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## CARITAS MEANS MERCY



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***The human being has an unlimited value because he was created in God's image and he is the object and the aim of God's love. The person's supreme spiritual value is being revealed through his way to God. The way to God is only possible through care towards other people. Following the path to God means to encounter people.***

***Taking care of people is only possible when the person lives within the society and cannot exist outside the society. For this reason the unique existence of the human being means the existence among people and collaboration with them. The human being is the beginning of society and that's why the human being must be the aim of all social actions. The human relationships are meetings which are not possible without God; the main element of these relationships is mutual care.***

***Taking care of somebody means helping the one whose situation is worse than yours. Many people live in poverty and our mercy could be their only hope and salvation.***

***Taking care of somebody means knowing how to speak about mercy; and not just empty talks but knowing to say the exact words which will determine other people to help somebody; those words can heal souls.***

***Taking care of somebody means knowing how to take the right decisions. Each of us has different authority but each person can take certain decisions according to his responsibility level and these decisions will bring him closer to the merciful Lord.***

*We are deeply grateful to our European partners; without their help we wouldn't be able to put in practice many important projects for our country.*

*We want to express gratitude to the citizens of Republic of Moldova who responded to our calls to help persons in need.*

*We are grateful to our volunteers who involved selflessly in all our campaigns.*

*We want to thank all those who stood by us in 2017 and took care and were merciful towards those in need.*



Charity Foundation Caritas Moldova, was established on May 10, 1995 by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Chisinau and reorganised through transformation from Catholic Religious Mission "Caritas Moldova", it is a non-profit, public organisation that carries out humanitarian and charity actions, which contribute to eradicate poverty and set up equitable social systems.

Our foundation carries out its activities all over Moldova, through its national team (47 employees and 160 volunteers) and the regional network in Chisinau, Stauceni, Balti, Tiraspol, Bender/Tighina, Ribnita, Orhei, Starcea (Glodeni), Grigorauca (Singerei), Cretoaia (Anenii Noi), Rascov and Slobozia Rascov (Camenca).

Charity Foundation Caritas Moldova is a member of Caritas Europa, with 49 members and of Caritas Internationalis, with 165 members, representing Catholic human development and social assistance service, aiming to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed, regardless of race, religion, age, sex, occupation or political orientation.

### MISSION

The Mission of Caritas Moldova is to exercise Christian charity in support of those in need, promoting social justice and defending human dignity.

### VISION

Caritas Moldova aspires to create a community based on solidarity, focusing on promoting human dignity, common good, truth and freedom.

### VALUES

Caritas Moldova is an organization formed by a motivated and responsible team, which is guided by Christian values and principles, such as **human dignity, solidarity, compassion, volunteering, integrity and transparency.**

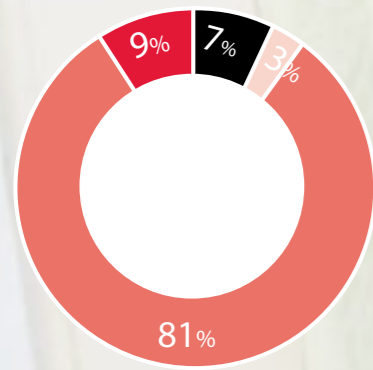
## AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- ✓ SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
- ✓ MEDICAL AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
- ✓ EDUCATION, PREVENTION, YOUTH
- ✓ ADVOCACY AND PROMOTION

# SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

The social assistance services are based on social inclusion, supporting the elderly, prevention of street people phenomenon, emergency aid for vulnerable people/ families who live in extreme poverty and are under social risk.

During 2017:



**740** PEOPLE

- HOMELESS PEOPLE
- UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN
- ELDERLY
- GROWNUPS IN EXTREME POVERTY

## SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES



ACCOMMODATION	70
HUMANITARIAN AID	85
FINANCIAL SUPPORT	91
FOOD	160
COUNSELING AND INFORMATION	365



## PROJECT: "INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE/ FAMILIES AT SOCIAL RISK"

Caritas  
Vienna

The project "Individual assistance for underprivileged people/ families at social risk" started in 2014 with the support of Caritas Vienna, and has as main objective to reduce the social risk of persons/ families with many children who live in extreme poverty, through humanitarian or financial assistance in emergency cases for overcoming the difficult life situations.

**Impact:** 130 people benefited of financial help or social assistance in 2017 within the project "Individual assistance for underprivileged people/ families at social risk"



*Caritas Moldova donated a cow to a socially vulnerable family with six children.*

On August 30, 2017, Caritas Moldova donated a cow to a socially vulnerable family with six children. This family lives in Ochiu Ros, a depopulated village due to lack of employment and migration of population, without a school and without a kindergarten. This cow is welcome because it will give children a healthy dietary supplement, important for their physical development. Next year, the family is ready to donate the calf to another poor family in need.

**"They always wanted a cow, but financial difficulties, the lack of a stable job did not allow such a purchase. Children are delighted, happy to have a hot morning meal, cheese and more"**

– Victoria, coordinator of social projects

## PROJECT: "DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID"

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Ukraine - Holland

The project "Distribution of Humanitarian Aid" has as primary objective the distribution of humanitarian aid to the most disadvantaged persons on the entire territory of the Republic of Moldova.

**Impact:** in 2017 Caritas Moldova distributed 5168 kg of humanitarian aid with a total value of 979, 50 Euros with the support and donations from "Stichting Caritas Ukraine- Holland. The batch of donations included: second hand women's and men's clothes, school furniture (desks and chairs), bed linen, wheelchairs, walkers, mattresses, kitchen utensils, office furniture, blankets, curtains, a musical keyboard etc.

