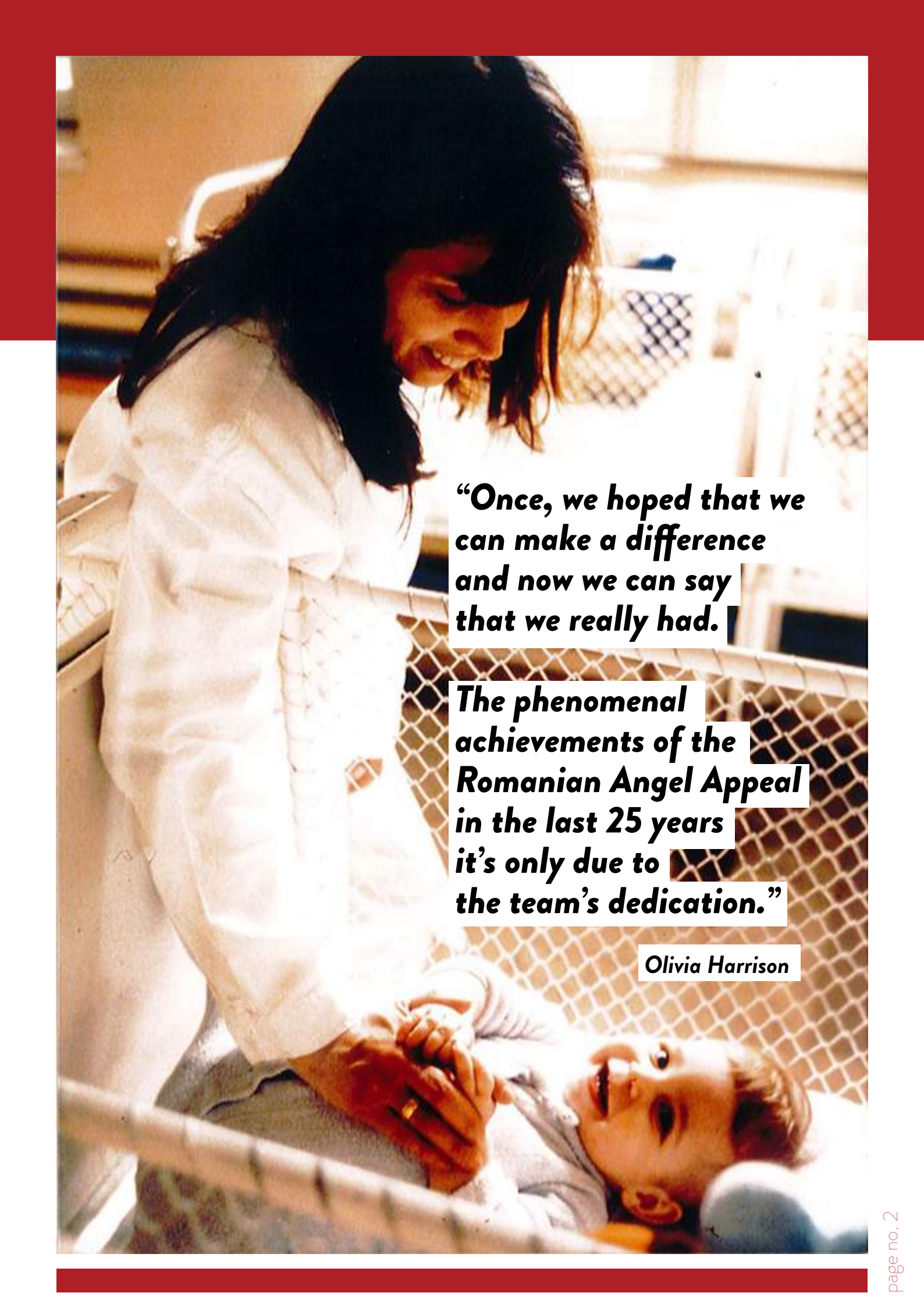




ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Romanian Angel Appeal

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white lab coat, is smiling warmly as she holds the hands of a baby lying in a hospital crib. The baby is looking up at her with a joyful expression. The background shows the metal mesh of the crib and a softly lit hospital room.

“Once, we hoped that we can make a difference and now we can say that we really had.”

