



Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation



Activity Report
2014



RAA in 2014



"It's been 23 years since the Romanian Angel Appeal committed to its mission. 23 years in which we did not cease to believe that our efforts to save lives, to help children and young people affected by HIV / AIDS, Tuberculosis, autism or other conditions that result in social exclusion and discrimination are significant and rewarding.

Our work today translates into a combination of interventions that aim to improve health and social services, to influence health and social policies, to carry out research and to support the professional development of staff working in these fields."

Silvia Asandi, General Manager

RAA in 2014

“2014 was also an year of consolidation and collaboration with local partners to diversify the services offered to our beneficiaries.

We continued to make steps to improve the legislative framework regarding the rights of people affected by autism spectrum disorder and the rights of persons affected by tuberculosis.

2014 also marked a time for our team to assess RAA strategy for the coming years and redefining the Foundation’s goals for 2015 - 2017.”

Adelaide Katerine Tarpan
Development Manager



OUR BENEFICIARIES IN 2014



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY AUTISM

WHY AUTISM?

- Autism is a severe developmental disorder of neurobiological nature, which manifests around the age of 1 and affects an increasing number of children. (*1 child out of 68, by latest research Atlanta 2014 CDC*).
- RAA embarked in fighting autism since 2008 when coordinated in partnership with FDSC the “ We defeat autism together!”
- Since then, the development of public-private partnership services for people affected by with autism, improving to the legislation and building capacity for professionals working in the field have become strategic priorities of RAA Foundation.



Autism: Projects in 2014

In 2014, RAA continued to provide support for advocacy and organizational development to the Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Autism (FEDRA) within the project “Together We Are One Voice”, financed by a grant from Switzerland through the Swiss Contribution for the enlarged EU.

- 4 study tours organized in Britain, Norway, Switzerland and Finland to identify models of good practice in the integration of persons with autism
 - 1 international FEDRA conference
 - 1 awareness and information campaign around April 2nd
 - 1 study on models of good practice in European countries
 - 1 advocacy strategy for FEDRA
- are just some of the project results



Autism: Projects in 2014

- We continued working with 10 General Directorates for Welfare and Child Protection within the project "Strengthening of community counseling and support services for parents of children and adolescents with ASD (autism spectrum disorder)" financed by EEA Grants 2009-2014 through the NGO Fund.
- 100 families (200 parents and 100 children) are the beneficiaries of the ASD centers established by RAA



TOGETHER WE FIGHT AUTISM!
APRIL 2ND – WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



CHARITY COMPETITION

CÂMPINA OPEN MOUNTAIN BIKE – RACE FOR AUTISM

Event organized by RAA exclusively on a voluntary basis and funded from sponsorships

All raised funds go to the children with autism living in Prahova county

598 registrations and 497 participants

29,068 lei (approx. 6,500 Euro) raised from registration fee





**BENEFICIARIES : CHILDREN,
PARENTS, BABYSITTERS**

Conferences, seminars and parenting sessions for parents and babysitters

Romanian Angel Appeal in partnership with the National Association of Professional Nannies and Babysitters in Romania* organized a series of educational events targeting the needs of the child.

*organization founded by RAA team members



<http://www.asociatiabonelor.ro/resurse/stiri-si-informatii-utile/190-prima-conferinta-a-bonelor-din-romania>

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We organized workshops and parenting sessions and provided materials developed in support of parents and nannies.

The attendance was large and the feedback overwhelmingly positive.



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BENEFICIARIES: INSTITUTIONALISED CHILDREN

Preparation for independent living

The project the 30 children and teenagers from Sf. Filofteia foster home, to whom we offered:

- Training courses in bakery (attended by 8 teenagers)
- Camp for independent living at Zarnesti
- Training courses for the center staff for developing communication skills
- Activities with RAA volunteers

The project was implemented with the support and financial contribution of OMV-Petrom volunteers





CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV / AIDS

Setting up the first center for integrated medical and psychological services for HIV/AIDS patients with neuro-cognitive disorders

Location: Courtyard of the Victor Babes Hospital in Bucharest

Objective: Early detection of neuro-cognitive disorders in HIV/AIDS patients, prescribing the right treatment and providing monitoring services, testing and psychological support



Before renovation



During renovation

Setting up the first center for integrated medical and psychological services for HIV/AIDS patients with neuro-cognitive disorders

Beneficiaries:

1,400 HIV/AIDS patients in hospital's records and other HIV positive young people from all over the country who will be referred for investigations related to neurocognitive disorders by the regional HIV/AIDS centers



After renovation

Setting up this center was possible through a grant from Rompetrol

Treatment monitoring

Procurement and distribution to all Regional HIV/AIDS Centers of laboratory consumables necessary for monitoring the treatment of children, teenagers and adults with HIV/AIDS (CD4 count, Viral load).



