

**Moldova Partnership Programme
Annual Report
2006**

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I. Country background in 2006.

Moldova continues to remain the poorest country in Europe. The 2006 annual report of the State Department of Statistics and Sociology presents next figures:

- Gross domestic product growth in 2006 reached the level of 4,0%. However about 30 % of the GDP in 2006 constituted remittances from about 1mln. labour migrants from abroad;
- The inflation rate for 2006 is 14,1 %;
- The average monthly salary of an employee in the national economy in 2006 amounted 1695 MDL (\$130);

Despite of these figures the country's economy did not experienced significant improvement (The volume index of industrial production in comparison with 2005 constituted 93,1%), in reality the economical crisis only intensified. The Agricultural production obtained from all categories of households in 2006, according to the preliminary estimations constituted 95,4% compared to the previous year. The number of the officially registered unemployed, according to the data of the National Agency for Labour Force Employment, on the 1st of January 2007 recorded more than 20 thousand persons. The number of the unemployed, defined in accordance with the criteria of the International Labour Office (ILO), in the 3rd quarter of 2006, counted about 80 thousand persons.

Poverty in Moldova is prevalent in the countryside. In 2006, the agriculture employees got an average monthly salary of 890 lei (67 USD). Poverty is seen to particularly affect large or single-parent families, agricultural workers and rural populations. Population's migration abroad continued, according IOM data about 1 mln people left the country looking for better job opportunities.

2006 UN HD Report states that Moldova is among countries receiving more than 75% of their water from external sources. The Human Development Index in 2006 for Moldova was 114 (comparative: Russian Federation 65, Belarus 67, Ukraine 77, Armenia 80). From the (28 countries from Central and Easter Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) just **Moldova** and **Tajikistan** were included in to the List of 59 countries with Low income (GNI per capita of \$825 or less in 2004).

At present there are 63 boarding schools in the country with 11,457 children out of which 35% are orphans and 65% come from poor families, most of them having major health problems which require qualified psycho-pedagogic assistance and constant medication, such services being unavailable in the circumstances created by the present financing system. New counter institutionalization state strategy does not supported by the necessary financial means and could increase school abandon and "social orphans" phenomena existing.

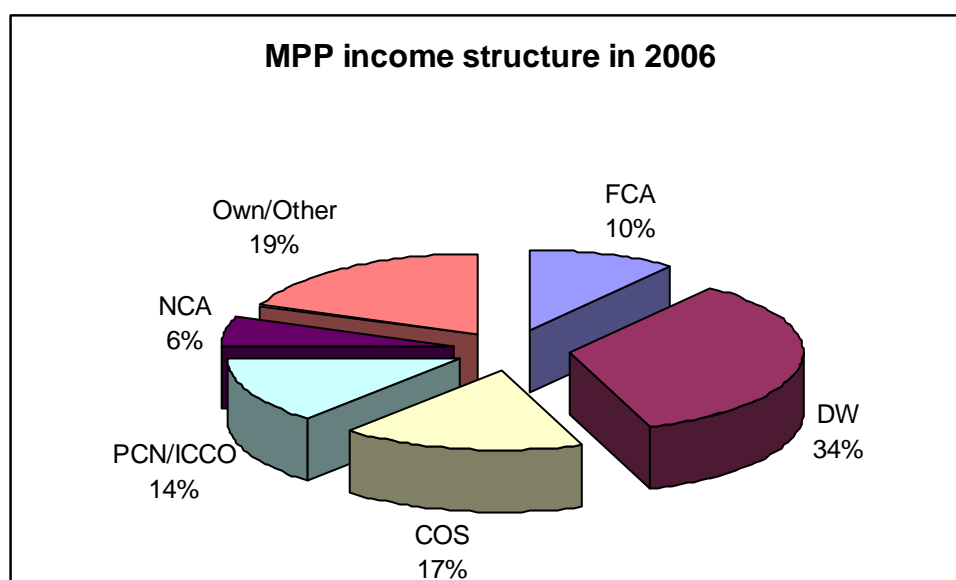
II. MPP Program activities in 2006.