The phenomenal achievements of the Romanian Angel Appeal in the last 25 years it’s only due to the team’s dedication.”

Olivia Harrison



Celebrating the past, looking for the future!

25 YEARS OF ROMANIAN ANGEL APPEAL

In 2016 we had many reasons to celebrate, as we have reached 25 years of continuous activities since we support some of the most disadvantaged children, young people and adults in Romania.

Our mission enlarged from refurbishment of orphanages and placement centers to sustainable, patient centered services for HIV/AIDS, TB and ASD affected people and now a big component of our work is dedicated to advocacy for improved public policies and legislation for people in need.

Old partnerships have consolidated and new partners have joined us and we are grateful to

our lasting partners and donors for their constant support. Through our joined efforts thousands of children and young people in need have been served in 2016.

World changes around us and we had to increase our efforts to overcome barriers, to change mentalities and fight inertia. Nevertheless, RAA team managed in 2016 to reach its objectives, stay united and optimistic. Good work and successful projects for the benefit of people in need of our support are keeping us mobilized and motivated to continue.

With your support, of all those who believe in our work, we will do more good!

Silvia Asandi, General Manager
Bucharest, December 2016

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ABBREVIATIONS

RAA – Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation

TB – tuberculosis

GFATM – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

PR – Principal Recipient

ASD – autism spectrum disorder

MDR – multidrug resistance

XDR – extensive drug resistance

WHO – World Health Organisation

CPSS – Center for Health Policies and Services

UNOPA – The National Union of Organizations of People Living with HIV/AIDS

ARAS – The Romanian Association against AIDS

ASPTMR – The Association for Supporting MDR-TB Patients

FEDRA – Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder

IMA – applied interventions and methodologies

MISSION & VALUES

After 25 years of activity, Romanian Angel Appeal's mission still focuses on improving the life of children and young people in need, including those with chronic diseases, HIV/AIDS, TB, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). RAA is using its expertise and funds to offer medical, psychological, social and material support and through developing networks, training courses, research, campaigns and advocacy programs, in partnership with public authorities, private companies, non-governmental organizations and individuals.

We believe in:

- Developing projects that serve best to our beneficiaries' needs
- Team work and respect for diversity
- Transparency in the management of funds
- Perseverance in advocating for the rights of people in need
- Sustainability of partnerships



2016 IN FIGURES

Over 6,000 people affected by with HIV/TB have been reached and received services in projects funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, funds managed by RAA as Principal Recipient

Over 800 MDR-TB patients received appropriate treatment regimens due to RAA efforts

Over 400 children with ASD and typical received services in RAA's autism related projects

Over 1.5 million people have been reached by awareness campaign messages related to Autism Awareness Day 2nd of April.

Over 150 volunteers involved in RAA projects

DIRECTIONS FOR ACTION IN 2016

RAA maintained the main directions for action in 2016:

- Grant management and technical support for NGOs and central and local authorities in TB/HIV field
- Projects for vulnerable people (affected by TB and Autism Spectrum Disorder)
- Advocacy for social and health policy change and legislation improvement
- Campaigns and events

GRANT MANAGEMENT & TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR NGO'S & CENTRAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN TB/HIV FIELD

From 2015 to 2018, RAA acts as Principal Recipient for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria supported programme **“Decreasing the TB burden in Romania through the TB control system and strengthening the management of drug-resistant TB by ensuring universal access to diagnosis and treatment and addressing the needs of population groups at risk”**.

Within the programme, RAA coordinates the activities of seven NGOs and one public institution, all receiving Global Fund funding through RAA and contributing to the achievement of the following objectives:

- Early and quality assured TB diagnosis through strengthening the TB laboratory capacity;
- Implementation of patient centered interventions in 6 high TB burden counties in Romania;
- Improvement of treatment outcomes for M/XDR TB patients by provision of complete, non-interrupted drug regimens;
- Strengthening the national legal framework to regulate the TB control in Romania.

RAA also coordinated the national and international technical assistance missions for implementing the National Strategy for TB Control in Romania 2015-2020. The technical assistance included international experts nominated by the WHO and national experts. The consultants provided expertise for TB care system reform, TB laboratories standards, TB clinical guidelines, procurement of anti-TB drugs, infection control in TB settings, etc.