This project was financed thanks to a grant from Johnson & Johnson

CLINICAL RESEARCH ON ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS EFFICACY IN CHILDREN WITH HIV

We continued to ensure organisation and coordination in Romania of PENTA clinical studies on the efficiency and efficacy of antiretroviral drugs in HIV children.

Partner and coordinator at international level: PENTA Foundation



**BENEFICIARIES: PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
TUBERCULOSIS**

WHY TUBERCULOSIS?

In Romania, each year, tuberculosis kills 1,100 people and affects other 16,000, most of them from the young and active population.

The people getting sick receive the diagnosis late, and don't have access to complete and quality treatment or to social protection measures.

The patients are not helped, through psychological support and social and vocational assistance, to cope with the disease and the side effects of the medication or to be able to reintegrate, socially and professionally, after being cured.

The lack of measures for tuberculosis prevention and control, regulated by law, as well as the serious gaps in funding for TB control are the main problems that not only hinder the eradication of tuberculosis in our country but also threaten to make Romania a larger infection reservoir for Europe.

TOGETHER FOR A TUBERCULOSIS-FREE ROMANIA

Project for capacity building of the patient association and for drafting the law for TB patients

Through specific training and operational support provided, RAA Foundation helped to build the capacity of the Association for Multidrug-resistant TB Patients' Support (ASPTMR)



<http://www.raa.ro/impreuna-pentru-o-romanie-fara-tuberculoza/?lang=en>

DRAFT BILL FOR TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL

A bill for TB control was elaborated by RAA experts in partnership with partner patient's organisation, based on the results of a previous survey carried out by RAA on TB patients' needs in Romania (Romanian Patients' Needs Mapping Report). Consultations with decision makers in the TB control field have been also conducted as part of the survey.



http://raa.ro/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/LEGE-PENTRU-PACIENTII-CU-TUBERCULOZ%C4%82_eng.pdf

PROGRAM FOR TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE

Interventions for treatment and care for populations at risk or epidemiologically significant in Romania (Principal Recipient RAA)

Objectives:

- To protect from tuberculosis the poor and vulnerable populations through targeted interventions for education and increased adherence to treatment;
- To strengthen the MDR-TB control by improving MDR-TB case management through early detection, treatment and support interventions for patients with MDR-TB / XDR



The Program was financed through successive grants from the Global Fund
2007 - 2014

<http://www.raa.ro/gfatm/?lang=en>

Interventions for treatment and care for populations at risk or epidemiologically significant in Romania

Implementing partners and results

Indicator	SR	Target committed R6+TFM+NCE	Target achieved R6+TFM+NCE	%
Number of people trained to provide TB education, referral and DOTS to homeless	Save the children	262	389	148%
Number of decision makers and journalists sensitized with advocacy, communication, and social mobilization (ACSM) activities	CHPS	305	442	145%
Number of TB patients reached with nutritional support	Red Cross Romania	1700	2309	136%
Number of homeless TB suspects identified and referred to medical services	Save the children	830	1097	132%
Number of TB patients reached by DOTS supporters	UNOPA	250	321	128%
Number of TB cases detected among homeless	Save the children	240	308	128%
Number of people from vulnerable communities reached with TB health education through community based activities	CHPS and Save the Children	39202	49902	127%
Number of NTP staff trained in program management, surveillance, epidemiology and financial management	CHPS	2100	2484	118%
Number of MDR TB cases detected through rapid diagnostic methods	Marius Nasta Institute	600	701	117%
Number of private practitioners/family doctors trained in DOTS strategy	CHPS	2500	2766	111%
Number of penitentiary staff trained in TB prevention, education, and control activities	National Administration of Penitentiaries	3917	4221	108%
Number of patients enrolled in MDR-TB treatment	Marius Nasta Institute	780	823	106%
Number of persons trained for Practical Approach to Lung Health (PAL)	CHPS	604	605	100%
Number of prisoners reached with TB health education sessions	National Administration of Penitentiaries	62520	58365	93%

PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TUBERCULOSIS



Objectives:

TO CREATE, for the first time in Romania, a model of good practice for integrated multidisciplinary services for the patients with TB

PROFESSIONAL integration of people affected by TB through psycho-social counseling and access to qualification / requalification courses free of charge.