### Beneficiaries:

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (RESERVE FUND) – secondhand clothes for disadvantaged families and persons, elderly and families with many children;

CHISINAU MUNICIPALITY – furniture for people who live in extreme poverty;

GRIGORAUCA AND PETROPAVLOVKA VILLAGES FROM SINGEREI DISTRICT – school furniture for children who attend the day centre; clothes and bed linen for underprivileged persons and families;

CRETOAIA VILLAGE FROM ANENII NOI DISTRICT - school furniture for children who attend the day centre; clothes and bed linen for underprivileged persons and families;

STARCEA VILLAGE FROM GLODENI DISTRICT - secondhand clothes for people in extreme poverty;

FUNDAȚIA "HOSPICE ANGELUS" – secondhand clothes for people in extreme poverty;

FOUNDATION "THE ECHO OF CHERNOBYL" – school furniture, a drawing table, sports stock for children whose parents participated in removing the consequences of the nuclear accident in Chernobyl.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND FAMILY PROTECTION OF UNGHENI - second hand clothes for vulnerable persons and families, elderly, one parent families from Ungheni district.

"SOSTRODANIE" NGO, CEADIR LUNGA - second hand clothes, bed linen for families with many children, one parent families, elderly and persons with disabilities.



## PROJECT: "NIGHT SHELTER FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE ST.STEFAN", STAUCENI

Caritas  
Vienna

The project "Night shelter for homeless people St.Stefan", was launched in 2006, with the financial support of the Cardinal Christoph Schonborn and Caritas Vienna. The aim of this project is to reintegrate in society adult, homeless persons.

### Impact in 2017:

- ✓ 68 people benefited of accommodation and warm meals;
- ✓ All beneficiaries went through a medical check-up for TB, HIV and skin diseases;
- ✓ 11 people went through a more detailed health check-up and were prescribed treatment;
- ✓ 25 persons were hired and managed to rent a space for living;
- ✓ 10 persons were reintegrated back into their families;
- ✓ 7 persons received identity cards;



"When I was 4 years old my father died and my mother was deprived of parents' rights; so I was sent to the orphanage. I grew up there and learned until the 9th grade. After that I moved to Chisinau and learned the tailor profession at the professional school. It is very hard to make it on your own without parents' support, and without having a place to live. I turned to the Night Shelter St.Stefan for help.

With the help of the social assistant of Caritas Moldova:

- ▶ I managed to find a work place;
- ▶ I saved some money and I was issued a passport;
- ▶ I am planning to go to Poland for work;
- ▶ I hope for a better life there."



## PROJECT: DAY CENTRE FOR ELDERLY "ALWAYS YOUNG" IN RABNITA

Caritas  
Vienna

The Project Day centre for elderly "Always Young" in Rabinia, Transnistria was launched in 2008 with the support of the Cardinal Christoph Schonborn and with the financial support of Caritas Vienna. The aim of the project is to improve the psychological and physical situation of the lonely elderly from Rabinia town.

### Impact in 2017:

- ✓ 20 elderly attended the centre and benefited of warm meals, medical services, psychologist consultations, work-outs in the gym, creativity workshops, trips etc;
- ✓ 5040 warm meals.
- ✓ 16 persons participated at entertainment and cultural events: at Art Gallery in Rabinia, Concert on National Holiday Martisor, exhibition of national art;
- ✓ 14 persons went on 2 trips during the year;



### Beneficiaries of the Day Centre for Elderly:

With the financial support of Caritas Vienna, a greenhouse was built at the Day Centre for Elderly. Starting with July 2017 7 persons were involved in preparatory works: soil fertilizing, planting the sapling etc. So was gathered:

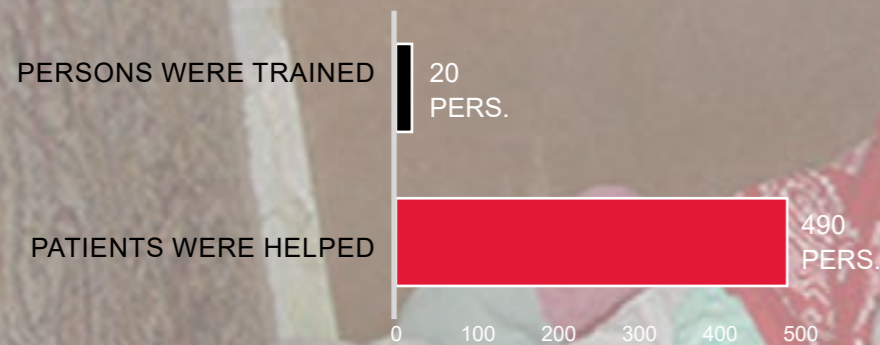
- ▶ 100 kg of tomatoes (70 kg were used for tomato juice and 30 kg in salads);
  - ▶ 40 kg of cucumbers (for pickles);
  - ▶ 40 kg of capsicums (a part of them was used in salads; another part was frozen for the winter);
- All vegetables are used exclusively for beneficiaries.

