova, "Zikurat", building material shop, Republic of Moldova, "Aktion Hoffnung" Organisation, Germany.

In October 2005 PRO UMANITAS received as humanitarian aid the truck Mercedes 814 L from "Pro Moldavia e.V.", Organisation, Germany as well as a great quantity of lamps which were installed within the boarding-school in Straseni. The received truck will be used by PRO UMANITAS for transporting humanitarian aid and within the projects which foreseen repair works for the boarding – school in Straseni.



The children from the middle school in Grigorauca are glad because of the donated sport shoes by ADIDAS – SALOMON AG



As always the received humanitarian aid from "Hilfe fuer Osteuropa e.V." is well stocked and well packed



The children from the TBC hospital in Chisinau receive sweets from Mrs. Monique Berenguer, President "LES ENFANTS D'EDINET" Association



The donated washing machine is foreseen for the new children center of family type in Cojusna





The new cloth was donated by "VIVA WESTFALEN HILFT E.V.", Germany and it was distributed through 21 organisations for 4930 people



Mr. Wolfgang Lerke (1st from the right side), Ambassador of Germany in RM, Mr. Peter Garst, (middle), President of HCN distribute directly to children from the boarding- school in Straseni parcels with daily needs



The content of the parcel brought joy to children

The goods through 21 nongovernmental organisations were distributed to the boarding – school for mental handicapped children in Straseni, to the orphanage with blind children in Bălți city, to the kindergarten from Grigorauca village and to other institutions.

3. PERSPECTIVES

- Children center of family type in Cojusna village, Straseni district
- Daily center for children in Ochiul Alb village, Drochia district
- Support for the development of the professional training center for young people and daily center for children in Grigorauca village
- Repair works within the boarding-school for mental handicapped children in Straseni district
- Help for the orphanage with blind children in Balti city
- Support for the orphanage in Congaz village
- Maintenance of the soup kitchens for children and elder people from the country
- Project "Children village"
- Help for students from poor families
- Receipt and distribution of humanitarian aid.

4. MEETINGS 2005

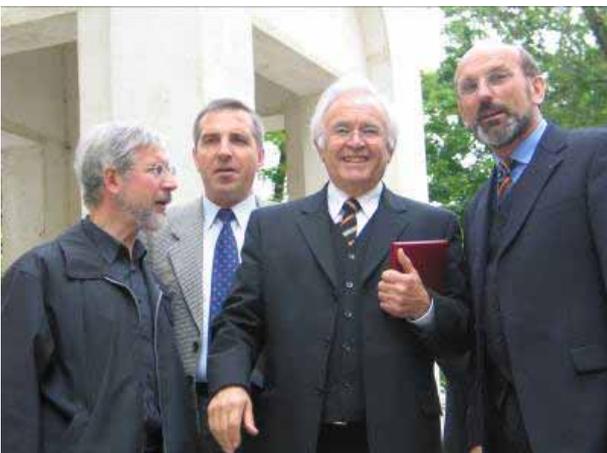


March 2005

Mr. Peter Garst (2nd from the right side) and Mrs. Martha Garst (3rd from the right side) together with the administration from Straseni district during the signature of the agreement for the children center of family type in Cojusna village for 2006

April 2005

Mrs. Ursula Honeck (in the middle) and Mr. Gunte Köllner (from the right side), representatives of "Hilfe fuer Osteuropa e.V." Organisation during their visit in PRO UMANITAS



May 2005

Father Hans Bock (2nd from the right side) and Mr. Fritz Wallner (1st from the right side), Schierling, Germany visiting Moldova



July 2005

Mr. Manfred Ahlbrecht in discussion with Mr. Valerian Cristea, Vice-prime minister of the Republic of Moldova

November 2005

Mr. Dieter Langbein, (middle) Consul of the German Embassy in the Republic of Moldova visiting PRO UMANITAS after finishing the project "Water supply for the boarding- school of mental handicapped children in Straseni", funded by the German Embassy



November 2005

Mrs. Ursula Jahncke, Germany and Mr. Peter Garst, Switzerland visiting the boarding-school with mental handicapped children in Straseni discuss the possibilities to help this children institution



The Council, staff and all volunteers of the charity Association PRO UMANITAS would like to express the profound gratitude to all donors. The collaboration with you give us the possibility during 2005 year to develop the above mentioned social projects and to distribute a great volume of humanitarian aid providing in this way the needed and well - timed help to the target groups. We wish you God's Blessing, peace, health, success in the new year 2006!

Partners of PRO UMANITAS

Austria:

- Dr. Josef Krutzler, Pinkafeld
- Franziskusgemeinschaft, Pinkafeld
- Hilfswerk Austria, Wien
- "Osteuropahilfe", Dr. Gottfried Prenner, Pinkafeld

France:

- Association "Les enfants d'Edinet", Paris

Germany:

- Adidas - Salomon AG
- Aktion Hoffnung, Ettringen
- Aluplast Company, Karlsruhe
- Doris Epple Stiftung, Öhningen-Wangen
- Father Hans Bock and the Catholic Parish from Schierling
- Football Association
- "Hilfe für Osteuropa e.V.", Todtnau
- Jahncke Fruchtsaeffe Konzentrate GmbH, Drochtersen
- „KINDERMISSIONSWERK“, Aachen
- Mr. Manfred Ahlbrecht, Ihn
- "Pro Moldavia e.V.", Gladbeck
- Sister Christophora, Düren
- "VIVA- Westfallien hilft e.V." Ascheberg

Liechtenstein:

- Hilfswerk Liechtenstein, Triesen

Republic of Moldova:

- Caritas Moldova, Chisinau
- Catholic Parishes from Moldova
- "Corina", Travel agency, Chisinau
- "Durlesteanu&Partners", lawyer office, Chisinau
- Firma "Miscare", Chisinau
- German Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau
- ORA International, Chisinau
- "Zikurat", building material shop, Chisinau

Switzerland:

- "Help for Children in Need", Evilard
- Mabanaft, Zürich