By the end of 2016, the programme managed by RAA achieved the following results:


- 9 TB laboratories have received new rapid diagnostic equipment and consumables;
- 2,300 people who inject drugs received a package of prevention services, including TB screening and referral to TB diagnosis;
- Almost 2,000 homeless persons received information about TB, were screened for TB and if suspect, were accompanied to the TB dispensary for diagnosis;
- About 1,600 TB patients at risk of poor treatment adherence received adherence counseling and treatment incentives, in the

form of vouchers;

- More than a dozen technical assistance missions have been carried out to provide recommendations that could strengthen the current system of TB control in Romania.

Subrecipients for the GFATM supported programmes are:

The National Union of Organizations of People Living with HIV/AIDS (UNOPA) in partnership with The Association for Supporting MDR-TB Patients (ASPTMR), The Romanian Association against AIDS (ARAS) in partnership with ALIAT and PARADA Foundation, Save the Children Romania, Center for Health Policies and Services (CPSS), Institute of Pneumology “Prof. Dr. Marius Nasta”.

A young child with light brown hair is sitting on a blue chair. The child is wearing denim overalls over an orange shirt. The child's hands are resting on their lap. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

**PROJECTS ADDRESSED
TO VULNERABLE
GROUPS AFFECTED
BY TUBERCULOSIS OR
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**



Improving the health status of the Romanian population in Romania by increasing Tuberculosis control

The project implemented by the Institute of Pneumology “Prof. Dr. Marius Nasta” and its partners aimed at improving prevention and treatment of communicable diseases (including HIV/AIDS and TB) in Romania, especially among MDR/XDR TB patients coming from vulnerable groups.

As partner within this project from 2014 until 2016, RAA has increased the capacity of coordination for National TB Program to tackle TB epidemic in Romania by ensuring procurement of medicines for MDR / XDR patient’s treatment, procurement of rapid test kits and by providing technical assistance. The project supported by RAA reached 50.022 people with rapid testing for TB by the end of 2016 and enrolled 809 patients on medication through the Global Drug Facility within WHO/StopTB partnership.

RAA continued in 2016 to provide support to the Institute of Pneumology Prof “Dr Marius Nasta” in ensuring access to treatment to TB patients and increasing their adherence to treatment.

Also, RAA provided support in improving the comprehensive database for patient and drug control in TB. RAA ensured the communication and dissemination activities within the project.

Partners:

The project was implemented by Institute of Pneumology ‘Prof. Dr. Marius Nasta in partnership with Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation, Center for Health Policies and Services (CPSS), LHL International

Grant operator: Ministry of Health

Donor: Norway Grants



MASPA – Measures to promote non-discrimination and social inclusion in schools, community and employment for people with autism, focusing on roma communities

In 2016 RAA and its partners continued to implement the project “MASPA – Measures to promote non-discrimination and social inclusion in schools, community and employment for people with autism, focusing on roma communities”, that has started in April 2015.

MASPA’s main objective was to stimulate the development of initiatives to reduce inequalities and prevent social exclusion of children and youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), especially those that are part of the Roma community, in schools, community and on the labor market.

MASPA activities in 2016 resulted in the following figures:

- 310 children have received services within the project in 2016
- 23 young people have received services within the project in 2016
- 300 professionals from special and mainstream schools, local social services and local labour offices have been trained within the project
- 659 professionals from local social

services, educational service, civil society have participated to workshops on equal access to services and nondiscrimination during the project

- Over 1.4 mil people have been reached by the national media campaign aiming to promote nondiscrimination of ASD and roma people in schools, community and labor market.

Partners:

The Icelandic Autistic Society (IAS), Einhverfusamtökin, General Directorate for Child Protection Arad & General Directorate for Child Protection Galati

Donor:

Norway and EEA Grants through the Romanian Social Development Fund



Together we are a Voice!

In 2016, RAA and its partner FEDRA (Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Autism) continued to implement the project started in 2013.

The general objective of the project is represented by the integration of some efficient and innovative applied interventions & methodologies (IMA) proposed by non-governmental organizations in public policies formulated for the period 2015 – 2020 on social services for people with ASD in Romania.

