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FOREWORD

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Since 2007, Romania's role in development cooperation has radically changed, shifting from beneficiary country to donor of official development assistance (ODA). We have taken significant steps in formulating and streamlining the implementation of our international development cooperation policy.

For the period 2007-2009, Romania's total ODA volume was around 270 million EUR. The yearly increase in our ODA contribution was around 8 million EUR and despite the economic and financial crisis, Romania remains committed to make efforts for reaching the ODA target for 2015.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the national coordinator of the ODA policy, has made it a priority to develop partnerships with national and international stakeholders dealing with developing cooperation.

To that effect, the Romanian Government is involved in partnerships at four levels: with other donors (in the context of reaching collective ODA commitments and of joint ODA projects), with international organizations involved in efforts toward reaching the MDGs (UN, European Commission, OECD), with partner developing states and with national stakeholders (NGDOs, governmental institutions, academics and the private sector).

We have had the opportunity to learn from the more experienced ones in order to develop our capacity, both in the governmental and non-governmental sector, the legal and institutional framework, shape our international profile as a donor, as well as increase public awareness about ODA.

Moreover, we have contributed our resources and expertise to promoting joint initiatives with other partners, thus avoiding the fragmentation of our aid.

In terms of disbursement, the first 3 years as a donor, we channelled most of the ODA budget through multilateral organizations, mainly UN agencies and global funds, like the GFATM (Global Fund against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) and Education for All-Fast Track Initiative.

We allocated our resources to the priority global development sectors reflected in the Millennium Development Goals (health, primary education, human rights, environment protection, economic development) and we have consolidated our partnership with the civil society.

A priority at this point is developing public-private partnerships. To this end, we organized seminars and consultations dedicated to the private sector and we are making efforts to amend our national legislation to adequately reflect the role of the private sector in the international development cooperation policy.

Romania is committed to become a reliable partner in the global efforts to fight poverty and reach the MDGs. We learned from our experience that through partnerships we can make the most of our resources and increase our donor capacity. We also learned that a successful partnership should be based on the principles of aid effectiveness and take into consideration the added value of each partner.

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GENERAL INFORMATION



What is the development cooperation policy?

Development cooperation, in its modern form, began after the World War II. It was only after such disaster that the international system became mature enough to realize that all countries are linked and the stability and prosperity of one will most certainly foster stability and prosperity for all. It was with the vision of this global web that nations began helping each other and it is with the vision of a world in which aid is no longer needed that official development assistance is being provided.

Bearing this in mind, Romania's aim as an ODA donor is to support people in developing countries, including low and medium-income states, to overcome poverty. The notion of poverty cannot be defined simply as the lack of financial resources but also as citizens' deprivation of food, education, health services, jobs, political involvement and infrastructure.

Our **overall objective** is to support the partner countries' efforts to implement their own national development

strategies. We rely in our efforts on the idea that development must be owned and its pace adapted to each beneficiary country's internal circumstances and needs.

Political Coordination

The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is the main institution in charge of managing and implementing the national development cooperation policy.

The development assistance, including humanitarian assistance, is financed from the MFA's budget, through a separate budgetary line, in accordance with the existing legal framework.

However, besides the MFA ODA budget, Romania's overall ODA contribution includes funds from most of our line ministries. Such contributions usually consist in providing scholarships supported from their own budgets and in financing certain international institutions playing an active role in development cooperation. Moreover, the line ministries contribute by promoting and implementing projects in the benefit of our partner countries.

Our partners

In designing and implementing Romania's development cooperation policy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the development cooperation policy's national coordinator, undertakes consultations with other line ministries, governmental institutions, civil society and private sector representatives.



National Partners

Governmental institutions

The main framework for inter-institutional dialogue is the Commission for Economic Cooperation and International Development, established through the GD 747/2007. The Commission is a forum for analysis, debate and planning in terms of the implementation process. The Commission's chairmanship and the secretariat are provided by the MFA.

The civil society and the private sector

The MFA acknowledges the important role civil society and the private sector could play in defining and implementing the national development cooperation policy.

While our cooperation with the private sector is only beginning, the MFA has maintained a constant dialogue with the representatives of civil society in order to exchange opinions, expertise and best practices on issues related to the international development cooperation and identify cooperation opportunities.

The Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND), set up on October 16th 2006, is MFA's official partner in the efforts to implement the national development cooperation policy. The Platform has so far received funds for the implementation of several development education and awareness raising projects (the awareness-raising campaigns on the MDGs in 2008, the Romania-Republic of Moldova NGO Forum in 2010, the Romanian Development Camp of 2010, the Black Sea NGOs Forum of 2010. Moreover, FOND was

supported by the MFA in organizing the first two editions of the Black Sea NGO Forum (2008 and 2009) and representatives of FOND were invited to all main events and capacity-building seminars organized by the MFA.