TO RAISE the awareness among the general population about the TB risks and to reduce the stigma and discrimination against the people affected by TB

PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TUBERCULOSIS

Pilot project:

Multidisciplinary and patient-centered approach, in line with WHO recommendations

Social care and professional reintegration of patients for the first time included in TB control

- According to the National TB Control Strategy 2015-2020, multidisciplinary services will function in all the counties by 2020.



www.reintegrare-tb.ro

PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TUBERCULOSIS

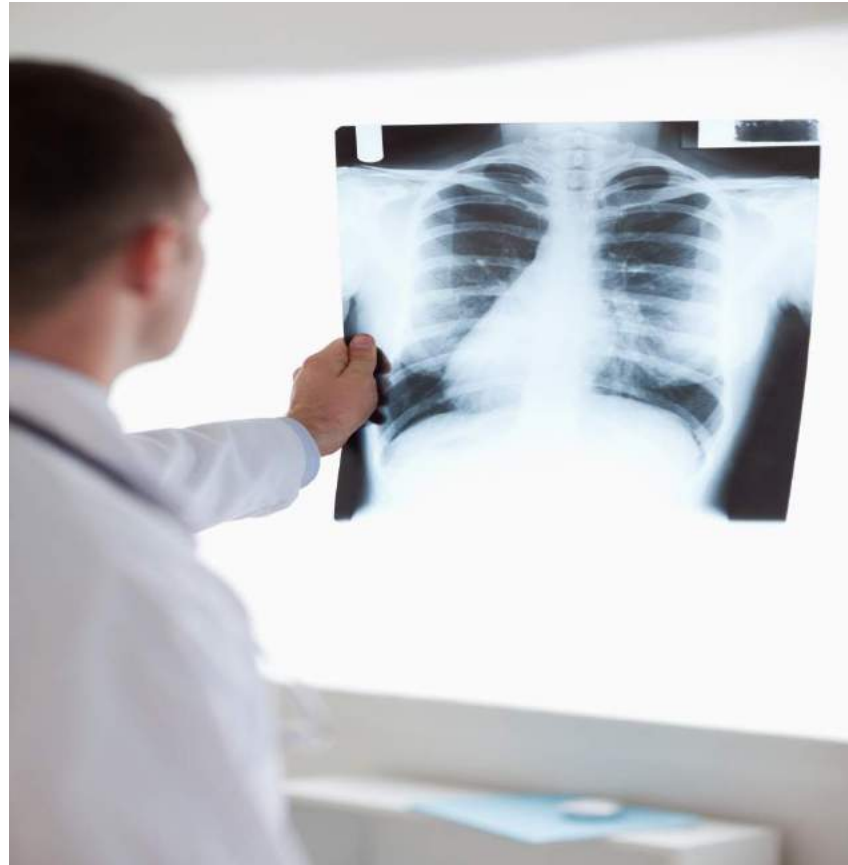
Testimonials from the project beneficiaries:



“The training course taught me how to grow flowers, opened new horizons: I can now have a business of my own or I can collaborate at events. The financial support also helped a lot considering the many expenses I have now.”

It was a drop that mattered and came at the right moment. It’s something you get band psychologically it gives you a state of security and confidence. There are still people who care! You’re not alone in this world to fight the disease!”

L.G.-G., patient from Ploiești, 34, training course – flower decorator



**BENEFICIARY: THE NATIONAL TB CONTROL
PROGRAMME**

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE ROMANIAN POPULATION THROUGH INCREASING THE TB CONTROL



The project aims to strengthen the tuberculosis control in Romania, with focus on multidrug-resistant and extensively resistant tuberculosis (MDR/XDR-TB) and on poor and vulnerable groups

Partners: “Marius Nasta” Lung Diseases Institute (Project Leader) and CPSS

<http://control-tb.marius-nasta.ro/en/>





ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES AND PUBLIC POLICIES IN OUR FIELDS OF INTEREST

National TB Control Strategy 2015 - 2020

RAA Foundation played an important role in the elaboration of the TB Strategy 2015-2020 (condition set by the Global Fund for approval of the new grant).



The National TB Control Strategy 2015 – 2020 was finally enacted by the Romanian Government through Government Decision in March 2015

Bill on tuberculosis prevention and control



- Public campaign and on-line petition
- The bill was submitted to Members of Parliament for enactment

December 3rd 2014, The Chamber of Deputies passed the "Law on the profession of nanny"

Romanian Angel Appeal and the National Association of Professional Nannies and Baby-Sitters from Romania participated actively in drafting the bill on the profession of nanny, as it was registered at the Senate in June 2013. The draft followed the legislative procedure and was the result of studies and analyses conducted for over 3 years.