The project continued in 2016 with a feasibility study of efficient and effective IMA that can be applied in Romania, with an advocacy campaign aiming to raise attention to public authorities towards the importance of integration of people with ASD, and through a public awareness campaign in general population organized in April.

The main results of the project in 2016 number:

- A feasibility study highlighting the conditions needed in order to implement 5 services for the integration of ASD people
- An awareness campaign reaching over 1 mil people through press messages,
- A project results dissemination conference organized

Partners:

FEDRA (Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Autism)

Donor:

Project funded by Switzerland through the Swiss Contribution to the enlarged European Union



Prepared community, Integrated Child - Support for School and Social Integration of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

RAA and its partners continued to support services aiming to ensure school integration of children affected by autism in 2016, through the Project “Prepared community, Integrated Child - Support for School and Social Integration of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder”, a project started in April 2015 and finalized in April 2016.

The project aimed to build a model of multidisciplinary interventions in 10 counties, to increase the access to social and educational services for children with ASD.

In 2016 RAA continued to provide support for the counselling and assistance centers from 10 counties through stationery and community toolkit distribution. 20 schools have been also provided with stationery and educational products. The counseling and assistance centers continued to provide support for ASD affected children and families.

Partners

State Diagnostic and Counselling Center (SDCC) Iceland

Directorates for Child Protection from 10 counties: Bacau, Botosani, Braila, Bucharest Sector 4, Neamt, Prahova, Suceava, Tulcea, Vaslui, Vrancea

Project funded by

EEA Financial Mechanism



Strengthening local counseling and support services for parents of children and adolescents with TSA (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)

In 2016 RAA and its partners, Directorates for Child Protection from ten counties, continued to provide services for families affected by autism spectrum disorder within counselling and assistance centers and continued to advocate for sustainability of services provided at local level for the integration of ASD people into the community.

The project started in July 2014 and aimed at increasing access to basic services for 100 ASD children and their parents in 10 counties and increasing competencies of professionals working in public counselling and assistance centers.

In 2016, apart from services provided for families affected by autism in the 10 counselling and assistance centers, awareness campaigns have been organized in each county around 2nd of April – World Autism Awareness Day.

An awareness campaign has been organized in 10 schools aiming to prepare teachers, typical children and children with autism to respond to fire or other calamities.

In three of the project counties have been organized parents run sessions with the aim of empowering families and creating support networks.

Partners:

Directorates for Child Protection from 10 counties: Arad, Bacău, Botoșani, București Sector 4, Călărași, Galați, Mehedinți, Prahova, Vaslui, Vrancea

Donor:

