

## NARRATIVE REPORT

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During the reporting period, the Child Placement Centre "Regina Pacis" continued the implementation of the project "A Family for Each Child", with its overall objective aimed at improving the life of children in need (street children, children raised in socially vulnerable families, children at risk, children without parental care, abused and neglected children) by offering temporary protection, education, career orientation and vocational training, socialization and (re)integration into their biological, extended or adoptive family and/or into the community.

For this period of time, it was planned to assist and care for 25 children, the average number of children receiving assistance per year.

Therefore, the activities within the framework of this project were carried out in accordance with the following objectives:

**Objective 1. Ensuring the medical and psycho-socio-pedagogic rehabilitation of the personality of children in need.**

### Activities carried out in 2016:

- providing shelter and care 24/24, emergency medical services, psychological assistance, educational counselling, and legal assistance for 23 children;
- psychological evaluation of 7 newly placed children and some children who returned to the centre, in order to determine the traits of their personalities, identify the psycho-affective and behavioural issues children have to face, and develop support programs for every child;
- enrolment of newly placed children in the Technological/Computer Science College (2 children), vocational schools (2 children), secondary education institutions (3 children);
- 172 psychological counselling sessions aimed at preventing undesired behaviours, building appropriate relationships with other people, handling and externalizing emotions in appropriate ways without causing conflicts, activating their internal resources to overcome difficult, unpleasant or other adverse situations, psycho-emotional recess, building confidence, creating a positive self-image, etc .;
- Psycho-correction sessions depending on children's individual needs, on the purpose of promoting psychological maturation, 8 sessions for trauma consequences, 20 sessions meant to develop sensory and cognitive processes, 10 sessions for enuresis;
- providing the necessary assistance for psychological evaluation at the Centre "Amicul" - 2 children;
- providing the necessary assistance to access medical assistance for 6 children;
- planned preventive control: laboratory tests, Mantoux test, radiography, blood group test, medical certificates certifying contagious diseases and certificates of exemption from physical education.
- received treatment depending on children's identified diagnoses - 68 treatments;
- treatment for children with chronic diseases (sequelae of head trauma, scoliosis of lumbar spine of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree - type S, cardiac DNC, hypotonia DNC, chronic gastroduodenitis, chronic pyelonephritis and vulvovaginitis, chronic tonsillitis) - 10 children;
- episodic treatment paid by NHIC - 4 children;
- chronic tonsillitis - 1 child;
- deafness - 1 child;

- sinusitis - 4 children;
- nocturnal enuresis - 1 child;
- acute otitis - 2 children;
- adenoids of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, nasal septum deviation - 1 child;
- ligament distortion - 2 children;
- ARVI - 16 children;
- anaemia - 1 child;
- nasal contusion - 1 child;
- pyelonephritis, cystitis - 1 child;
- hospitalized – 5 children;
- surgical treatment, referred to hospital by the family doctor - 2 children;
- tonsillectomy - 1 child;
- burn scar surgical removal - 1 child;
- dentist consultation - 13 children, dental treatment to 11 children and provision of dental hygiene products for 13 children;
- helminthiasis prophylaxis - 17 children;
- tested with Mantoux or MRG test – 17 children, of whom:
  - RM - negative (not infected) - 9 children;
  - RM - positive (infected with tuberculosis) - 8 children, do not require chemoprevention;
- consultations/examinations by specialists and triage room (anthropometric data (weight, height, waist circumference, blood pressure), skin examination, lymph nodes, thyroid gland) - 82 examinations;
- tests (complete blood count, general urine examination, mass stool examination for intestinal helminth, WR, syphilis, HIV, rheumatic samples, biochemical analysis of blood – 50 tests);
- chest x-ray - 5 children;
- paranasal sinuses - 2 children, pelvis - 1 child, spinal column – 1 child, leg - 1 child;
- TC of abdominal organs - 2 children;
- USG kidneys - 3 children, genital organs -2 children, audiometry - 1 child;
- disability degree certificate - 1 child;
- special group at PE - 3 children;
- medical documentation for school - 5 children;
- MVEC - 1 child, for guardianship - 2 children, for summer camp - 10 children;
- Form 086e – 3 children;
- Examined by a physiatrist - 8 children;
- ENT, paediatrician, gynaecologist, surgeon, orthopaedic surgeon, ophthalmologist - 10 children;
- vaccinated: children born in 2001 were vaccinated with: Polio6, DT6, ROR3-3, flu shot - 15.
- Consultation at “Audioton” Clinic, audiogram, prophylactic control of hearing.