International partners

The setting up of global partnerships for development lies at the very core of successful international development cooperation, so much so that it is, in itself, one of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG no. 8).

Romania's status as donor of ODA entails its involvement in international partnerships at several levels:

- at EU level, with European institutions (The European Commission etc.), with European financing organizations, with other Member States;
- at global level, with other international organizations active in development (OECD, UN organizations, the World Bank, IOM etc);
- with partner ODA beneficiary countries, particularly Romania's priority partners: R. Moldova, Serbia, Georgia.

At EU level, Romania adhered to the collective and individual ODA commitments (the European Consensus for Development, Code of Conduct for EU Donors' Division of Labour, Council Conclusions etc.), as full partner, alongside the other EU donors, in the effort towards achieving established ODA objectives. Romania has been contributing annually, since 2007, to the EU external aid budget, which finances the geographic and thematic development assistance instruments and, as of 2011, it will contribute to the European Development Fund (EDF), the main EU

financial instrument targeting development assistance in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions.

Romania's EU membership also entails our involvement in the drawing up and management of EU development policies, including through active participation in the Council working groups and Commission committees which deal with EU development policies and external assistance instruments.

At global level, Romania is a party to the Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action.

Providing ODA through **multilateral channels** (UN agencies, OECD, EU programmes and funds, the World Bank etc.) represents an effective instrument for Romania to meet its international commitments and contribute to financing of priority global development sectors reflected in the Millennium Development Goals.

On the other hand, **bilateral assistance**, provided by Romania directly to its partner states, not only strengthens bilateral relations but also provides us with the means to efficiently promote the expertise we accumulated during the transition period to the benefit of our priority states.

Our objective is, therefore, to progressively increase the volume of bilateral ODA as Romania gains experience in conceiving and implementing development assistance programmes, adapted to promote Romania's expertise and comparative advantages as a donor.

LEGAL ASPECTS

- *Law 404/2006 regulates funding of ODA activities.*
- *Specific ODA actions are regulated by the Government Decision (GD) 747/2007 adopted on the 2nd of August, 2007.*

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Geographic priorities:

Priority countries

*Republic of Moldova
Georgia
Republic of Serbia*

Other countries of focus

*Afghanistan
Iraq*

Thematic priorities:

- *Good governance*
- *Strengthening democracy and the rule of law*
- *Economic development*
- *Education, vocational training and employment*
- *Health*
- *Development of infrastructure and environment protection*



Romania's ODA contributions: 2007-2009

In accordance to the strategic and legal framework, starting with 2007, Romania established a special budgetary line dedicated to financing development cooperation projects and initiatives.

Romanian development assistance contributions at national level for 2007, 2008, and 2009 were (in round figures) 80 million EUR, 94 million EUR, and 99 million EUR respectively.

In terms of disbursement, most of the funds constitute Romania's contribution to the EU's development cooperation budget, followed by scholarships, offered mainly by the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.

The ODA budget of the Romanian MFA was 4.67 million EUR in 2007, 1.92 million EUR in 2008 and 1.83 million EUR in 2009.

For the next years, a progressive increase of the overall ODA funds is expected. This evolution will be due to the contribution to the 10th European Development Fund* and various international pledges made by Romania.

Disbursement of MFA's ODA budget: 2007-2009

The MFA's ODA budget started from 4.67 million EUR in 2007; however, due to the effects of the international financial and economic crisis, it decreased successively during the next two years.

MFA's ODA funds disbursed to the benefit of Romania's priority countries

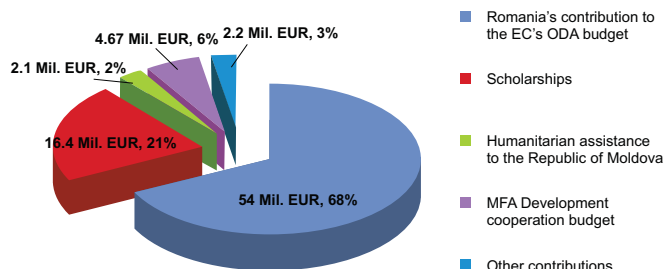
In 2007, when official development cooperation started in Romania, the funds were disbursed only through multilateral channels, most of them adding our assistance to various international (mainly UN)-coordinated funds.

However, beginning in 2008, the Romanian MFA decreased the percentage of sums granted to international funds administered by multilateral agencies in favour of bilateral and multilateral programs and contributions, fostering cooperation between Romanian institutions, those of our beneficiary countries and various international organizations and agencies with important experience in ODA project implementation.