## MEDICAL - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

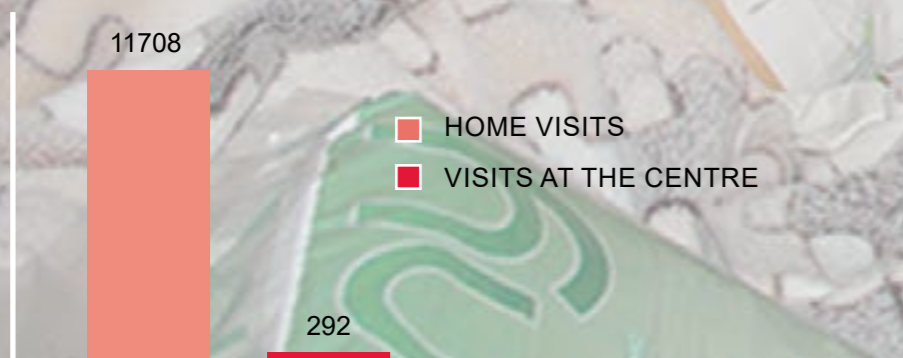
**Medical and social care services** are offered at home or at the centre, by means of Caritas Social – Medical Centers in Chisinau; Stauceni; Starcea village, Glodeni district; Rascov village, Camenca district; the beneficiaries of these services are lonely elderly, terminally ill persons, persons with disabilities, with low income.

**During 2017:**

**510** BENEFICIARIES OF THE SOCIAL-MEDICAL PROGRAM



**12000** VISITS OF MEDICAL – SOCIAL CARE



## PROJECT: "HELP – HELPING ELDERLY LONELY PEOPLE"



**Project "HELP – Helping Elderly Lonely Persons"** was launched in 2015 with the financial support of Caritas Vienna and Austrian Development Agency and in partnership with National Company of Health Insurances. The objective of the project is to offer social help and health care for the lonely elderly, with no income sources and to develop a network of home care services. This project is being implemented through the medical- social centers Caritas Moldova in Stauceni village, Chisinau municipality and in Starcea village, Glodeni district.

**Impact:** in 2017, through the project "HELP – Helping Elderly Lonely Persons" and with the help of 3 mobile teams and 14 nurses, the following activities were accomplished:

- ✓ 8020 homecare visits;
- ✓ 2604 social assistance home visits;
- ✓ 190 patients were visited at home;
- ✓ 291 visits at the Medical-Social Centers;
- ✓ 205 patients treated at the Medical-Social Center;
- ✓ 20 persons participated in self- help groups;
- ✓ 4 trainings on the subject of medical- social aspects;

### TRAININGS ON MEDICAL- SOCIAL ASPECTS



"Medical - Social homecare services "  
Chisinau, March 7-10, 2017



"Training for volunteers and personal assistants in  
social services"



"Training of personal and social assistants",  
Chisinau, May 4-5, 2017



"Management in the healthcare through involvement of  
families and volunteers", Vienna, December 4-7, 2017

### *We intervened when there was no time to wait:*

*The mobile team of medical- social assistance from Starcea village took from the street a woman in a very bad health condition.*

*Irina, 81 years old, was not moving, she had decubitus and pronounced encephalopathy. She was abandoned not only by the local authorities but also by her relatives. The beneficiary was living in a shack with no windows or doors. The team of nurses from Caritas Moldova took care of her day by day, during 3 months. The nurses helped her to bathe, brought her warm meals and changed the bed linen. The same time the main nurse made the effort to find her relatives (the granddaughter), she contacted the local authorities and she was placed in an old nursing home from Sturzovca village, Glodeni district.*

*This case is definitely a success story because the Caritas Moldova nurses were responsible not only by taking care of her in the medical mean but also they took over the responsibility over this old woman's further life.*



## PROJECT: "MEDICAL AND SOCIAL HOME CARE"



The project "Medical and Social home care" is being implemented within Medical and Social Centers in Rascov village, Camenca district. The purpose of this project is to offer medical and social homecare for vulnerable persons on the left bank of Nistru River.

### Impact 2017:

- ✓ 1084 home visits for medical and social care;
- ✓ 465 persons benefited of specialized assistance at the center;
- ✓ 89 patients benefited of medical care and social assistance;

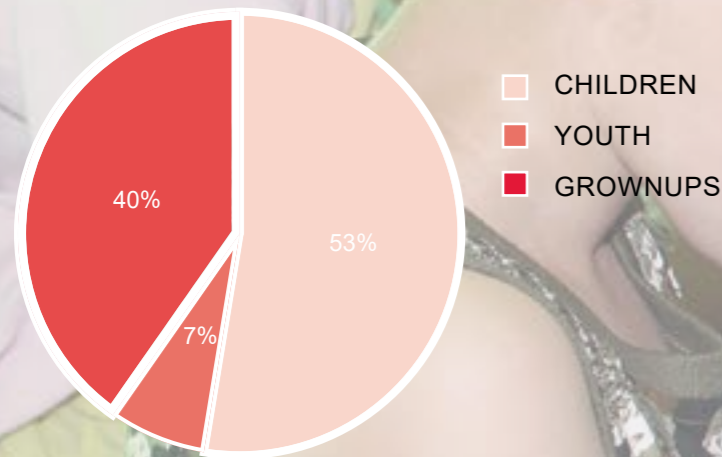


# EDUCATION, PREVENTION, YOUTH

**Caritas Moldova** supports children and youth from disadvantaged families by offering them alternative opportunities of personal development through educational programs; education is the most effective way of breaking the vicious circle of poverty and of inequality of chances.

