

# REHABILITATION, MODERNIZATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EQUIPPING OF “HARAP-ALB” MULTIFUNCTIONAL CENTER

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# The General Direction for Social Care and Child Protection

## - 6th District, Bucharest -

### GENERAL PRESENTATION

The General Direction for Social Care and Child Protection 6th District is a public institution of local interest with responsibility in social development and welfare of the community.

Our responsibility translates to vulnerable social cases identification and implementation of the social measures aiming to prevent the risk situations, to protect the underprivileged people as children in difficulty, families with problems, lonesome people, elderly people, disabled people or other people in need.

At the 6-th District level the institution unfolds activities in order to achieve social policies and prevention strategies goals as well as fighting against the social risk factors, to inform and strengthen the citizens, to initiate and implement the social care programs and to bring on public or private partners working together to safeguard the children and adults in need.



# Categories of beneficiaries:

The General Direction of Social Care and Child Protection – 6th District, Bucharest region, offers social care services to the following target groups:

- under-privileged, marginalized, discriminated people;
- Elderly in need;
- people in poverty;
- people and families in difficulty;
- disabled children and adults;
- children victims of abuse, maltreatment or in danger to be separated from the family;
- children with behavior issues;
- abandoned children.



# What services do we offer?

## Child Care

- Protection measures in order to prevent the child separation from the family;
- Foster Families;
- Family reintegration of the under-privileged children protected in residential facilities or family placement;
- Protection measures including extended family protection or adoption;
- Protection measures for the homeless and children victims of abuse;
- Psychological and legal counseling;
- Support, residential care and school guidance for the disabled children;
- Alternative protection and prevention measures as: day care-centers for pupils and street children;
- Cultural and sport specific programs aiming the social integration and risk factors prevention.





## Adult Care

- Care and support for the elderly, socially isolated people, people in difficult situations or with disabilities;
- Social-medical care for elderly and lonesome people;
- Promote and advocate for the human rights;
- Prevent and fight against the social marginalization and ethnic based discrimination;
- Financial support for housing (rent ), special support;
- Recovery services, treatment, social reintegration for people with disabilities;
- Social, psychological and legal counseling;
- Promote and defend the rights of people with disabilities;
- Involving elderly people in cultural and sports activities for the purpose of social integration and active aging.



DGASPC 6<sup>th</sup> District is the beneficiary of European funds obtained within 8 projects to facilitate social and professional integration of vulnerable groups, such as:

- Underprivileged Women
- People with disabilities
- Roma Citizens
- Single parent families or with many children
- Drug addicts
- People in detention

**Total number of beneficiaries from vulnerable groups: 5520**

**Total project value: 60.263.863 lei, 13.634.358 Euro**

## Analysis of children aged 0 to 4 years in the 6<sup>th</sup> District

- From a total of 390,774 inhabitants, a total of 18,045 are children aged 0 - 4 years.
- Of these, only 15% are enrolled in childcare centers type, most receiving family care, (the mothers who give up work or grandparents)
- Annually, DGASPC 6<sup>th</sup> District rejects about 1,500 applications for registration in nursery centers type coming from parents with children in this age group

**In urban areas the demand for places in institutions providing nursery care type of children is higher than in rural and fails completely to meet the needs of the population. The increased demand for childcare services is due to the increased birth to rural and availability of parents to integrate / reintegrate the labor market quickly.**

**According to a study, 90% of parents are unhappy with the lack of places in nurseries in 6<sup>th</sup> District, this situation being reflected in the entire urban area of Romania**



**In turn, the phenomenon of children with parents working abroad makes many children in the age group 0-4 years being left in the care of relatives who have no time or ability to care for their early education.**





## Services that provide early childhood care- an European must

The European Union has set out the priorities for early childhood education and care – with the aim of improving access to and the quality of services from birth to the start of compulsory schooling. By 2020 at least 95% of pre-school children of 4 years or older should participate in early childhood education.

### Motivations:

- The effective use of early childhood education and care in preventing early school leaving;
- Many European employees with children face the pressures of conflicting interests and priorities in their work, family life and childcare;
- A balanced work and private life is important for a healthy workplace.

*\* Research shows that employees with higher levels of work-family conflict suffer up to 12 times more often from burnout and can experience up to three times more depression or other psychological problems as workers with a better work-life balance. To create a more family-friendly work environment has been for a long time on the European policy agenda. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Article 33) refers to the concept of work-life balance.*

# “HARAP ALB” Multifunctional Social Center

13 Estacadei Str., 6<sup>th</sup> District, Bucharest, Romania

Bucharest-Ilfov Region

The most important thing that this projects aims to is to transform the actual unit into a multifunctional center which will cover a variety of vital services including health, education, social care and public security in accordance with the EU rules.

By doing that we are reaching the European objective of economical and social cohesion.



## ANNUALLY:

➡ A total of 300 children  
aged between 1 and 4 will  
receive early education and  
care in “Harap Alb”  
Multifunctional Social Center

➡ Over 8000 adults will  
receive counseling and  
reintegration services offered  
at the center





- **The total value of investment**– 3.997.361,96 lei (~888.302,658 euro)
- **Period to implement** - 18 months
- **Funding sources:**
  - The European Regional Development Fund - 3.108.114,10 lei (~ 690.692 euro)
  - National Budget – 412.300,80 lei
  - Cofunding Local Budget – 63.430.90 lei







- Increasing the capacity to accommodate with 30 % of the nursery
- 8 new jobs were created

• A new dimension of prevention: programs for the community (information campaigns to popularize the services and opportunities, counseling), training for parents and leisure activities for children

## Counselling and support for parents through specialized personnel; early detection of risk situations that can lead to the separation of children from their parents



- Extending existing building by constructing a new module and restructuring existing space; optimize the use of space with the working law.
  - Footprint – 372,5 sqm
  - The total surface – 1006 sqm

- Extending space for social services:
  - One medical office
  - Children insulator

New Bedrooms - 4 (12 children per room)

New counseling /educational offices - 4

Reception and guest room



*Inițiativă locală. Dezvoltare regională.*



**A terrarium on the roof with an area of over 250 square meters,  
which includes a greenhouse with different plant species, ecological crossing  
paths**





## Making access ramps for disabled people inside and outside the building



Installation of  
photovoltaic panels on the  
roof that will feed green  
energy to the building  
and reduces energy  
consumption by 20%

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