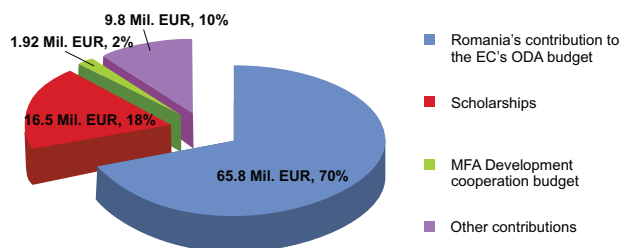
Romanian ODA 2007-2009

Total disbursed: 273 million EUR

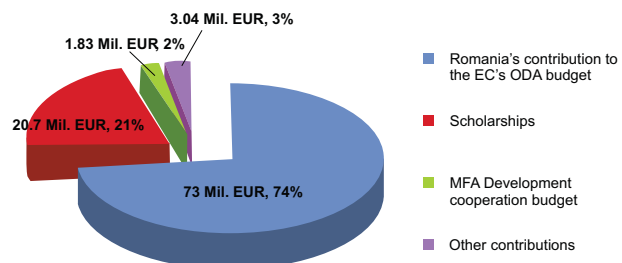
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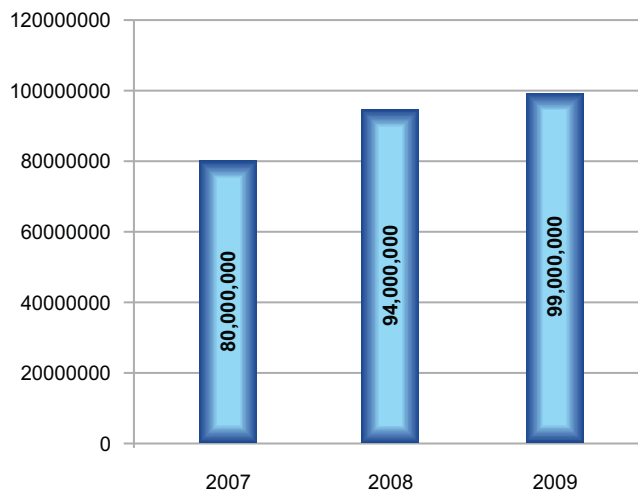
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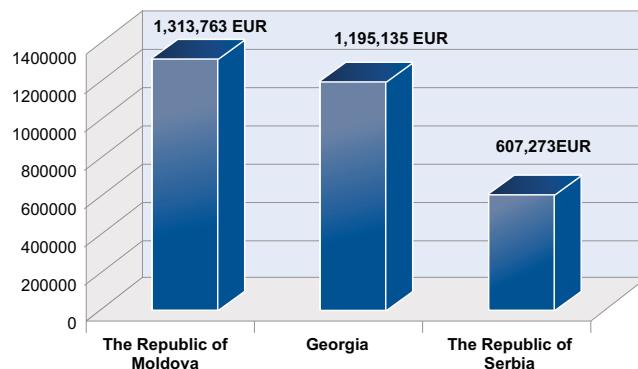
Romania's ODA contributions in 2009



Evolution of total Romanian ODA contributions 2007-2009 (EUR)



Total MFA's ODA contributions to priority countries 2007-2009



PRIORITY COUNTRIES

The Republic of Moldova



The Republic of Moldova is one of the priority countries for the Romanian Official Development Assistance.

Starting with 2007, the MFA financed development cooperation projects implemented by the UNDP Office in Chisinau.

While ODA contributions through various international organizations to projects implemented in the Republic of Moldova continued throughout 2008-2009, 2010 is the first year when Romania initiated the implementation of bi-lateral projects in the Republic of Moldova.



Contributions granted in 2007

“Better Opportunities for Youth and Women”

(implemented by UNDP R. Moldova)

Romanian contribution: 592,000 USD

The overall purpose of the project was to ensure social-economic reintegration of vulnerable groups.

The financial resources from the Romanian Government were oriented to support the creation and establishment of the Social Reintegration Centre (SRC) in Telenești, the establishment of 7 Social Enterprises and the social-economic reintegration of beneficiaries.

“Integrated Local Development Programme”

(implemented by UNDP R. Moldova)

Romanian contribution: 236,800 USD

The funds were granted for the following components:

- **Local Development Strategies Component** (aiming to assist in improving the quality of life in Telenesti and Nisporeni);
- **Improvement of Local Public Services** (aiming to promote the exchange of information and good practices between local authorities, donors, state agencies and ministries);
- **Transparency and anti-corruption strategies at local level** (promoting transparency in local administration).