<http://www.raa.ro/punctul-de-vedere-al-fundatiei-raa-referitor-la-legea-bonelor-forma-adoptata-de-camera-deputatilor/>

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2014

SOCIAL / BEHAVIOURAL RESEARCH

Research Topic	Beneficiary	Report published
Survey on social norms that influence risk behaviors in teenagers	UNICEF Romania	http://www.unicef.ro/wp-content/uploads/Rezumat-studiu-Studiu-norme-sociale-adolescenti.pdf
Mapping the TB patients' needs	The Association for MDR-TB Patients' Support	http://raa.ro/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Mapping_TB_Patients_Needs_Report.pdf
Feasibility study on drug consumption rooms	Carousel Association, Romania	http://www.ce-re.ro/upload/carusel_studiu.pdf
Market research (qualitative) on medical, psychological and social needs of the chronic patients	Abbvie Romania	unpublished

AWARDS RECEIVED IN 2014

BEST PROGRAMME

Civil Society Gala 2014



The Programme
“Strengthening the TB Control
in Romania through
Interventions Oriented towards
Poor and Vulnerable Groups”
won Best Programme at the
12th edition of the Civil Society
Gala organized at the
Romanian Athenaeum

The program started in 2007 with funding from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and was implemented in partnership with 10 other NGOs and public institutions. It was initiated based on the assessment of the needs not covered by the National Tuberculosis Control Programme (NTP), taking into consideration the economic crisis and the chronic under-funding of the health system in Romania.



**PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS AND
COALITIONS**

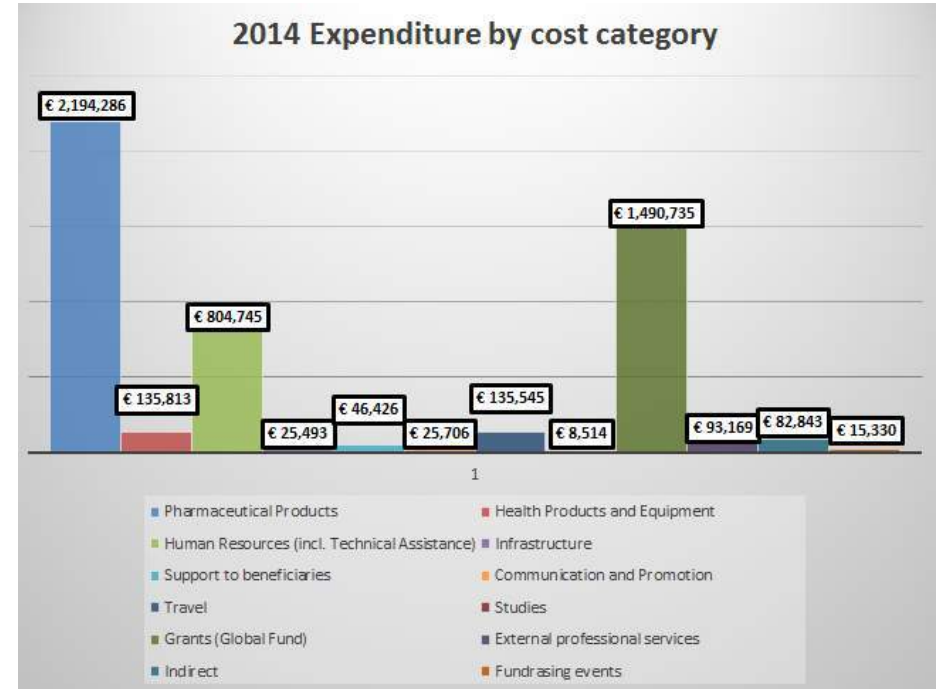
Networks and coalitions in which we are active

- StopTB Partnership International
- StopTB Partnership Romania
- TB Europe Coalition
- AIDS Action Europe
- Paediatric European Network for Treatment of AIDS (PENTA)
- Task-force in Europe for Drug Development for the Young