Norway and EEA Financial Mechanism



Consultancy work and training provision

Training for professionals from child protection social services Prahova County

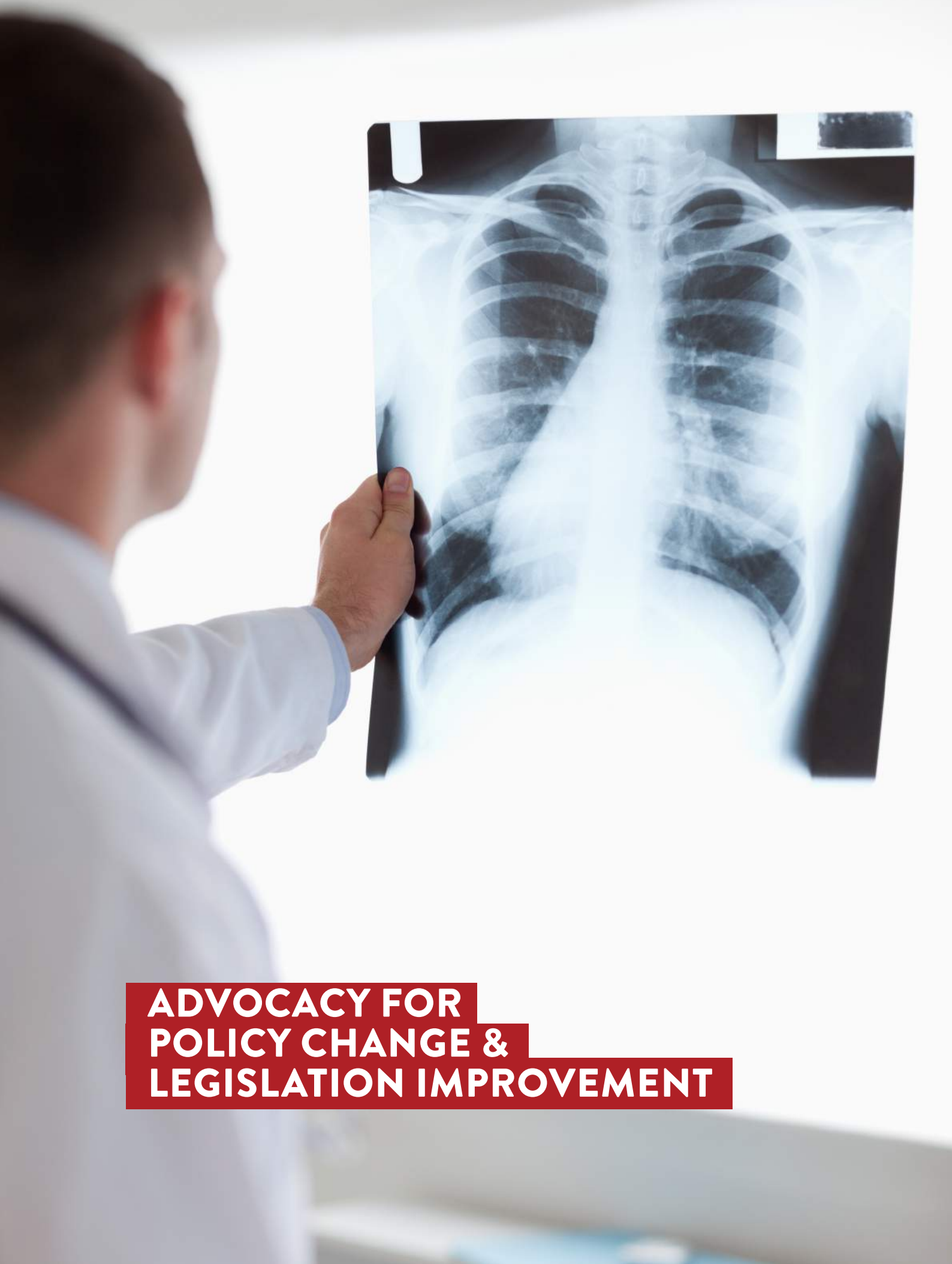
In January – March 2016 Romanian Angel Appeal provided two training courses for professionals working in social protection system in Prahova County.

150 professionals have been trained and certified. The training program focussed on methods and techniques of interventions on children with behavioral problems and in crises situations and development of life skills for independent life for children and young people living in placement centers.

E-learning programs

Romanian Angel Appeal continued to offer, as certified training provider, access to e-learning courses for medical professionals on www.medability.ro platform.

307 courses have been taken in 2016 resulting in 120 certificates issued.



**ADVOCACY FOR
POLICY CHANGE &
LEGISLATION IMPROVEMENT**



Advocacy for improved policies and legislation for TB patients

RAA continued to be an active advocate for the rights of the people affected by Tuberculosis in Romania. As part of the Romanian Stop TB Partnership and TB Europe Coalition, RAA has initiated and participated to a number of actions aiming to raise awareness to public and local decision makers with regards to TB challenge and TB patients' needs.

- In early 2016, RAA asked the Romanian Parliament members to join the Global TB Caucus (<https://www.globaltbcaucus.org/>) and to sign the Barcelona Declaration. The TB bill was registered on March 31st 2016, at the Parliament.
- In May 2016, an advocacy workshop for Romanian civil society organizations has been organised in Bucharest by TB Europe Coalition and the Romanian Angel Appeal.
- In June, RAA attended the High Level Reunion of the Global TB Caucus members in Bratislava. 16 MPs from

12 countries were present: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Latvia, Malta, Great Britain, Moldova and Uzbekistan. A letter aimed for the European Commission leaders was circulated among MPs from all the countries in the world, members of the Global TB Caucus, to be signed and endorsed.