“Drinking water supply systems in rural Areas”

(implemented by UNDP R. Moldova)

Romanian contribution: 100,000 EUR

Objective: to encourage good governance and participatory decision-making practices at local level and

assist Local Public Authorities and local actors from four rural communities to upgrade basic infrastructure and deliver improved sustainable water supply services.

“Civil Society Organization Development”

(implemented by UNDP R. Moldova)

Romanian contribution: 140,000 EUR

The resources from the Romanian Government were oriented to support actions aiming to promote a favourable legal and fiscal environment and mechanisms for CSOs development; improve capacities of CSOs to mobilize resources and deliver services; support the establishment of Community Foundations.

Development of an integrated information system for domestic violence as part of an integrated approach to managing domestic violence in the Republic of Moldova

(implemented by UNFPA)

Romanian contribution: 118,300 USD

Project specific output: *Integrated information system for domestic violence developed and piloted in two rayons.*

Contributions granted in 2008

Promoting access to basic services, human security and social inclusion among vulnerable groups in the Republic of Moldova

(implemented by UNFPA)

Romanian contribution: 40,000 EUR

The project supported the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Moldova in meeting the human

Promoting human rights in cooperation with civil society (Implemented by UNDP R. Moldova)

Romanian contribution: 115,000 EUR

Under the initiative, three proposals were chosen to receive funds under the initiative:

- **“Reforming and improving the system of managing the freedom of assembly by Chisinau local authorities”**, implemented by the Resource Centre for Human Rights NGOs (CReDO) and The Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Romania (APADOR-CH). Budget: 47,000 USD;
- **“Initiation of Cooperation between Romania and Moldova in the Justice Sector”**, submitted by Freedom House Romania, the Association of Judges from the Republic of Moldova and the Union of Judges from Romania. Budget: 40,000 USD;
- **“Promotion of the Romanian model of inclusion of the persons with difficulties in seeing in the decision-making by ensuring the right to direct and secret vote”**, submitted by the Representation in the Republic of Moldova of Hilfswerk Austria and the Euro-Regional Centre for Democracy from Timisoara. Budget: 43,000 USD.

rights obligations and other international commitments it has undertaken, by promoting increased access to basic health services (with an emphasis on reproductive health and family planning) and improved human security and social inclusion within Roma communities in the Republic of Moldova.



Contribution earmarked to the UN Trust Fund for Electoral Assistance for capacity building programs of the Central Electoral Commission in the context of preparations of the 2009 national elections (implemented by UNDP country office in the Republic of Moldova)

Romanian contribution: 100,000 EUR

Our contribution was instrumental in the successful launching and incipient stages of UNDP's multi-year project on electoral assistance to the Republic of Moldova. Our support enabled full scale activity of the public relations and media advisor, helped establish the first ever CEC media centre and provided critical support in running two extensive civic/voter education campaigns for the past two rounds of the parliamentary elections. Ultimately, this support greatly increased the transparency of the electoral processes in 2009.

Contributions granted in 2009

Building capacity for coordination of social security for migrant workers (implemented by ILO)

Romanian contribution: 100,000 EUR

Supported by the project, the Moldovan authorities have had remarkable achievements. During the first half of 2010, the Republic of Moldova signed or negotiated social security agreements with ten EU member states including Romania.

Training of trainers program "Migration, border security, asymmetric risks and human rights" - project designed for 15 eligible ODA

Institutional capacity building to combat human trafficking in the Republic of Moldova (implemented by UNODC)

Romanian contribution: 50,000 USD

The funds were used to finalize the Anti-Human Trafficking Curriculum and to support its inclusion into the regular curriculum of the National Institute of Justice, Institutionalisation of the Anti-Human Trafficking Curriculum will considerably increase the sustainability of already provided assistance.

Enabling the participation of Moldovan experts in The Hague Conference on Private International Law

Romanian contribution: 3,150 EUR

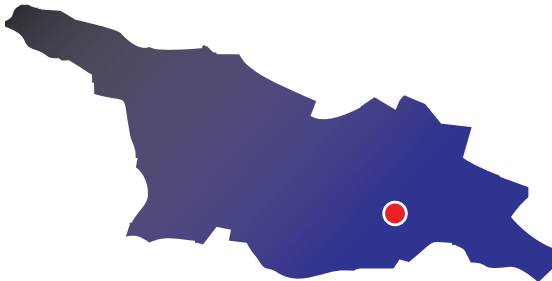
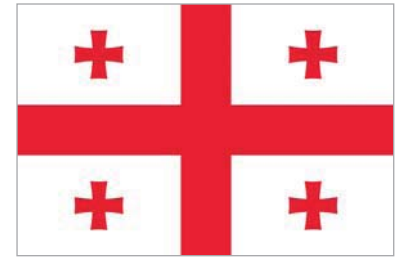
Asian Member States (ASEM), Afghanistan, Iraq, Republic of Moldova and Georgia (implemented by the International Organization for Migration and the Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior)

Project's total budget: 343,592 USD out of which 53,000 USD for the Republic of Moldova

The aim of the project was to increase the capacity of the persons trained to provide more secure borders, risk reduction and respect for human rights. Special training sessions were organized at the "School for Basic and Further Training of Border Police Personnel in Iasi".