2014 FINANCIAL REPORT AT A GLANCE

2014 Expenditure by Cost Category

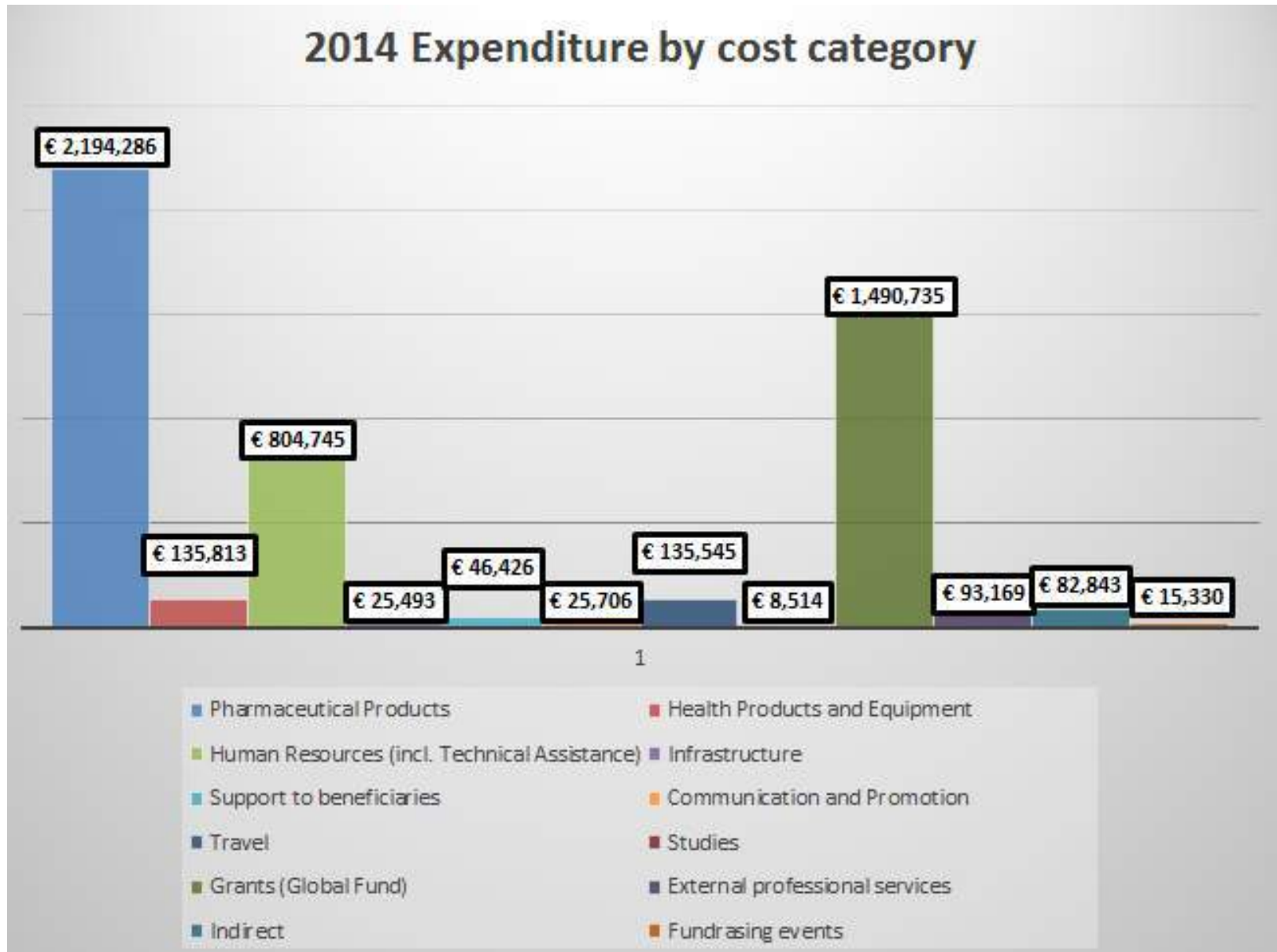
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Infrastructure	€ 25,493	0.50%
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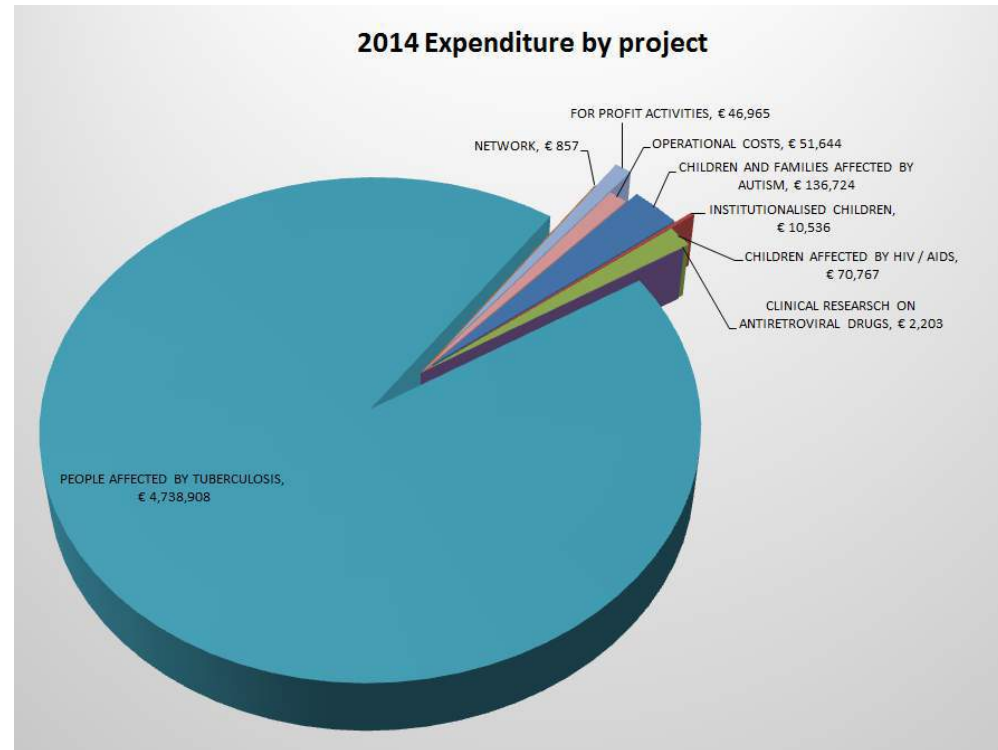
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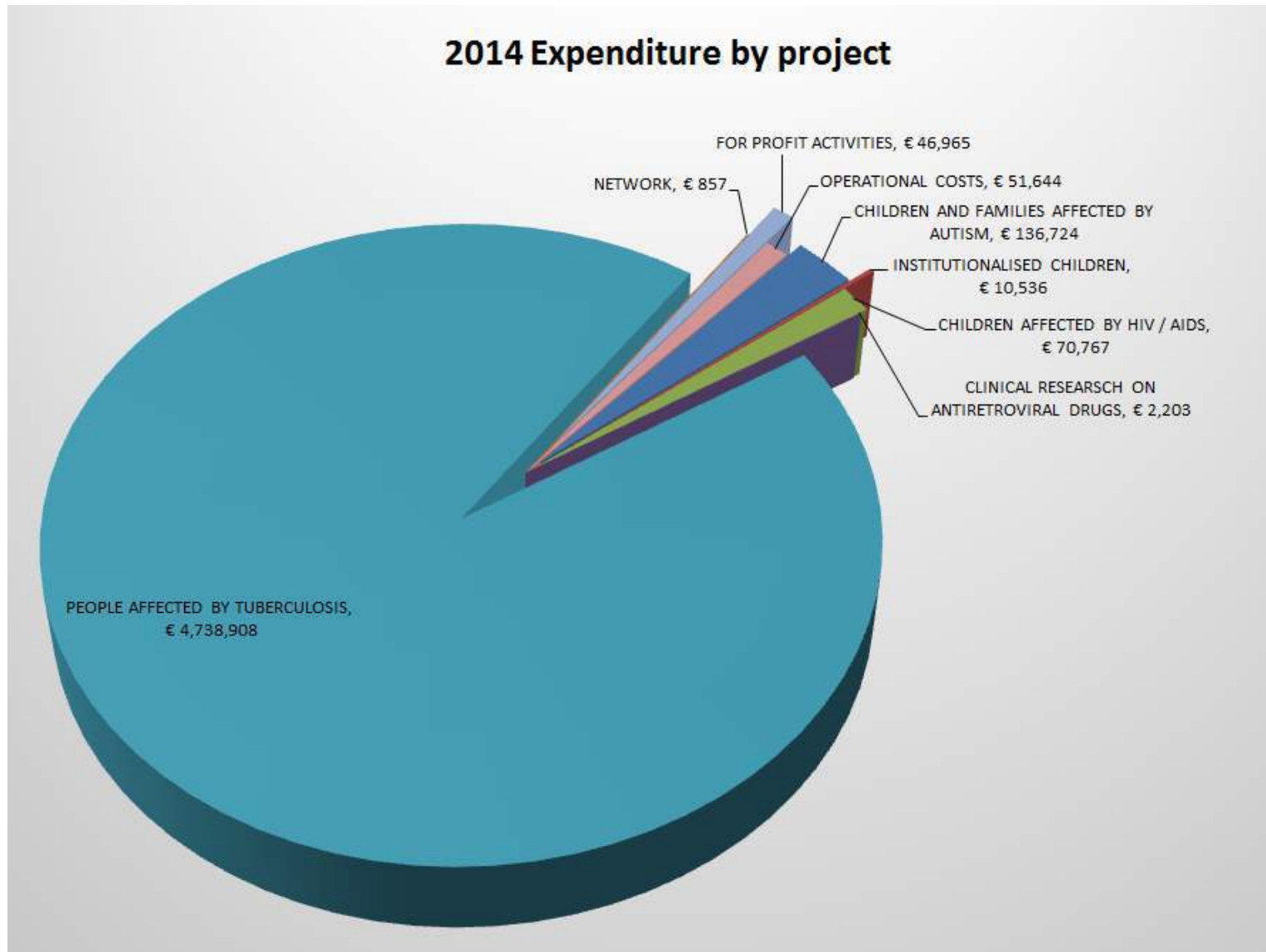
Beneficiaries/ project type	Amount
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY AUTISM	€ 136,724