**Objective 2. Ensuring children's access to information, culture and formal and non-formal education, career orientation and vocational training in order to gain knowledge and develop social integration skills.**

**Activities carried out in 2016:**

- involving 23 children from the centre in household activities, personal hygiene, having a daily program, that would develop life skills and facilitate their social integration in everyday life;
- paying the tuition fee and school expenses for 23 children: renting textbooks, purchasing school supplies, school uniforms, sports footwear and sports equipment.
- preparing the necessary documentation for schooling - 3 children;
- enrolling at colleges and vocational schools - 4 children;
- daily monitoring of attendance and school marks - 23 children;

- regular visits of social worker and psychologist to high schools, colleges, vocational schools, discussions with the form master about behaviour, relationship with colleagues, marks, etc .;
- social workers' discussions on the telephone with form masters and the administration of the educational institution;
- help with the homework;
- organizing classes of English in summer school;
- providing support in vocational guidance - 4 children;
- 43 psychological sessions meant to facilitate the interactions between children, reach group cohesion, determine their social potential, establish relationships based on respect, etc.
- training activities aimed at developing aesthetic taste, perseverance, ability to analyze the results of the activity, fine motor skills: children's participation at the workshop on woodcarving art (crosses), workshop on manufacturing (card making using various modern techniques, bead making (trees, angels, bracelets), lace works, origami, fabric flowers making, tapestry, crocheting, making "mărțișoare"), weekly culinary activities "Master chef";
- educational activities in collaboration with the Centre Police Station: the training "Police is child's friend", prophylactic discussions about traffic safety and rules of safe behaviour in the street, transport, and public places, regular prophylactic visits of the police inspector;
- cultural-entertaining activities intended for organizing leisure time by involving children in useful social activities, sports and cultural events. Thus, during the reporting period:
  - 6 boys and 4 girls practiced sports (athletics, football, taekwondo, volleyball);
  - together with P.A. "Filocalia", a master class was organized in making "mărțișor", hearts and friendship trees on the occasion of St. Valentine's Day with the aim of developing communication skills and making new friends;
  - modelling a "picture tree" on the wall and making decorations for the tree;
  - New Year festival "Customs and Traditions";
  - celebrating Old People's Day (the 1<sup>st</sup> of October) by meeting with the beneficiaries of the social canteen;
  - organizing a thematic evening "Smiles and joy";
  - organizing Mărțișor Decade;
  - going to Cricova winery;
  - going to the philharmonic, theatre, aquarium, ice rink.
- psycho-prophylactic and psycho-education discussions aimed at educating a healthy lifestyle, preventing inappropriate behaviour, promoting the values that underpin the society, preventing school abandonment (43 individual and 30 group sessions);
- educational counselling for solving critical problems;
- team building activities with children from the Republican Placement Centre "Casa Concordia".

**Objective 3. Maintenance, care and development of children in need according to age specific peculiarities and minimum quality standards.**

- contribution to receiving material aid in the amount of 3 000.00 lei for each child who graduated from secondary school (3 children);
- presenting the documentation required by educational institutions in order to provide social scholarships for 4 children;
- presenting the necessary documentation to prove eligibility for free lunch - 4 children;

- obtaining admission to summer camps;
- preparing the necessary documentation to get public transport passes for all children in the placement centre;
- accompanying the child with hearing aid to audiologist, consultation by an audiologist, if necessary, care and maintenance of hearing aid;
- all requirements for children result from their age specific peculiarities;
- involving children in activities based on their age specific peculiarities.