Georgia

Georgia is one of the three priority countries for the Romanian Official Development Assistance. In 2007, the funds allocated to Georgia have been disbursed through specialized UN agencies. In 2008, Romania started the implementation of bilateral projects.



The development projects financed in Georgia have been destined to foster the economic and social development of the country, infrastructure reconstruction, border management and security.

Contributions granted in 2007

“Regional Development in Kakheti Region” (implemented by UNDP Georgia)

Romanian contribution: 150,000 EUR

The project aimed to help the region of Kakheti, Eastern Georgia, to meet its development needs.

The goal of the project was to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable human development in the Kakheti region of Georgia by promoting regional development tools (strategy, program and agency) and assist in identifying means to diversify the economy and generate new jobs.

Economic Development in the Autonomous Republic of Adjara

(implemented by UNDP Georgia)

Romanian contribution: 150,000 EUR

The project was the first initiative focusing specifically on the region of Adjara and was fully owned by the regional authorities. The project aimed to enhance the region’s ability to become economically diversified, thus counteracting poverty in the area through a combination of various economic development tools.

Promoting human rights in cooperation with civil society Project (implemented by UNDP Georgia)

Romanian contribution: 250,000 USD

Under the initiative, three proposals were chosen to be financed:

- **“The Youth Civic Education and Community Participation”** project implemented by World Vision Georgia and World Vision Romania;
- **“Exchange experience and transferring knowl-**



edge in harm reduction service provision: Romania – Georgian NGO cooperation” implemented by the Georgian Harm Reduction Network and the Romanian Harm Reduction Network;

- **“Facilitating Greater Civic Engagement of Youth”** project implemented by Georgian Federation of Children and the Romanian Foundation “Our Children”

Contributions granted in 2008

Georgia’s participation in The Hague Conference on Private International Law

Romanian contribution: 3,150 EUR

Contributions granted in 2009

Capacity building in market analysis and trade information; and programme preparation for trade development in Georgia (implemented by ITC Geneva)

Romanian contribution: 93,145 EUR

Project Objectives: to improve access to and use of ITC Market Analysis and Trade Information tools and to agree on a suitably focused program for trade development

Contribution to UNHCR’s annual general budget for Georgia

Romanian contribution: 50,000 EUR

UN World Food Programme (WFP) - Operation for Georgia

Romanian contribution - 100,000 EUR

UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) - The refugees / displaced persons in Georgia

Romanian contribution - 100,000 EUR

Modernization of one of the amphitheatres of “Ivane Javakhishvili” Tbilisi State University

Romanian contribution: 10,000 USD

The project was implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

The funds were used for the implementation of a project for reconstruction and infrastructure rebuilding.

Assisting the socio-economic integration of internally displaced persons (IDPs) (implemented by UNHCR Tbilisi)

Romanian contribution: 300,000 EUR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), through its implementing partner World Vision International (WVI), rehabilitated four collective centres for 30 households, 24 of which were IDPs, and helped them find ways of earning an income.

The Republic of Serbia



Along with the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, Serbia is one of the priority countries for Romanian Official Development Assistance (ODA). Since 2007, the MFA contributed to several UN projects in Serbia.



The assistance provided to Serbia was aimed to contribute the Romanian expertise accumulated during Romania's transition to a market economy with a view to assisting Serbia on its path towards integration into the European Union.

Contributions granted in 2007

“Transitional Justice, War Crimes Trials and Notions of Justice” (implemented by UNDP Serbia)

Romanian contribution: 200,000 EUR

The project aimed to help develop a methodology to impart expertise in outreach from the international sector to local stakeholders who lack experience in international law and proceedings, with the idea of creating a flexible and exportable outcome, while providing the international experts with ideas for better mechanisms to incorporate a localized approach in their own outreach efforts.