INSTITUTIONALISED CHILDREN	€ 10,536
CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV / AIDS	€ 70,767
CLINICAL RESEARSC ON ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS	€ 2,203
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TUBERCULOSIS	€ 4,738,908
NETWORK	€ 857
FOR PROFIT ACTIVITIES	€ 46,965
OPERATIONAL COSTS	€ 51,644
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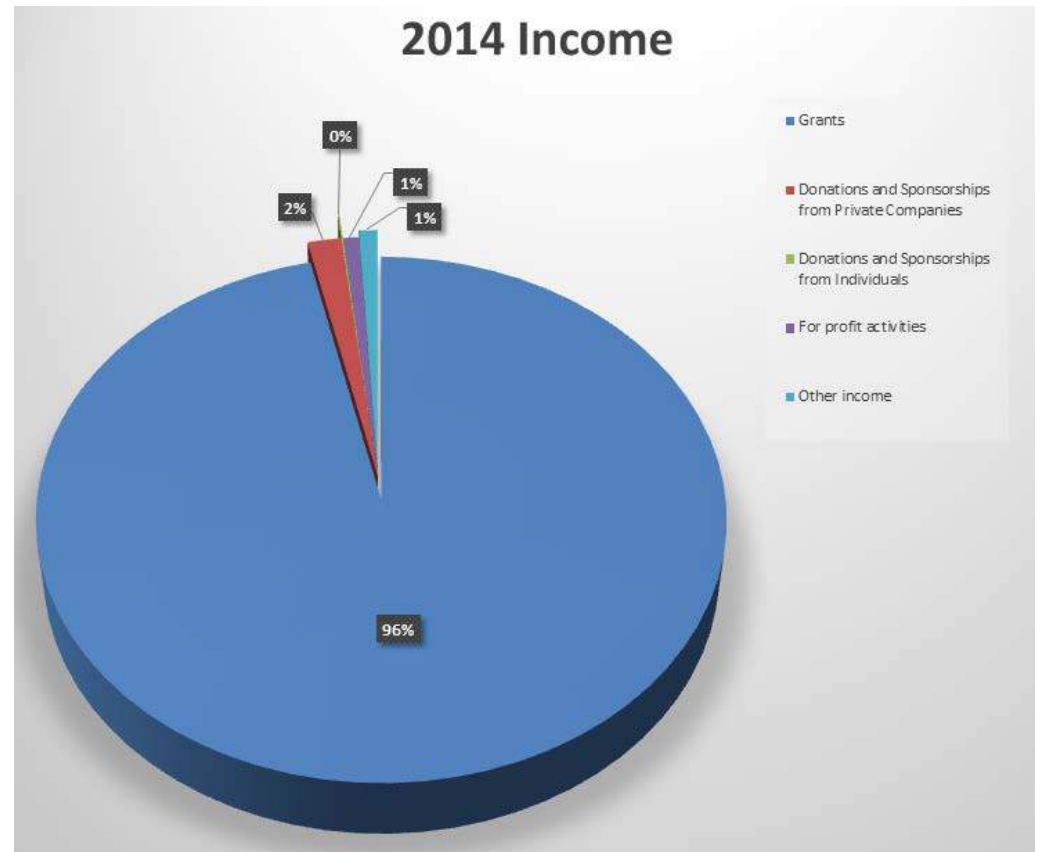