**In 2017 :**

**1683** PERSONS BENEFITED OF  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



**96455** SESSIONS

**95040** WARM MEALS OFFERED FOR CHILDREN AT THE DAY CENTERS AND SUMMER CAMPS;

**906** INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS;

**210** HOME VISITS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER AT DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES;

**207** VISITS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES);

**41** TRAININGS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS;

**33** SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH;

**40** TRIPS FOR CHILDREN;



**PROJECT: "DAY CENTERS FOR CHILDREN"**

**"Day Centers for Children"** – is the platform and communication, development and training place for children and youth. With the financial support of Caritas Vienna and Caritas Czech Republic, Caritas Moldova is offering alternative development and non-formal education opportunities for children with a disadvantaged social background through the following centers:

1. *Preschool educational center, Slobozia – Rascov village, Camenca district.*
2. *Day center and workshop for children, Bender/ Tighina.*
3. *Day Center and temporary placement for children "Petrushka", Tiraspol.*
4. *Day center for children "Noah's Arch", Stauceni, Chisinau municipality.*
5. *Day center for children, Balti*
6. *Day center for children, Rabnita*
7. *Day center for children, Rascov village, Camenca district*

**Impact in 2017:**

- ✓ 46900 warm meals were offered to the children who attend the centers;
- ✓ 244 children benefited of non-formal education at the centers; improved their academic success and continued their educations; improved their skills at creativity workshops; improved their relationships with teachers, colleagues and parents;
- ✓ 25 trainings were organized for parents and children;



Day center for children "Noah's Arch", Stauceni



Day center for children, Rascov village, Camenca district



Preschool educational center, Slobozia – Rascov village, Camenca district



Day Center and temporary placement for children "Petrushka", Tiraspol



Day center for children, Rascov village, Camenca district



Preschool educational center, Slobozia – Rascov village, Camenca district



Day center for children, Balti



Preschool educational center, Slobozia – Rascov village, Camenca district



Day center for children, Balti



Day center for children "Noah's Arch", Stauceni

**PROJECT: "SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN FROM MOLDOVA"**



The project "Summer camps for children from Moldova" was launched in July 2017, with the financial support of Kindermissionswerk, Germany (Children's Fund of the Catholic Church Germany). The project will last 3 years. In this way Caritas Moldova has the aim to offer a favorable background for entertainment and development by integrating 1100 children from Chisinau, Stauceni, Cretoaia, Grigorauca, Petropavlovca, Ungheni, Balti, Rabnita, Rascov, Slobozia - Rascov and Bender in the summer camps. These are organized at the local parishes, where children can develop their talents and abilities and can improve their health condition.

**Impact in 2017:**

- ✓ 11 summer camps were organized for children from disadvantaged families from rural area;
- ✓ 21 trips were organized to diverse touristic areas;
- ✓ 580 children spent a part of their summer/ autumn vacation at the summer camp;
- ✓ 70 volunteers were involved in activities for children (58 local volunteers and 12 volunteers from Italy, Spain, Portugal and Poland);
- ✓ 22 teachers and volunteers improved their abilities at skills improvement courses organized by Caritas Moldova for preparing the summer camps;
- ✓ 2 skills improvement trainings for teachers;



**11 PARISH COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED TRIPS FOR CHILDREN FROM DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES**



## PROJECT: FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR YOUTH



The project **Financial Literacy for youth (FLY)** is a training that covers important aspects regarding financial objectives, planning, budget management and accurate spending of financial resources. The implementation of the project started in 2015 with the financial support of Catholic Relief Service from USA.

### Impact in 2017:

- ✓ 120 students from 4 vocational schools participated at the trainings;
- ✓ 8 informative – educative sessions;
- ✓ 30 students participated at FLY Summer Camp;
- ✓ 4 mini grants with a value of 500 USD each were offered for each school;



## 4 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS BENEFITED OF MINI GRANTS WITH A VALUE OF 500 USD:



### 1. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NR. 1 FROM CAHUL:

The students obtained a mini grant for purchasing a professional **printer - copy machine**.

This will be useful for the teachers as well as for the students who learn at this school. This machine will facilitate the teaching and learning process.



### 2. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NR. 3 FROM BALTI:

Thanks to the mini grant, the students purchased an acoustic speaker and a speaker stand that will facilitate the process of transmitting information during important events.



### 3. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NR. 6 FROM CHISINAU

The children from this school acquired a printer, a photo-camera, a bag and a memory card.

This equipment will contribute at the school's development through promotion activities by taking quality photos at school events.



### 4. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NR. 9, CHISINAU

The mini grant obtained within this project by the students from this school was spent on acquiring a projector and a screen.

This acquirement will facilitate the teaching and learning process by using modern technologies and students will learn through new methods.

**PROJECT: STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL PARISHES' ACTIVITIES THROUGH COMMUNITY ORGANIZING STRATEGIES**



This project was launched in 2017 and is financially supported by USCCB – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The main purpose is to use the techniques of community organizing to build up an active civic participation within the parishes of Diocese of Chisinau and Caritas Moldova; to consolidate the activities of parishioners from local parishes.

**Impact in 2017:**

- ✓ 2 workshops were organized;
- ✓ 220 people attended the workshops;



“Community organizing and negotiation techniques” October 25 / 8 participants from Caritas Moldova;



“Introduction in community organizing and face- to – face meetings” October 27 -28, 12 participants from local parishes

**PROJECT: “DARE – EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR A BETTER LIFE OF OUR CHILDREN”**



The project **DARE** was launched in June 2017 with the financial support of Caritas Vienna and will last for 2 years in Balti municipality, Petropavlovka village (Singerei district). The main objective of the project is to help 171 children to achieve their personal and educational goals.

**Impact in 2017:**

- ✓ 12 SOLE courses (self - organized learning environment) with 61 pupils from 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th grades;
- ✓ 4 workshops with 77 participants involved in the DARE program (coordinators, teachers and social workers):



**1. “Tools for monitoring, evaluation, empowerment and learning.”**  
24-27 July 2017/ Kiev/ 21 participants (Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Austria);

**2. “Child protection politics”**  
14-15 November 2017/ Chisinau/ 18 participants (Caritas Moldova, Diaconia, Regina Pacis, CIDDC);



**3. „SOLE – self-organized learning environment**  
16-17 November 2017/ Chisinau/17 participants (Caritas Moldova, Diaconia, Regina Pacis);

**4. “Mindfulness in education”**  
29-30 November 2017/ Chisinau/20 participants (Caritas Moldova, Diaconia, Regina Pacis);



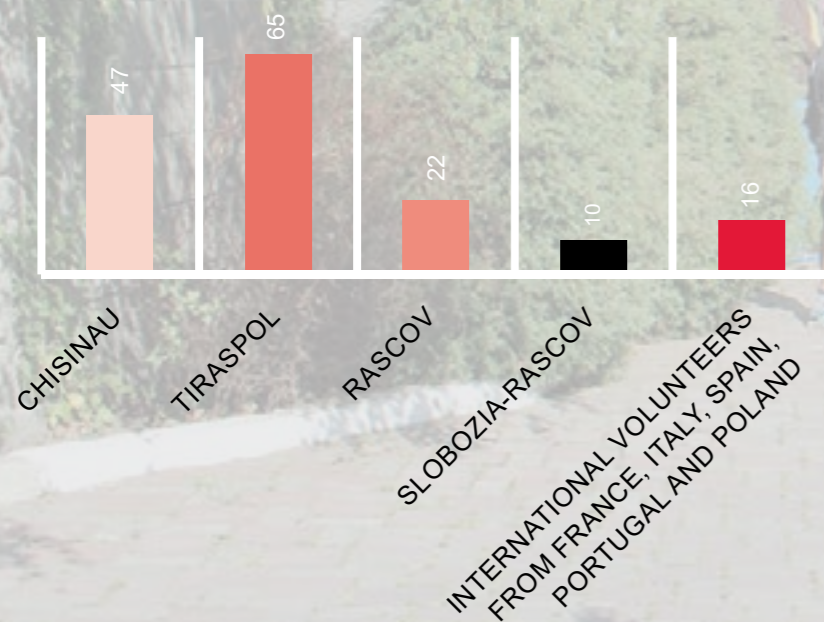
# VOLUNTEERING

**Caritas Moldova** helps the youth and contributes to the development of their communities by involving them in social activities and in the decision-making process on community level.

*The Volunteering in Caritas is the community engagement, united towards those in need - an irreplaceable fundament of our organization's activities.*

**The General Strategy** is to raise the involvement capacity of the youth and other community members as a resource by the local parishes; it has the aim to motivate them to identify the problems in their communities and to put into practice projects / initiatives and finding solutions.

**160** VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



**VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES CARITAS MOLDOVA****DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITY PLANS**

Each moderator organized meetings on local level with the volunteers to elaborate the activity plans and to discuss the identified problems in the community.

**INVOLVEMENT IN CHARITY CAMPAIGNS**

1. Distribution of informative materials and informing possible donors;
2. Selection of donated goods;
3. Making of food packages and distribution to the beneficiaries;
4. Involvement in events;

**INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Selection and distribution of clothes;
2. Organization of "Social dressing room";
3. Visits to the beneficiaries; offering help in household work;
4. Selection of books and organizing the library at the Night Shelter for Homeless people "St.Stefan" from Stauceni;
5. Work as supervisors and entertainers at the "Summer camps

for children from Moldova" – the volunteers organized entertaining activities and sports games for children; they assisted the teachers during trips and other events;

6. Participation in the movement "A clean village"; 7 volunteers were involved in cleaning the grounds of the organization;
7. Cleaning the Memory Alley of deceased community members;
8. Cleaning the rose garden in Rascov; (Caritas Rascov);
9. Editing, publishing and distribution of the local parish Informative Newspaper (Caritas Tiraspol);

**ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE VOLUNTEERS**

- 1.1. Organizing activities on "International Day of children with cancer":

- the volunteers wore yellow bandanas as solidarity sign with children who suffer from cancer;
- Organizing creativity workshops for children from Hematology department of the Oncology Hospital: creating bracelets from ribbon and rubber band and making balloon animals;

2. Participation in the event "Pro Life";
3. Presentation of the social theatre at the inauguration of the Social Centre "Caritas Moldova";
4. Organizing activities for 40 children from temporary detention center for infants "Childhood, Youth and Family" on the event "The city of curious children" – "Wish flags", "Masks making", face painting etc.;
5. Organizing the "Barbeque Party";
6. Master class: making of Christmas presents within the campaign "The surprise box";

**TRAININGS AND MEETINGS**

1. Workshop "How to become an entertainer";
2. Meeting "Having a cup of tea with a volunteer";
3. Brain Storming on volunteering activities;
4. Youth meeting "The club of volunteers";

**EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

In 2017 the volunteers Caritas Moldova had the opportunity to collaborate and to exchange experience with 16 volunteers from France, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Poland.

The international volunteers were placed in catholic communities where they were involved in activities for children within "summer camps for children from Moldova."

Also the volunteers involved in renovation works and yard arrangement of the local parishes.



## CHARITY CAMPAIGNS

The main purpose of the charity campaigns organized by Caritas Moldova is to raise awareness and to educate the society about the necessity of Christian charity, to achieve support in developing our projects. During 23 years of existence, through social programs for people in difficult situations, Caritas intervened there where the authorities didn't have enough resources to help.

*The politics of Caritas consist of quick answer for disadvantaged social layers who are often ignored. We are called to create services where they don't exist and by our example to make others find solutions for social problems.*

### Caritas Campaigns are based on:

- ▶ Raising awareness in the society regarding the necessity of helping others;
- ▶ Education of the community members to respond to the needs of needy persons who live in the community;
- ▶ Offering the poor the possibility of reintegration in the society and proposing solutions for human rights and dignity protection;
- ▶ Cooperation with other national and international humanitarian organizations;
- ▶ Strengthening the partnerships with public authorities and business environment;







### ✓ „MEAL OF JOY”

*Your donation can fill in the plate of hungry person!*

**Purpose:** collecting food stuff and hygiene products for people who live in extreme poverty.

**Description:** 28 volunteers Young Caritas involved in the campaign “Meal of Joy” in partnership with Caritas Moldova in Chisinau - in the shop BONUS, in Stauceni – in the shop Linella, Balti – shops Unimarket, Linella, Green Hills and Slavena.

**Impact:** 1333,8 kg of food products were collected.



### ✓ „DONEAZĂ ÎMPOTRIVA SĂRĂCIEI”

*On holidays we have the opportunity to offer the poor people a hope for a better life!*

**Purpose:** collecting of food stuff and hygiene products for people who live in extreme poverty.

**Description:** from 16 to 17th December, Caritas Moldova organized 3 collecting spots in Chisinau with the support of the Hypermarket Bonus and Velmart.

Advised by the volunteers, clients of these shops donated food and hygiene products for poor people.

**Impact:** we managed to collect approx. 1000 kg of food products; 210 persons benefited of these donations. In this campaign were involved 18 volunteers.





### ✓ „HELP ME TO PREPARE MY SCHOOL BAG”

**Purpose:** collecting school supplies for 50 disadvantaged children from Chisinau.

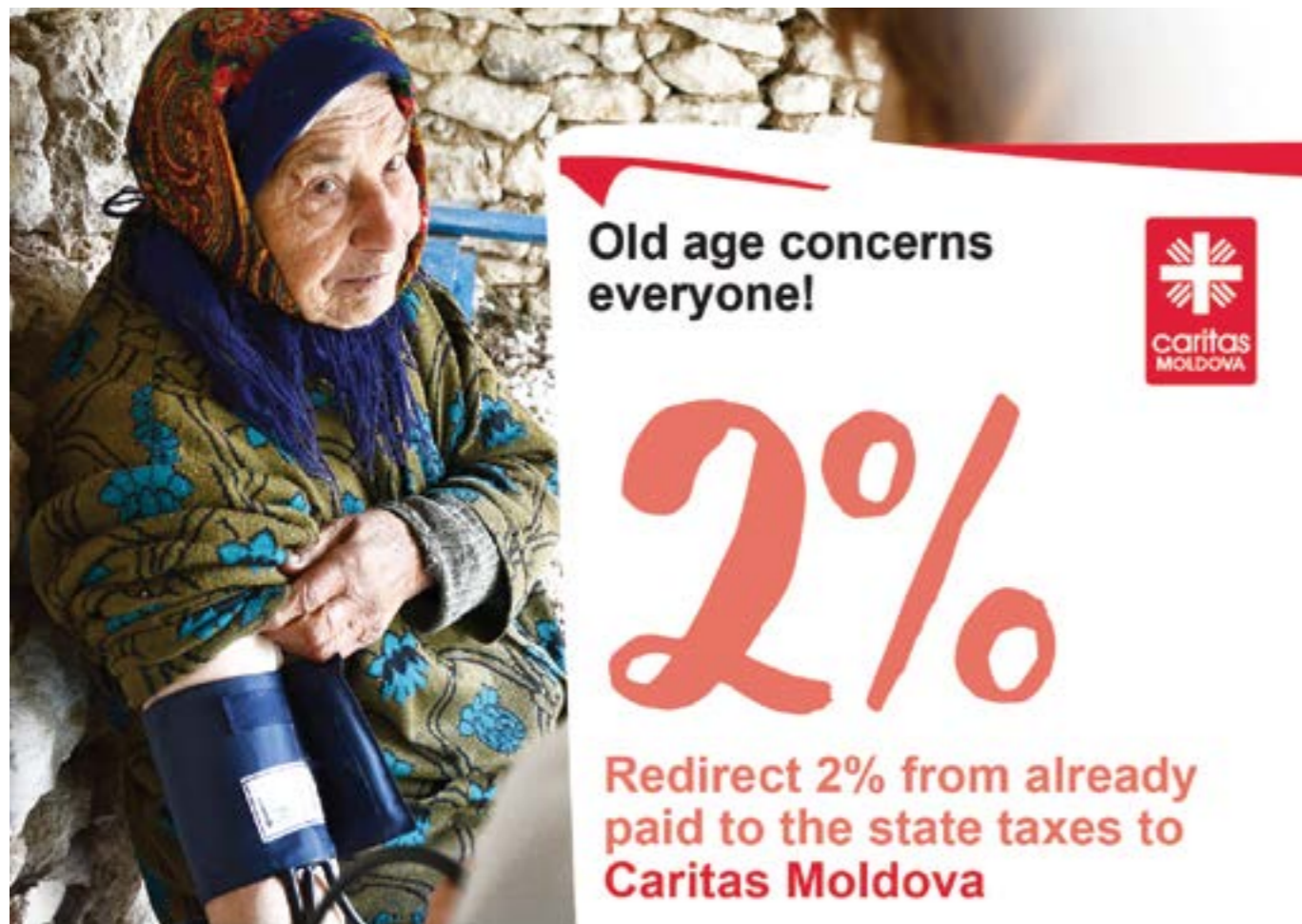
**Description:** Caritas Moldova is raising awareness upon the importance of prevention the school dropout. That is why from 18 to 29 August we organized the campaign of collecting school supplies.

**Impact:** In the last day of the campaign Caritas Moldova organized an entertainment event at the Social Center Caritas Moldova, for 50 children from vulnerable families.

The agenda of the event consisted of educational activities and workshops: Healthy eating, Hand-made and Sports Games. The activities were conducted by teachers and volunteers.

At the end of the event each child received a school bag full of school supplies.





✓ „REDIRECT 2% - BE AN INVOLVED CITIZEN”

*It is easy and it doesn't cost you anything!*

**Purpose:** informing the citizens regarding the possibility to redirect 2% of the income tax (already paid to the State) for the wellbeing of the most vulnerable social layers.

**Description:** starting with the 1st of January, anyone has the possibility to redirect 2% of the income tax, for the previous year, to any NGO or a religious organization.

**Impact:** in 2017, 16497 MDL were redirected to Charity Foundation Caritas Moldova. With this money were bought diapers and bed protectors for 50 bedridden elderly and diapers for 20 children from poor families.



✓ INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN “SHARE THE JOURNEY”

**Purpose:** raising the awareness level of the society and consolidation of the relationships between immigrants, refugees and community.

**Description:** Caritas Moldova responded to the call of the Pope Francisco regarding the necessity of understanding the problems of migrants and refugees in the society. In September 2017, together with the Diocese of Chisinau of the Roman-Catholic Church, Caritas Moldova participated in the worldwide campaign “Share the Journey”, initiated by Caritas Internationalis and Caritas Europe. A number of refugees from East Ukraine, whom was offered shelter at the Night shelter St .Stefan from Stauceni were invited to share their stories.

**Impact:** Caritas Moldova contributed at spreading the Pope Francisco’s message for promoting the culture of encounter among citizens of our country. This is the first step for being merciful towards migrants, refugees and offering them help for integration in the society and getting over the traumas suffered in the war, exploitation, poverty and natural disasters. The participation of Caritas Moldova in the campaign “Share the journey” contributed in diminishing the global crisis of solidarity which the whole humanity is confronting.





WORLD DAY OF THE POOR  
November 19, 2017



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### ✓ INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN "WORLD DAY OF THE POOR"

**Purpose:** to mobilize the Christian communities and all the people with belief to show their solidarity and to be aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters; to support the actions of Caritas Moldova in the domain of humanitarian assistance through various contributions.

**Description:** at the end of the Jubilee of Mercy from last year, Pope Francisco established that on the 19th of November will be celebrated the World Day of Poor.

**Impact:** with the support of Roman Catholic Diocese from Chisinau and of local parishes, the Charity Foundation Caritas Moldova organized solidarity actions on local level:

- ▶ Spreading the Pope's message on World Day of the Poor in all Christian communities;
- ▶ Celebration of Saint Mass on World Day of the Poor;
- ▶ Organizing charity actions -collection and distribution of food stuff, clothes, medications and things of basic necessity for poor people;
- ▶ Visiting the elderly and bedridden;

### ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE LOCAL CARITAS

#### CARITAS CHISINAU - „VISITING MEZIA, FROM CRETOAIA VILLAGE”

Last winter Mezia was on the streets. She was walking barefoot begging for food. In this way she survived for several years. In the end her legs were frozen and amputated. Her brother offered her a room in his house but he works on night shifts and can't offer her the necessary care. Thanks to the offered donations, Caritas offered her a washable mattress, an electrical heating device, a mobile WC chair, food stuff, clothes and hygiene items.



#### CARITAS SLOBOZIA- RASCOV - „SOLIDARY WITH THOSE IN NEED”

The Caritas team of Day Center for Children in Slobozia Rascov and the volunteers of the Roman Catholic Parish "St. Martha" organized a donation box for vulnerable persons from their locality; the community involved in this charity action and shared from the little they have with people in need.



#### CARITAS STARCEA - THE EVENT "HELP YOUR FELLOW MEN"

At the medical social Center Caritas from Starcea village, Glodeni district was started the charity action "Help your fellow men" with the help of volunteers from the Roman Catholic Parish "Regina Sf. Rosario". This event was supported by the local Polish House from Starcea which offered 75 packages of food products that were distributed to disabled persons.



#### CARITAS RABNITA - „MEETING THE POOR”

The volunteers from Roman Catholic parish St. Joseph from the locality, organized on this day activities at the Day Centre for Children and Day Centre for the Elderly. The activities started with prayers for the health and wellbeing of disabled children. 20 children from underprivileged families received school supplies; warm lunches were offered for 40 poor people. The same time Caritas Rabnita employees visited 10 ill persons in hospital.



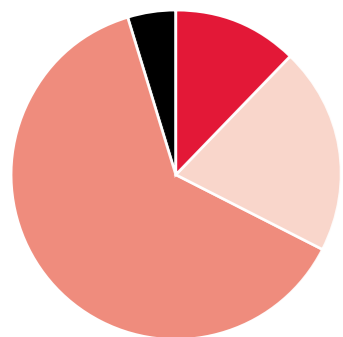
#### CARITAS TIRASPOL - „LET US LOVE NOT WITH WORDS BUT WITH DEEDS”

The Medical Social Center and the Day Care center for children "Petrushka" together with Roman Catholic parish St. Trinity from Tiraspol prepared informative materials and placed donation boxes for the needy who address for help at the parish. On Sunday, the 19th of November the Holly Mass for the World Day of the Poor was organized at the local parish.



# BUDGETS 2017

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	1,589,959.57 MDL
MEDICAL-SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2,643,971.90 MDL
EDUCATION, PREVENTION, YOUTH	8,121,467.72 MDL
CARITAS DEVELOPMENT FUND	594,212.50 MDL
<b>12,949,611.69 MDL</b>	



## THE EXPENCES DISTRIBUTION

- CARITAS DEVELOPMENT FUND
- EDUCATION, PREVENTION, YOUTH
- MEDICAL-SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
- SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



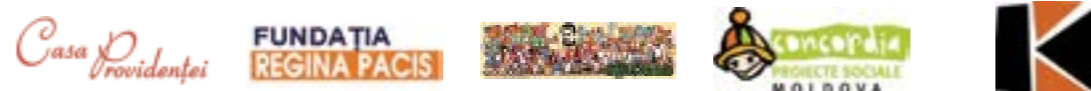
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**TO CHARITY PROJECTS AND ACTIONS!**

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**Thank you!**

*The team and beneficiaries of Caritas Moldova appreciate and respect the openness and generosity of the partners and donors for supporting our activity. Thanks to their support we managed to bring smiles upon the faces of those who are less fortunate than us and hope in the lives of those who are going through difficult moments. Prominent donors, national and local companies, as well as individuals managed to restore the trust in charity, generosity and mercy.*

**We are deeply grateful to all of you!**

## OVERVIEW 2017



The blessing of the new head office of Caritas Moldova from Chisinau

**24 January**

The Social Centre Caritas Moldova, address 30/1 Gh.Asachi Str was blessed by H.E. Anton Cosa - the bishop of Chisinau.



The March for Life "Help the mother and the child! They depend on you."

**25 March**

The Caritas Moldova team supports the international campaign of life promotion "MARCH FOR LIFE".



Inauguration of the new Social Center Caritas Moldova

**19 May**

The new premises insure favorable working conditions for accomplishing the mission for disadvantaged people.



Solidary with children who are without parental care

**19 June**

The volunteers prepared entertainment games for children who are at the placement center "Childhood, Youth and Family".



„FLY” Summer Camp 2017

**19-23 June**

25 students from 4 vocational schools participated at trainings within the project "FLY – Financial Literacy for Youth".



Training of teachers and coordinators

**3-5 August**

Training of pedagogues within the project "Summer Camps for Children from Moldova" financed by Kindermissionswerk.



Meeting with Caritas Prague in Chisinau

**19-24 August**

We continue the cooperation relationships with European partners for offering quality social assistance services.



Charity Event for 50 disadvantaged children

**29 August**

The children who were present at the event were offered an entertainment program and a school bag with school supplies.



15 years of activity of the Day Center for Children in Balti.

**9 October**

The anniversary was a festive celebration organized by children and teachers for the parents and grandparents.



Monitoring visit of Caritas Vienna representatives

**16-20 November**

Caritas Vienna analyzed the service of social and medical care of Caritas Moldova and reconfirmed the collaboration relationships.



Caritas Moldova Team-building

**24 November**

The Caritas Moldova team of the head office from Chisinau gathered at the teambuilding at Vadul lui Voda, on November 24.



Meeting with partners in Odessa, Ukraine



**27-30 November**

The signing of the Cooperation Contract between Caritas Wien and Caritas Moldova.



**MAP OF THE PROJECTS 2017**



-  CARITAS MOLDOVA PROJECTS
-  ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

**CHISINĂU MUN.**

1. Medical-Social Center
2. Financial literacy for youth
3. Social Assistance
4. Summer Camps for children from Moldova
5. Community organizing

**STAUENI VILLAGE**

1. Day Centre for Children „Arca lui Noe”
2. Medical-Social Center
3. Night Shelter „St. Stefan”

**CRETOAIA VILLAGE, ANENII NOI**

1. Social Assistance
2. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**GRIGORAUCA VILLAGE, SINGEREI**

1. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**BALTI MUN.**

1. Day Center for Children
2. Summer Camps for children from Moldova
3. Financial literacy for youth
4. Social Assistance
5. DARE

**STARCEA VILLAGE, GLODENI**

1. Medical-Social Center

**UNGHENI CITY**

1. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**BENDER/TIGHINA CITY**

1. Medical-Social Center
2. Creative Workshop for Children
3. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**TIRASPOL CITY**

1. Medical-Social Center
2. Temporary placement center for children
3. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**RABNITA CITY**

1. Day Centre for Elderly
2. Day Centre for Children
3. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**RASCOV VILLAGE, CAMENCA**

1. Medical-Social Center
2. Day Centre for Children
3. Summer Camps for children from Moldova

**S. SLOBOZIA RAȘCOV, R-N CAMENCA**

1. Preschool Educational Center
2. Summer Camps for children from Moldova



## Put your handprint to **change destinies!**

Generosity is helping offered by unconditioned love. Every generosity deed, no matter how small it is, is not in vain. To change destinies Caritas calls you to contribute with donations. By donating:

**20 MDL** you offer an elderly medications for a basic medical care;

**25 MDL** you offer a warm meal for a child in the Day Centers;

**100 MDL** you offer a food package or a hygiene package for a lonely elderly;

**124 MDL** you offer shelter for one day for a homeless person at the Shelter "St.Stefan";

**150 MDL** you offer a pupil a basic kit of school supplies and a chance to go to school;

**150 MDL** you offer a food package for a poor family;

**215 MDL** you offer a bedridden person a home visit with thorough medical examinations;

## How can you put your handprint?

1. Become Volunteer! Donate goods! Become a partner of Caritas!
2. Donate by bank card at [www.caritas.md](http://www.caritas.md)
3. Donate by payment terminals RunPay and MMPS
4. Donate by bank transfer

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**BENEFICIARY:** CF CARITAS MOLDOVA

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