“Strengthening of Rural Social Capital and Networks” (implemented by UNDP Serbia)

Romanian contribution: 200,000 EUR

The project aimed to provide support for Serbia's economic development by straightening rural social capital in 5 target municipalities in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

The overall purpose of the project was to promote the use of the LEADER approach for community development in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

Contribution to the integration of the Roma minority in Serbian society - Romanian model implementation in three cities (implemented by UNFPA)

Romanian contribution: 25,000 USD



Contributions granted in 2008

Contribution to the integration of the Roma minority in Serbian society - Romanian model implementation in three cities (implemented by UNFPA)

Romanian contribution: 40,000 USD

“Dignified housing and livelihoods solutions for refugees in Serbia” project

(implemented by UNHCR)

Romanian contribution: 80,000 EUR

The project’s aim was to achieve durable solutions for vulnerable groups in Serbia and it managed to assist 35 families to achieve an acceptable standard of living, fundamental for their integration into the local community.

Contributions granted in 2009

Contribution to UNHCR towards Supplementary Appeal providing for a Comprehensive Solution for the Protracted Refugee Situation in Serbia

Romanian contribution: 70,000 EUR



Results of the Integrated Local Development Programme: sorting waste, Moldova



Works undertaken under the Drinking water supply systems in rural areas project, Moldova



Promoting access to basic services, human security and social inclusion among vulnerable groups in Moldova



The Georgian food processing centre in Kakheti Region financed by Romania



Signing of the Adjara Project, Georgia



Better opportunities for youth and women project, Moldova



The inauguration of the Georgian amphitheatre renovated with Romanian ODA funds



Dignified housing and livelihoods solutions for refugees in Serbia



OTHER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

The Wider Black Sea Region

The Wider Black Sea Region constitutes one of Romania's top priorities in terms of political, cultural, socio-economic and development assistance. Taking into consideration the need to enhance synergies and cooperation between the countries of this area and in order to better contribute to the development of the Wider Black Sea Region, Romania started to identify projects and programs to be financed in the area.

Contributions granted in 2008

Contribution to the 1st edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum

Romanian contribution: 100,000 EUR

The project was implemented by the Romanian NGOs Platform (FOND) in cooperation with the Romanian MFA, the EC Representation in Romania and the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation. Its main aim was to foster a real and sustainable partnership between NGOs active in the countries of the Black Sea Region.

Contribution to the BSECAO Projects Development Fund for a project on migration management and a project regarding the strengthening of the institutional capacity and cooperation on border control and combating cross-border waste trafficking

Romanian contribution: 20,000 EUR

The “Black Sea Central Asian Economic Outlook” study (done by OECD)

Romanian contribution: 35,000 EUR

The Black Sea and Central Asian Economic Outlook (BSECAO) is an OECD assessment of economic performance and underlying policies in the Black Sea and Central Asian (BSEC-CA) regions. It was designed to facilitate dialogue between policy makers, civil society and private sector representatives at the national and regional levels.

Contribution to a seminar, held in Bucharest, for the mass-media representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (implemented by the Council of Europe)

Romanian contribution: 50,000 EUR

Program regarding strengthening witness's protection in South (implemented by UNODC)

Romanian contribution: 20,000 USD

Contributions granted in 2009

Contribution to the OECD Development Centre's program "Black Sea and Central Asia Initiative"

Romanian contribution: 100,000 EUR

The Initiative builds on the experience accumulated through the BSECAO project, as well as through the continuing work on other regional outlooks on Africa, Latin America and South East Asia. The Centre brought its expertise to bear on this important group of countries.

Contribution to the 2nd edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum

Romanian contribution: 60,000 EUR

The project was implemented by the Romanian NGOs Platform (FOND) in cooperation with the Romanian MFA, the EC Representation in Romania and the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation. Its main aim was to foster a real and sustainable partnership between NGOs active in the countries of the Black Sea Region.

Middle East and Asia

According to the National Strategy regarding the National Policy on International Development Cooperation, Afghanistan and Iraq are Romania's secondary countries of focus in terms of ODA assistance.

Our assistance in these regions was mainly focused towards strengthening the beneficiary countries' institutional capacity in the fields of justice and public order and towards the protection of refugees.

Contributions granted in 2007

UN Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East (UNRWA)

Romanian contribution - 150,000 EUR

Contributions granted in 2008

Training programme in the field of rule of law for Iraqi staff within the National Institute of Magistrature, held in Bucharest under the EU-JUST- LEX aegis

Romanian contribution: 30,000 EUR



Contribution to the project to expand the Health Center in the refugee camp of Msheirfeh (implemented by UNRWA)

Romanian contribution: 34,200 EUR

The project aimed to improve the quality of medical services provided to the Palestine refugee community in Jordan and ensure that each refugee has

access to primary health care. The objective of the project was to upgrade the furniture and equipment of Msheirfeh health centre.

Financial Contribution to the World Food Program (WFP) in Afghanistan

Romanian contribution: 150,000 EUR

Contributions granted in 2009

Training of trainers program “Migration, border security, asymmetric risks and human rights” - project designed for 15 eligible ODA Asian Member States (ASEM), Afghanistan, Iraq, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia

(implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior)

Romanian contribution: 211,314 EUR

Within the project, 50 managers of small to medium size border points were trained. The aim of the project was to increase the capacity of the persons trained to

provide more secure borders, risk reduction and respect for human rights. Special training sessions were organized at the “School for Basic and Further Training of Border Police Personnel in Iași”.

Contribution to the implementation of the national security and civil police strategy in the Palestinian Territories (implemented by UNOPS)

Romanian contribution: 100,000 EUR

The funds were paid to the Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme pool fund and were dedicated to furnishing a Special Police Force Unit in Bethlehem.

Africa

Our total contribution to projects in Africa between 2007 and 2009 was 95,000 EUR, out of which, 50,000 EUR for the construction of a Museum to be built at the Axum TSION of St. Mary Church, in Ethiopia and 45,000 EUR for a training programme addressed to Libyan diplomats and implemented by the Romanian Diplomatic Institute.

Beginning in 2011, Romania will contribute to the budget of the 10th European Development Fund, the EC’s main development assistance instrument for the Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific countries. The total Romanian contribution to the mentioned instrument will reach approximately 84 million EUR.



The 2nd Edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum 2009



Romania's contribution mentioned by UNRWA



The new medical equipment at the Refugee Camp in Masheirfeh



Participants to the ASEM project in Iasi

MULTILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to multilateral organizations

Our ODA funds for the mentioned year were disbursed through multilateral channels, most of them contributing to general budgets of several international agencies, funds and programmes active in the field of development.

The proportion of these general contributions declined during 2008-2009 and is presently continuing this trend, as Romania is increasing its capacity to implement multilateral and bilateral projects.

Contributions granted in 2007

United Nations (UN)

- United Nations Peace-building Fund (PBF) - 100,000 EUR
- United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) - 200,000 EUR
- Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) - 200,000 EUR
- United Nations Special Fund for Climate Change (UNFCCC) - 100,000 EUR
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - 100,000 EUR
- The United Nations Trust Fund for Electoral Assistance - 150,000 EUR
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - 100,000 EUR

Contribution to the World Bank (WB)

- Global Fund to Fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (managed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - IBRD) - 300,000 EUR
- "Education for All" Fund (managed by IBRD) - 300,000 EUR

Contribution to the World Trade Organization (WTO)

- Global Investment Fund for the DOHA Agenda - 100,000 EUR

Contributions granted in 2008

Contribution to the United Nations(UN)

- Contribution to the UNODC Fund (UN Office on Drugs and Crime) for general objectives - 13,680 EUR
- Special Fund for Climate Change (UNFCCC) - 100,000 EUR
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - 50,000 EUR
- United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)- 100,000 EUR

Contribution to the World Trade Organization (WTO)

- Global Investment Fund for the DOHA Agenda - 50,000 EUR

Contributions granted in 2009

Contribution to the United Nations (UN)

- United Nations Fund for Emergencies - 50,000 EUR.

Contribution to the World Bank (WB)

- Global Fund to Fight against HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, managed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) - 75,000 EUR

Contribution to the World Bank (WB)

- Global Fund to Fight against HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (IBRD) - 50,000 EUR
- Education for All Fund (IBRD) - 50,000 EUR

Contribution to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

- Contribution to the Investment Committee of South East Europe (SEEIC) - OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe - 250,000 EUR

Contribution to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

- Contribution/Fund for the diversification election observers of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODHIR) - 10,000 EUR

Contribution to the European Commission (EC)

- The Trust Fund: "Neighborhood Investment Facility Trust Fund"- 400,000 EUR

HUMANITARIAN AID

Emergency Assistance

In terms of disbursements, most of the Romanian humanitarian aid is provided through international agencies. In some cases, contributions are transferred directly to the government of the beneficiary countries.

Emergency assistance granted in 2007

- The United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF): 250,000 EUR

Emergency assistance granted in 2008

- The Republic of the Union of Myanmar (through the World Health Organization): 100,000 EUR
- The People's Republic of China (directly to the Government): 200,000 EUR
- Georgia (through World Food Programme and UNHCR): 150,000 EUR

Emergency assistance granted in 2009

- The Islamic Republic of Pakistan (through the International Committee of the Red Cross): 50,000 EUR
- The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (through the World Food Programme and the International Committee of the Red Cross): 100,000 EUR

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

DEAR

In accordance with the *National Strategy regarding the National Policy on International Development Cooperation*, the education and training on development is an additional part of the Romanian development cooperation policy.

In this context and in the light of the internal need for capacity building and awareness raising in the field of development, Romania financed, from its 2007 ODA budget, the project: “**Strengthening national institutional and education capacity to implement development assistance projects and programs (SNIECODA)**” .

The project received 510,000 EUR and was implemented between 2008 and 2010 in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Romania.

Its objectives were:

- To contribute to strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the different national actors to implement ODA programs and projects in priority countries;
- To increase the national visibility of the international development cooperation objectives, visibility campaigns and other activities promoting solidarity with developing countries;
- To introduce and promote development studies in higher education structures, creating Master

degree programmes to be implemented at national level.

Main activities financed through SNIECODA:

1. A survey was conducted in 2009. The survey, was applied to a sample of 1,119 people and aimed to certify the level of knowledge and agreement with ODA policies, Romania’s development cooperation policy and the European institutions active in the field.

41% of respondents considered that Romania should provide development assistance to developing states, and 56% agreed that Romania, as an EU member state, should contribute to the EC budget financing external aid projects and programmes of the EU.

2. Over the period December 2008 – April 2009, six local awareness raising campaigns were financed and implemented by civil society organizations (members of FOND) in Bucharest, Timisoara, Iasi, Cluj and Constanta. The results were presented at a roundtable organized at the MFA on April 10, 2009.

3. Two editions of the Romanian Development Camp took place in September 2008 (at Cheile Gradistei, Brasov) and in September 2009 (at Venus, Constanta).

4. In 2009, workshops and meetings with representatives of 5 state universities across Romania were

organized. They aimed to introduce new Master degree programs in international development studies. Partners in this endeavour were the University of Bucharest, the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies, “Babeş-Bolyai” University in Cluj-Napoca, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University in Iasi and the West University of Timișoara. The new Master programs were officially launched in June 2010 and are currently implemented by four of the mentioned universities.

5. The *www.aod.ro* website and the EXPERO – a database of Romanian specialists and experts working in development assistance at the national and international level, were also launched as part of the SNIECODA project.

6. Other actions financed/co-financed through the SNIECODA Project include the 1st edition of the “Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Stabilisation – key challenges and responses” seminar for development assistance beneficiary countries and the Development Education Summer School of 2009, coordinated by PATRIR in partnership with DEEEP and FOND.

Besides the actions organized as part of the SNIECODA project, Romania also hosted and co-organized several **workshops and trainings in cooperation with institutions from other donor countries**, targeted at various stakeholders at national level, including line ministries, the civil society, the private sector and the Academia. These short programs promoted expertise on program and strategy writing, project evaluation, instruments and mechanisms funding development assistance programs.

Moreover, in order to increase Romanian stakeholders’ capacity-building and awareness raising, **classes on development policy were introduced in the Romanian Diplomatic Institute’s curricula**. They address diplomats, experts from line ministries and other governmental and local institutions and other interested categories.



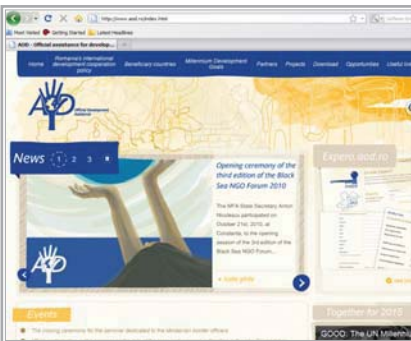
Romanian Development Camp, 2009



Workshops with the Academia, 2009



Billboard for one of the campaigns on the MDGs



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PERSPECTIVES

Romania's future action on ODA

Romania's aim is to respect the commitments it assumed at EU and international level, including the commitment to reach the ODA volume targets by 2015.

At national level, a first step is the contribution to be made by Romania to the budget of the 10th European Development Fund. The disbursement for this instrument, which is the main EU ODA instrument for Sub-Saharan Africa, will begin in 2011.

We intend to further pursue our efforts on three major directions:

- ***Improving the legislative and strategic framework in order to adapt it to the implementation of***

bilateral projects and to become a reliable and predictable partner;

- ***Foster strategic cooperation with our beneficiary countries;***
- ***Gradually increase our ODA budget and implementation capacity in the effort to ensure that Romania's commitments in terms of ODA volume and effectiveness are fulfilled.***

Our will and commitment for international development assistance remain firm. Our objectives are adapted according to the ODA priorities at EU and international level. Moreover, we are trying to bring an efficient contribution to the timely achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.



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