- In December 2016, RAA organized meetings with NGOs working on TB and HIV/AIDS in order to identify the advocacy needs related to their activity and drafted a proposal for an advocacy plan to be implemented starting with the first quarter of 2017.
- In October 2015, RAA started one of its longest lasting advocacy activities from the past years: local meetings with municipalities all over

Romania with the aim of supporting them to take more effective actions in providing support services for the people affected by Tuberculosis living in their communities.

- 23 meetings with local stakeholders have been organized in 2016 in Argeş, Dolj, Constanţa, Neamţ și Maramureş counties and Bucharest, reaching over 200 participants from local public institutions and NGOs.

RAA continued to act as the Stop TB Partnership-Romania secretariat and constantly uploaded content on the site, www.stop-tb.ro. RAA also kept the partnership members up-to-date with the latest news about TB in Romania and with various initiatives, either national or international, regarding TB public awareness, political commitment, stakeholder involvement etc.



Advocacy for social integration of ASD affected people

In 2016, as part of FEDRA (Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder) RAA continued to advocate for the change of legislation and improved policies for the inclusion of people affected by ASD.

Since 2011, RAA has supported the process of development of the methodological norms for the law 151/2010 for specialized integrated medical, social and educational services for people affected by ASD and mental health problems by participating to the multisectorial working group and providing constant feed-back on the documents.

In April 2016, RAA and FEDRA initiated a public debate for the integration of NGO's recommendations in the drafted methodological norms. The meeting gathered representatives

of 20 organizations around the country.

RAA initiated meetings with representatives of Ministry of National Education and provided constant feed-back and recommendations regarding the methodologies issued by MNE, repeatedly requesting concrete measures for integration of ASD children in mainstream schools.

At local level, through existing partnerships with county Child Protection Authorities, meetings with stakeholders have been organized with the aim of identifying common grounds for increasing access to basic services for people with ASD in the community.

At international level, RAA participated with poster presentation and interventions to the XI International

Congress of Autism Europe in September 2016 and also updated Autism Speaks about National Autism Awareness Day events in Romania and as part of Light it up Blue Initiative.





EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

“Days of the Beautiful Minds” Film Festival

In the context of the 2nd of April, date that marks the World Autism Awareness Day, The Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation organized, between 31st March -2nd of April 2016, the second edition of the Film Festival “Days of the Beautiful Minds”.

In partnership with Hollywood Multiplex, the festival presented three excellent productions on autism: A beautiful young mind, 2014 (director Morgan Matthews), Extremely loud and incredibly close, 2011 (director Stephen Daldry), Fly Away, 2011 (with the kind support of director Janet Grillo).

The festival aimed at raising awareness on autism and the needs of people with ASD and focused on love, importance of caring and sharing in supporting people with autism. The three days of projection reached over

200 people.

The festival was preceded by a series of informative events in school settings and companies, with the aim of increasing awareness towards social inclusion of ASD People. The festival and the preceding campaign was part of the MASPA project funded by EEA Grants





Campina Open MTB – Race for Autism

Started in 2012 as a charity competition, Campina Open MTB - Race for Autism marked on September the 3rd 2016 its 5th edition.

The competition addresses to bike riders from all over the country and beyond and aims to raise funds for projects addressed to children with autism from the community of Campina and also to encourage people to value sports and protect nature. The competition is organized through donations and sponsorships and relies on the voluntary work and participation of over 150 people each year.

357 riders entered the competition in 2016 from 499 registered and 20.019 lei have been raised for a project addressed to children with autism.

- In 2016, with funds raised in 2015 Campina Open MTB Competition, several activities have been coordinated by RAA and its local partners “Glasul Autismului” Association and Service Complex “Sfanta Filofteia”:
- An awareness campaign in 4 mainstream schools organized as a drawing contest with the theme “We

are different but we learn together” with the participation of 157 children (7 with autism)

- A training on PECT (communication with pictograms) for 15 parents have been provided
- A 3 days summer camp was organized for 10 families having children with autism

Partners:

Association Glasul Autismului Campina, Municipality of Campina, Municipality of Cornu

Donors:

Isostar, Bergenbier, Aqua Carpatica, Algida, Sport Guru, Rexona, Edenland, BikeXpert, Shimano, Ideal, AMBIKE - Ambulanța de biciclete, Soceram, Mystery Rooms Escape București, Regina Maria Foundation, Diverta, Fablab, Filsam, Hotel Seva, Floricon, Camelbak, BGS, Hervis, Cora

Media partners:

Freerider.ro, Zelist Monitor, Bike fm, Oglinda, Cesavezi.ro, Câmpina online TV



PRIZES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Civic Society Gala 2016 – Third Prize for social inclusion

“They should have a Chance Too!”- Supporting Program for social and professional integration of people with autism spectrum disorder.