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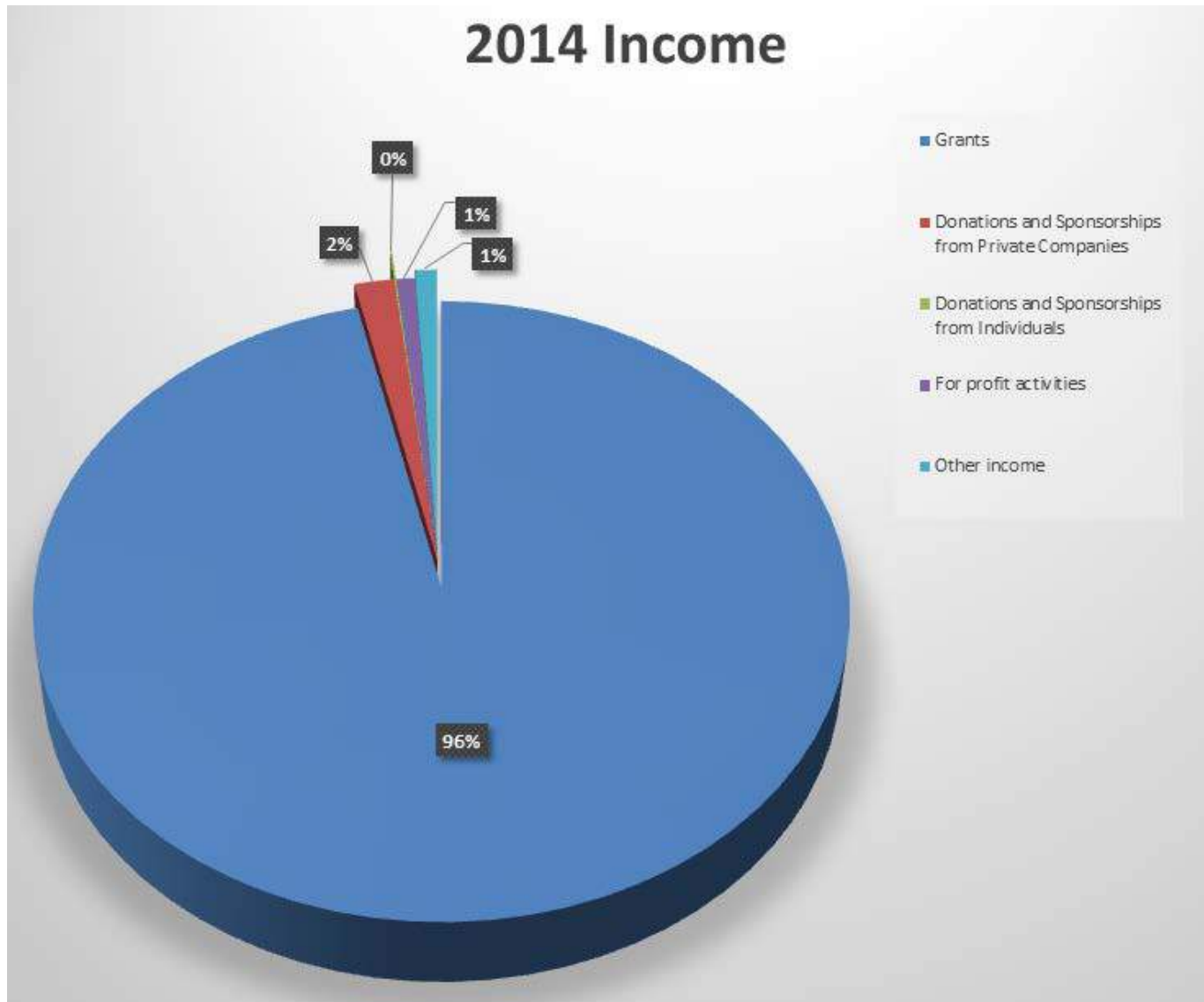
Funding source	Amount
Grants	€ 5,221,788
Donations and Sponsorships from Private Companies	€ 92,299
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For profit activities	€ 43,070
Other income	€ 51,562
Total income	€ 5,414,003



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Donor Feedback

“The programmatic performance was excellent. The Global Fund grant rating tool generated an A1 rating. The cumulative budget utilisation rate was nearly at 100%.

We would like to praise the Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation and all involved partners for the excellent performance and look forward to continuation of such performance during the new grant implementation.”

Akjagul (Akja) Karajakulova

Program Officer, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Team | Grant Management Division, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria