The social inclusion of migrants through the involvement of local communities/ RO2020/ACF\_A7\_MM\_13

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**Objective:**

The project answers coherently to the problem of high social exclusion of the asylum seekers and refugees (beneficiaries of International protection) on Romanian territory.

The project proposes an integrated intervention in 5 refugees centres in our country: Bucharest, Galati, Radauti, Somcuta Mare (Maramures county) and Timisoara. Given the international political context, in the last years we have noticed an increased number of asylum requests in Romania (over 2000 annual requests) – 20% of the asylum requests are sent in for children. The analysis prepared by the applicant in the planning phase of the project showed that asylum seekers and refugees in our country have a low level of human rights knowledge, refugee children have a poor access to education and a lack of support towards educational adaptation, limited access to linguistic assistance.

The project’s intervention addresses 600 asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection from the 5 centres. We will organize informative workshops on human rights and social and economic rights for these target groups, we will have consultations with the beneficiaries of services, we will provide support services for social and economical integration of asylum seekers and refugees, we will develop a model for integrated services replicable in other initiatives, we will create local networks of support, including action plans at a community level and roundtables with relevant stakeholders. The activities will be carried out by Save the Children and JRS Romania. Through the project, 14 employees of the two organizations that will be involved in working with the target groups will be trained in order to improve the organizational capacity of Save the Children and JRS Romania.

**Summary of objective**

Develop a sustainable and advocacy framework for advocacy at the local and national levels to achieve social justice, inclusion and increase the capacity of refugees and asylum seekers to know and demand their rights.

**Target group**

The project targets 600 refugees and asylum seekers - 200 children and 400 adults from 5 reception centerds in Bucharest, Galati, Radauti, Somcuta Mare and Timisoara, an underserved group facing social injustice, reduced access to information on unadapted social rights and services.

**Direct target group**

The target audience of the project is part of the category of underserved groups facing social injustice, reduced access to information about their rights, social services not adapted to their needs. - Refugees and asylum seekers located in the Regional Accommodation and Procedures Centers for asylum seekers in Bucharest, Galați, Rădăuți, Șomcuta Mare and Timisoara. - Both refugee children and asylum seekers, as well as adults (including parents of the children targeted in the project) refugees and asylum seekers, who need support in order to integrate into Romanian society. - Families with children and single-parent families of refugees and asylum seekers.

**Indirect target group**

- Public authorities (IGI, DGASPC Maramureș, DGASPC Timiș, DGASPC Bucharest, DGASCP Suceava, schools near the centers, AJOFM, DSP, town halls from the 5 localities)

- Members of civil society, NGOs working in the field of social inclusion and combating discrimination;

- Other members of migrant communities

- Other members of the local community - the host communities

- Press (journalists from publications / televisions of national and regional interest, focusing on the communities of Bucharest, Galați, Rădăuți, Șomcuta Mare and Timisoara)

- The general public and other people interested in the project activities

**Desired results**

• Number of persons involved in the activities of civil society organizations - 614

• Nr. of vulnerable people benefiting from growth measures - 600

• Nr. of beneficiaries of the services provided or improved - 600

• Number of people from vulnerable groups consulted - 600

• Number of new and improved models to address the needs of vulnerable groups - 1

• Number of civil society organizations participating in learning / training initiatives funded by the Program - 1

• Number of civil society organizations with efficient management procedures - 2

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