Prahova Community Gala – Domains that influence our life

Nomination for Campina Open MTB – Race for Autism.

Prize for responsible journalism for our colleague Tatiana Dabija, RAA Communication Coordinator, within the contest „Look me through my eyes” organized by The Association for Supporting MDR-TB Patients (ASPTMR).



INVESTMENTS
FUND

Financial Report Summary
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Income 2016

Funding source	Amount
Grants	
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	€ 1,255,763
PENTA ONLUS Foundation	€ 62,000
EC - EAHC (Executive Agency for Health and Consumers)	-€ 65,279
EEA Grants 2009-2014 via Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF)	€ 75,192
Norway Grants 2009-2014	-€ 946,330
SEE Grants via Romanian Social Development Fund (RSDF)	€ 251,227
Children of Nowhere	€ 24,174
Oxford Brookes University	€ 2,921
Fondazione Franco Moschino	€ 29,795
Subtotal grants	€ 689,462
Budgetary sources	
VAT reimbursement from Ministry of Health for GFATM Programme	€ 145,959
Subtotal budgetary sources	€ 145,959
Companies donations & sponsorships	
OMV Petrom	€ 7,281
SC Hatric Bet Srl	€ 1,111
DB Global Technology	€ 1,969
"Bucuria de a invinge" association	€ 3,556
Filsam Foundation	€ 822
The Insurance Pool against Natural Disasters (PAID)	€ 13,333
Anteora Development	€ 89
Johnson & Johnson Corporate Citizenship Trust / Johnson & Johnson Romania SRL	€ 167,304
Subtotal companies donations & sponsorships	€ 195,465
Individual donations	
Jugureanu Alexandra and friends	€ 1,792
Anonymous donations	€ 136
Subtotal individual donations	€ 1,928
For-profit activities	
CBT Europe (e-learning modules)	€ 500
General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection, Prahova County	€ 18,800
ARCUB - Cultural Center of Bucharest	€ 2,222
HubCare	€ 338
Product selling	€ 4
Subtotal for-profit activities	€ 21,864
Other sources	
Currency exchange rates differences	€ 75,850
Participation fees to "Campina Open MTB" charity race	€ 4,956
Office rent recovery payment	€ 1,100
2% fundraising campaign	€ 8,015
Subtotal other sources	€ 89,921
Total income	€ 1,144,599

Expenditures 2016

Cost category	Amount	Percentage from the total expenditure
Pharmaceutical Products	€ 1,691,390	42.11%
Health Products and Equipment	€ 583,241	14.52%
Human Resources including technical assistance	€ 576,416	14.35%
Infrastructure	€ 2,115	0.05%
Direct support to beneficiaries	€ 86,442	2.15%
Disbursements to TB Grant sub-recipients (Global Fund)	€ 851,136	21.19%
Charity events	€ 18,680	0.47%
Travel related to M&E, TA, trainings and scientific events	€ 54,055	1.35%
Communication and Promotion	€ 7,108	0.18%
External professional services	€ 15,983	0.40%
Indirect expenses	€ 130,373	3.25%
Total expenditure	€ 4,016,938	

The 2016 expenditure was possible thanks to the grant funds transferred by end of 2015 plus the funds received in 2016.

Supporters and donors

Fondazione Franco Moschino
 PENTA ONLUS Foundation
 The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
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 Anteora Development
 Johnson & Johnson Corporate Citizenship Trust / Johnson & Johnson Romania SRL
 Regina Maria Foundation
 Molson Coors

Audits

In 2016 RAA projects financial audit for the year 2016 was conducted by the following companies:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Moore Stephens International
- Audit One SRL
- Staff Expert SRL