**Objective 4. Counselling and career orientation for further enrolment in colleges and vocational schools.**

Activities:

- psychological evaluation of child's capacities, career interests and preferences;
- participation at the training on career orientation organized by the Centre "Prodax", 5 children.

**Objective 5. Establishing and maintaining relationships with child welfare services in the community where the child is integrated.**

- providing psychosocial assistance and support in restoring relationships between children and their biological/extended family, in order to prepare 4 children, beneficiaries of the CPC "Regina Pacis" for family reintegration;
- monthly meetings of the multidisciplinary team of the Centre and the DCP from districts, and the LPAs from the territory;
- collaboration with the Local Public Authority from Mereni, Anenii Noi, Strășeni, Cimișlia, Ungheni, Căușeni, Sângerei;
- psychological counselling for parents and guardians meant to improve parent - children relationships;
- providing the necessary assistance in preparing the files of adoptable children, 6 children;

**Objective 6. Case management and facilitation of socialization and (re) integration of children into their biological, extended or adoptive families and/or into the community, evaluation and monitoring of families in which the children have been integrated.**

The following services were provided in order to ensure that the right of children in need to have a family or be raised in a familiar environment is respected:

The integrated beneficiaries are monitored by way of:

- employees' visits to beneficiary's residence;
- telephone discussions with the guardianship authority responsible for the child - monitoring for 3 months from the day the child is reintegrated into the guardian's family;
- former beneficiaries who come visit the Centre.

**Objective 7. Post-integration monitoring of children and families they have been integrated into.**

Activities:

- control visits to their houses;
- visits to educational institutions;
- telephone calls to 4 children integrated in their biological or extended families and discussions with their parents/person responsible for them;
- collaboration with the guardianship authority from the district or territory.

## **Objective 8. Raising public awareness in Chisinau about abandoned children in need and their problems, and preparing the community for their integration.**

Activities:

- going to parks, organizing fun and mobile games involving children from the community in collaboration with volunteers from high schools in the city and students from the State Pedagogical University “Ion Creangă” and the University of Medicine;
- organizing the flash mob “Stop Violence Against Women”;
- Open Doors Day “At my house”;
- Celebrating “Family Day” by organizing a drawing contest “My Family” and a photo contest “My Family through a camera”, together with the pupils from the high school in Sângera Town and the children from the community;
- organizing a flash mob on the occasion of the International Day of the Child, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Thus, the tasks set for this period have been completed according to the project objectives and strategic plan. With regards to children, independence skills, ability to take responsibility and make the right decision are crucial if they want to succeed on their own in adulthood. The services were organized in a flexible manner and tailored to correspond to the situation of each child, taking into account: the child's age, ability development, emotional and educational needs, vocational training needs, as well as independent development opportunities and integration of each child in various areas of life.

The Centre provided assistance and counselling and organized leisure activities for children. Therefore, judging from the results reported above, we can conclude that the objectives set by the CPC “Regina Pacis” for this period of time have been reached.

### **Additional activities:**

#### **Volunteering at the Social Canteen of Regina Pacis**

Children participate at providing humanitarian aid to families in need, beneficiaries of “Regina Pacis” Foundation, they are also involved in cooking the food served as lunches for the elderly coming to the Social Canteen, and distributing them;

#### **Spending the summer vacation at the seaside in Italy**

In the summer of 2016, the children from the Placement Centre for Children “Regina Pacis” went on a holiday to the Adriatic Sea, in Miramare di Rimini in Italy. The holiday was organized with the financial support of the Foundation “Regina Pacis” and Sacro Cuore Parish in Miramare di Rimini.

During this period, the children had an interesting program full of fun and adventures at the beach and pools.

#### **Food Collection Campaign, December 23 - 24, 2016**

This campaign involved 10 children-volunteers from the Centre who took active part in collecting food for beneficiaries of the Social Canteen;

#### **Volunteering at “Regina Pacis” Foundation**

In 2017, we plan to involve the most active volunteers from pedagogical institutions and young volunteers from the Municipal Youth Council in Chisinau in helping children to do their homework.