A. MPP Opening balance 2006:	6704,11
B. MPP incomes 2006:	220.247,92
<i>FinnChurchAid/Finland</i>	<i>22.438,35</i>
<i>Diakonisches Werk/Germany</i>	<i>75.500,00</i>
<i>Church of Sweden/Sweden</i>	<i>37.247,00</i>
<i>Global Ministries PCN/ Netherlands</i>	<i>30.000,00</i>
<i>Norwegian Church Aid/Norway</i>	<i>12.578,77</i>
<i>Own/other financial contributions</i>	<i>42.483,80</i>
C. MPP Expenditures 2006:	215.503,92
<i>Social protection hub</i>	<i>49.235,61</i>
<i>Capacity building hub</i>	<i>18.617,99</i>
<i>Information & Advocacy/ anti trafficking hub</i>	<i>31.737,00</i>
<i>Unemployment reduction hub</i>	<i>92.044,00</i>
<i>Partnership meetings & administration</i>	<i>23.869,32</i>
D. Bank charges	674,35
E. MPP Closing balance 2006:	10.773,76

During 2003-2006 years within MPP were supported **59** projects, EURO **368.929,15** were offered from the MPP budget.

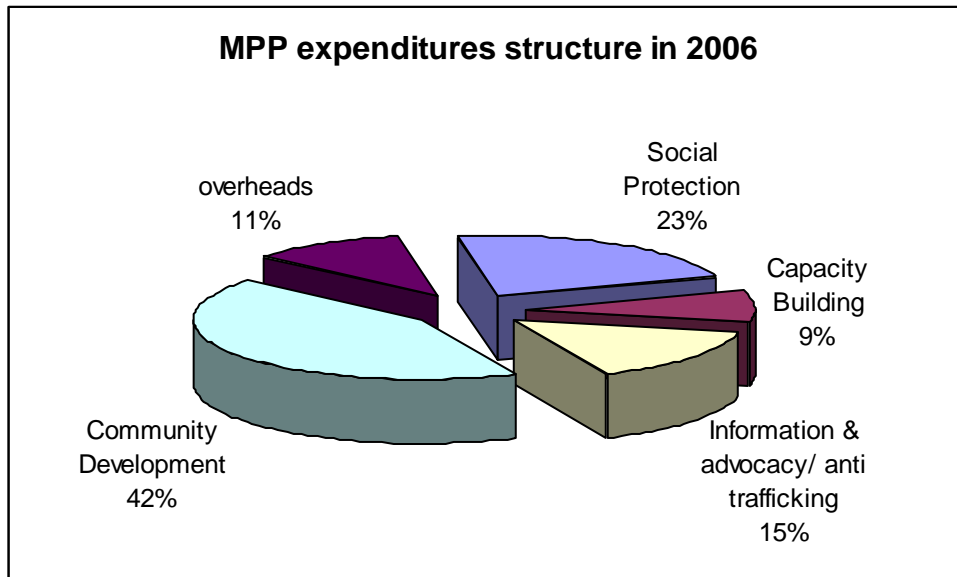
In the course of 2006 were running 29 local partners projects, the overall cost of the projects constituted EURO 191.634 (EURO 150.058 were offered from the MPP budget and EURO 41.576 was local partners cash and in kind contribution). The program incomes structure in 2006 is presented on the Figure 1.

Figure 1. MPP sources of income in 2006.



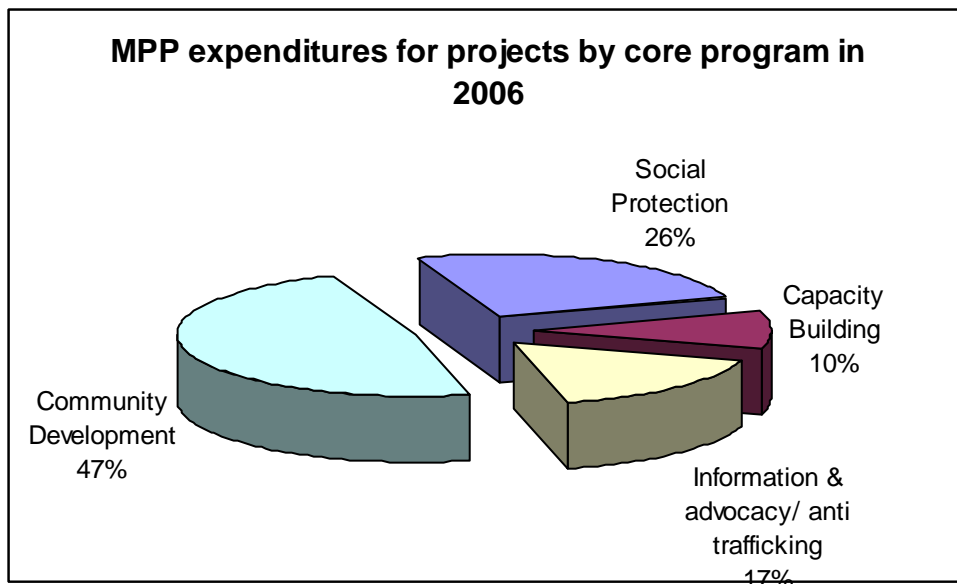
Structural analysis of the incomes demonstrate that 3 agencies (24 % of MPP income) contributed to the MPP general budget, while 2 agencies supported the selected priorities in 2006 (40 % of MPP income) and a separate program for MPP Capacity Building was supported by Church of Sweden (5 % of program incomes in 2006). The partners own financial contributions of 19 % in 2006 were close to the 2005 year level (about 21 %).

Figure 2. MPP expenditures structure in 2006.



The MPP overall expenditures in 2006 structure shows the huge prevalence of investments in Community Development activities (while 2005 stated prevalence of Social support), that was conditioned by the new “Job Creation Program” launch in 2006, implemented with financial support of Diakonisches Werk/Germany. Overheads of 11 % of include MPP Annual meeting, administrative costs of the MPP local office and official WCC EEO travel costs.

Figure 3. MPP expenditures for projects by core program in 2006



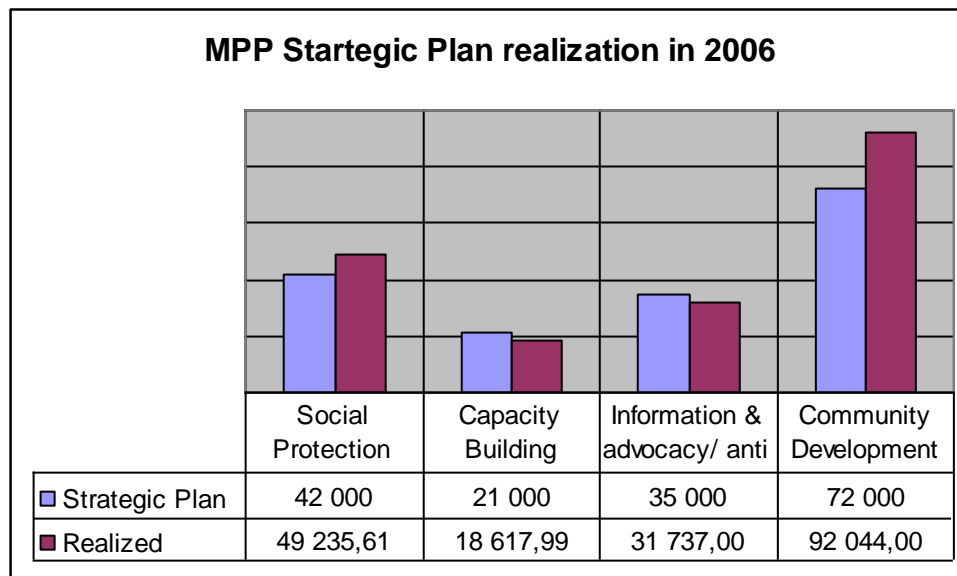
The “**Social Protection**” priority direction remained in 2006 the most solicited by the local partners; however the respective share of funds allocation was conditioned by the MPP Strategic Plan for 2006-2008.

It is worth to mention that initiated common program with IOM on trafficking prevention has considerably contributed to increased participation of churches and related organization in combating the **trafficking** phenomena (while in 2003-2005 period it was covered mostly by NGOs and secular organizations).

“Capacity Building” activities in 2006 were mainly focused on Program partners management capacities development. However as on the program pilot phase in 2006 this department collected less than other directions project applications from the local partners.

2006 became the first year of MPP Strategic Plan realization. Among with clear objectives stated it brings also clarity for the financial planning of the Program expenditures. The figure 4 helps to follow the MPP Strategic Plan realization in 2006.

Figure 4. MPP Strategic Plan realization in 2006.



As it is stated in the table above 2 directions, namely “Social protection” and “Community Development” registered even bigger growth rates than was planned. The “Social protection” growth was stimulated by the local partners own contribution investments, while prevalence of “Community Development” was produced also due to a separate program “Job Creation” start in 2006.

Geography of the MPP projects in 2006 was extended to the new 6 rural communities of Moldova (villages Leova and Serpeni; Cahul, Edinet, Straseni and Basarabeasca towns). The appeared tendency of project geography widening was continued in 2006. More people from the different parts of Moldova gained the greater access to the social services and job opportunities offered within the projects supported within the MPP.

More initiatives from different confessions came in 2006; were supported 2 projects recommended by the Lutheran community and Baptist Union, although the number of inter confessional applications remained to be apparently small, it seems that church related organizations were more about to choose NGOs as a partners. However 2006 registered the increased participation of the different confessions representatives in common educational activities (trainings, seminars, conferencies).

III. Summary of project reports 2006

Social Support

13 projects of the local partners supported under the “Social protection” priority were running in 2006. In there structure entered traditional for these direction types of activities projects, such as social laundries, canteens, homecare services. Churches and related organizations are prevalent among partners implementing initiatives under this direction (about 70 % of projects). The overage project duration is one year. Poor elderly people constituted the main focus group of the social support projects.

MO /026 Temporary Placement Centre “St. Elisabeth”

All figures are in EURO

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Opening balance 2005	0,00
MPP contribution in 2005	9360,00
Local partner own contribution 2005	2965,08
Other partner contribution 2005	800,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2005	9367,41
Expenditures from own contribution 2005	2957,67
Expenditures from other partner contribution 2005	800,00
Closing balance 2005	0,00

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):

The given project was financially supported in 2005 and continued its activities during 2006. A day shelter for the victims of domestic violence and elderly was established by the “Soarta” association in Soroca town.

Project initial target group embraced 40 people. Over the past 12 months of the Centre’s activity some 72 people have benefited of the services rendered by the workers and volunteers of the Centre. The beneficiaries of the project were in majority lonely and needy elderly that commonly do not have enough means to visit a medical centre or to afford themselves decent social services.

The activities of the Temporary Placement Centre have focused on solution of several essential needs of the target group: the fulfilment of the moral and spiritual necessities; and social support through rendering them certain social services. In completing the first task the Centre has offered the people that came to the centre access to the consultations of Vacarov Valeriu, a professional psychologist. Nicolae Robu, the local priest, regularly visited the centre and discussed with visitors, offering them spiritual guidance.

As a part of the social support offered by the Centre a family doctor and a social assistant consulted the beneficiaries and prescribed them a treatment course to be followed, and in some cases even released some basic drugs. Besides the consultancies and drugs visitors of the Centre

had access to the public laundry's services, a project previously sponsored by WCC MPP as well. They brought their clothes and laundries to the Centre where they were washed free of charge.

A two-room facility that serves the Centre's purposes was granted by the Public Association "Soarta". The amount granted by WCC MPP was used to equip the facility with two beds, two computers, and a microwave oven. If needed people were served sandwiches at the Centre. For 42 people that could not return home the same day a night's lodging was offered.

The project has made certain efforts to draw the attention of members of the community. Its activities were advertised through an announcement placed on the local TV channel. As an answer to the announcement families of Orthodox Christians brought food products and clothes to the Centre, that later were distributed among the beneficiaries.

MO /028 Lutheran Soup Kitchen

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Opening balance 2005		0,00
MPP contribution in 2005		10598,00
Local partner own contribution in 2005		14,62
Expenditures from MPP in 2005		10598,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2005		14,62
Closing balance 2005		0,0

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):

The economical crisis of the last years drastically impacted the living conditions of the old people in Chisinau. The 25 Euro monthly pensions does not cover a fourth of the minimal subsistence wage. A number of churches and NGOs have been involved in this area of social activity for the purpose of helping the elderly in the community.



The Evangelical-Lutheran Community St. Nicolai initiated the "Lutheran soup kitchen" project, having as a goal to improve the living conditions of 21 old people (15 women and 6 men older than 70), residents of Botanica municipal borough, through improving their nutrition. The beneficiaries' list was proposed by the Social Fund. The project foresees provision with free meals (2-course lunch, fruit and vegetables, juice) six days a week.

In the frameworks of the project a basement facility has been remodelled and equipped to accommodate a room for kitchen, a room for washing dishes, and 28-seat dining-hall. Equipment was bought and installed: 2 refrigerators, a gas cooker, an electric oven, a microwave oven, kitchen-ware and cooking utensils, pots and pans. Volunteers have offered support in

confectioning the furniture: steel cupboard and other steel furniture needed for the functioning of the kitchen. A cook, a dishwasher and a waiter work in the soup kitchen.

Meals are delivered by 4 volunteers from the community and “Aeternitas” organization, which live closely to beneficiaries. Volunteers are members of the Evangelical-Lutheran Community. Besides delivering meals to the elderly they weekly help them with cleaning in houses, shopping at the market, etc.

A doctor delegated by Social Assistance Department visits elderly once a week. He carries out a basic medical check-up and offers medical assistance if such needed, simultaneously monitoring how the kitchen’s activity impacted their health and living conditions. In order to objectively estimate the quality of the provided services all the beneficiaries fill special cards of evaluation in which they indicate their opinion of the service’s quality.

In order to establish a self-supportive platform paid services are provided to other members of community and organizations. A preliminary agreement for supplying meals with a local sport club has been achieved. As the commercial side and the financial sustainability of the project develops the number of the old people that receive free meals will increase.

MO /029 Social Laundry “St. Panteleimon”

All figures are in EURO

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MPP contribution in 2005		2035,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2005		1277,39
Opening balance 2006		757,61
MPP contribution in 2006		0,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006		757,61
Expenditures from own contribution 2006		0,00
Closing balance 2006		0,00

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):

The Orthodox Fraternity “St. Panteleimon” has been developing a social assistance at home to a number of elderly since 2001. The majority of beneficiaries manage to live on a monthly income of 15-17 Euros, but many of their fundamental needs remain unfulfilled. The experience of the last 4 years proved that the poor hygiene and sanitary, caused in particularly by dirty clothes and bed linen is a decisive factor in decreasing their moral and health condition.

A social laundry project was initiated by the Orthodox Fraternity “St. Panteleimon” as an answer to this need. The project was launched in December 2005. First three months following activities were carried: 1 electric iron, 1 dryer support and 3 wash machines were bought and installed; the water supply system was rebuild and adapted for the washing equipment; a team of 10 volunteers was formed. Starting from May 2006 laundry services were provided to the first group of beneficiaries.

Initially the project envisaged only 40 old people per month, but the number of beneficiaries was increased due to the purchase of a third washing machine (due to a discount). By the end of

year the number of beneficiaries reached 150 people. The laundry services were provided free of charge.

The social laundry functioned 5 days per week. Ten volunteers – students at the faculty of social assistance and parishioners, served the beneficiaries of the social laundry. Volunteers collected clothes and bed linen (8 kg per beneficiary) once per week. The clothes and bed linen were washed and ironed, then returned to the owners. All volunteers benefited from training on homecare. Besides volunteers a priest visits the beneficiaries at home and provides them pastoral care.

The work of the social laundry has had a positive impact on the environment; the personal hygiene of the elderly has improved, and this has contributed to the improvement of the living conditions of the focus group. The moral and spiritual state of the elderly has improved as well.

MO/031 Social Canteen “Ulmu”

All figures are in EURO

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Opening balance 2005	0,00
MPP contribution in 2005	4059,00
Local partner own contribution in 2005	862,10
Other partner contribution in 2005	1360,30
Expenditures from MPP in 2005	4059,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2005	862,10
Expenditures from other partner contribution in 2005	1360,30
Closing balance 2005	0,00

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):

Project aimed at improving the living conditions of the poor elderly people from the Ulmu village by offering them warm meals for free at the Social Canteen. Project focus group embraced 30 people, older than 60 and commonly solitary, with an average pension less than 17 Euro per month, which is far below the subsistence wage.

The local authorities have supported the project from the beginning. The local mayor has given a 3-room building to the Social Mission to accommodate the project’s activities. The District Social Fund has allocated a monthly financial support of 130 Euros for operating of the canteen. In order to equip the canteen, cooking utensils and supplies, a gas stove, a refrigerator and 30 sets of tableware were purchased and installed.

According to the activities plan renovation works have been carried out during first two months. The local authorities elaborated a list of potential beneficiaries selected from the poorest elderly of the village. Since April 2006 the canteen daily has served warm lunches to 30 to 35 people, among them single elderly, people from the poor and vulnerable strata of the community. The social canteen operated 5 days a week.

The number of persons fed at the canteen varied depending on the village’s needs and social canteen’s possibilities. During the project period beneficiaries have been replaced, so that as

many old people of the village as possible would be supported. The average period of serving a beneficiary was 6 months. At the end of the project period some 58 elderly benefited of the canteen's service. Food packages have been delivered to 20 persons who are immobilized or with poor health, especially during the cold time.

Members of the local parish were involved as volunteers in the project's activities. They provided assistance in organizing meals and have been actively involved in social activities for the elderly. Besides receiving lunch the elderly people had common activities, met together to socialize, meet with the priest and the mayor.

The mayoralty of the village hired a cook to work at the canteen, and covered her salary of about 35 Euro. A social assistant delegated by the mayoralty visited beneficiaries at home, bringing them food packages and discussing with them. The ministry of the canteen became an important factor in challenging the community to initiate practical ways to provide a solution to the problems that the elderly face in the society. As the beneficiaries' food allowance improved as an outcome of this project the health of the focus group ameliorated significantly. The financial support given monthly by the Social Department and existing equipment will allow prolonging the canteen's activities for a period of 4 years.

MO/032 Social Canteen "Sloveanca"

All figures are in EURO

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Opening balance 2005	0,00
MPP contribution in 2005	4251,00
Local partner own contribution in 2005	531,95
Other partner contribution in 2005	2480,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2005	4251,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2005	531,95
Expenditures from other partner contribution in 2005	2480,00
Closing balance 2005	0,00

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):

In Sloveanca village number of old people reached 40% of the total population. Their average monthly wage is approximately 15 Euro per month, and does not allow them to maintain a normal nutrition, which has drastically influenced their health situation, drawing grave complications that reduce life expectancy. As the poverty has touched different categories of population, including children in villages, whose parents often do not have a work place and can not assure a healthy nutrition to their children.

In an attempt to solve this problem the Social Mission Diaconia together with the local parish, school and local economical agents combined their efforts to improve the living conditions of the elderly people by improving their nutrition and providing them with an opportunity to communicate with other people.

Project target group includes 17 elderly. Later the project evolved to a larger scale, embodying 35 children of a kindergarten. There are many parents that could not afford a job because they

had to stay home with children. The kindergarten was opened at the priest's initiative, and is the only one in the village. This enlargement of the project was possible due to a co financing by the MAP Monaco Aide et Presence, which provided finances for products and renovation.

Project activities started in July 2005 with partial renovation of the future kitchen rooms, purchasing and the installation of an autonomous aqueduct: hydrophore pump that provides the kitchen with well water. The following equipment and furniture were purchased and installed: cooking battery and crockery, gas stove, refrigerator and 30 sets of tableware.

Starting from September, 2005, 17 solitary elderly people and 37 children received hot meals at social canteen 5 days per week. The kitchen functions from 9am to 13pm, 5 days per week. For most of the elderly this was half of their food allowance for the day. The local school delegated 5 students to serve as volunteers, and bring daily food to the homes of 5 immobilized elderly people. During the winter the number of elderly that received meals at home grew to 7. The 5 students-volunteers come from families with difficult situation so they also received a warm lunch each day. Besides lunch they have additional lessons, which helped them to improve their school results.

Parishioners and people of the community contribute by food products and bread to the church and the priest delivered them to social canteen. The local church also has taken on the responsibility to cover the salary of one cook that works at the canteen.

The project's sustainability is based on the assumed responsibility of the local mayorality to render the building free of charge for 10 years and the community's support of the canteen with food products and the participation of volunteers. The moral and spiritual relief provided together with social assistance represents the added value of all the projects realized by the churches and makes a real difference for the beneficiaries.

MO /033 Homecare services for 120 elderly from Basarabeasca

All figures are in EURO

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Place of implementation	Basarabeasca, Republic of Moldova
Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	5376,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	1157,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	4867,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	1157,00
Closing balance 2006	509,00

Summary information on the project:

The town of Besarabeasca is a railway centre. Out of 13000 inhabitants some 5000 are somehow related to the trunk-railway activities. The number of retirees – former workers of the Railway Department is around 1000 people, and the local Rail Transport Veterans Council counts 870 members. In 2006 the Council initiated a homecare project having as a purpose to improve the living conditions of the retirees – former workers of the Railway system. In order to achieve that material, moral and medical support was planned to be offered.

The target group is 120 retirees, older than 60 and having a monthly wage lower then 17 Euro. Majority of them are solitary.

The activities of the project begun with selection and training of the team of 34 volunteers: members of the Council, local church members, social workers, students. The town Department for Social Assistance has become an active stakeholder of the project, delegating 4 social assistants to involve into its activities. The training consists of 12 seminars organized monthly throughout the whole year, the training curriculum embraces the subjects related to home care techniques for elderly having as a purpose to improve the quality of the service rendered to the elderly. These seminars are attended by volunteers and beneficiaries' relatives, some 250 people in total. Up to now 8 seminars have been organized and lead by the Tatiana Condrea, a leading specialist of the town's Department of Social Assistance.

In the frameworks of the project 120 elderly are being visited at home at least twice a week by volunteers and social assistants delegated by the mayoralty. They help them with preparing food, cleaning in the house, doing the shopping at the market. Once a semester the Council buys and delivers to each beneficiary a package with food products (flower, oil, sugar, rice, cereals, etc.), detergents and medications. A doctor accompanied by nurses periodically visits the elderly and performs a medical check-up.



The Railway Department administration has put at the Council's disposal a 4-room facility, free of charge. In one of the rooms the Council periodically organizes meetings for veterans, during which the local priest speaks to the elderly; they watch TV-programs, read newspapers and communicate with each other.



The local church is supporting the project as well. Parishioners bring products to the church, and the local priest passes them to the Association, afterwards the products are given to the beneficiaries of the project. The priest periodically visits the elderly and offers them spiritual assistance. He presents the activities of the project in the course of a local TV program.

The amount requested from WCC was used to equip the Council's facility with equipment needed for conducting its activities: a fridge for storing products, TV,

and other equipment.

The added value of the project consist in the fact the project has brought together different social and religious structures (railway department, Orthodox and Baptist churches) in an ecumenical effort of helping the neediest and helpless strata of the community – the poor elderly.

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Cooperation partner	"St. Constantin and Elena" orthodox parish
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Opening balance 2005	0,00
MPP contribution in 2005	4800,00
Local partner own contribution 2005	41,65
Expenditures from MPP in 2005	4890,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2005	41,65
Closing balance 2005	0,00

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):



The Cimiseni village population reaches 4000 people, many of them are elderly and handicapped people. Because of the health problems related to the age and poor hygiene often they barely survive, lack of food causes some of them starve or freeze to death during the winter. The local church has revitalized the principle of Christian love by giving a hand of help to these people.

The "St. Constantin and Elena" Church project aimed at the improvement of the social and health conditions of the elderly through supplying food products and medical care at home.

The target group was represented by 30 elderly, the majority over the age of 60, and out of whom 50% are handicapped or bed bounded. The list of the beneficiaries was drafted by the local church in close consultation with local Family Doctors Centre.

Activities of the project started in December 2005. A doctor, accompanied by a nurse, weekly visits all of the elderly, consulting them, and indicating a treatment to be followed. A second nurse also visited the sick regularly, checked their blood pressure and temperature, and administered the treatment. During treatment course the nurses visited the beneficiaries several times a week. All the beneficiaries had an individual medical book completed by doctor and nurses. In order to increase their professional abilities nurses have gone through a 10-day training on "Social Assistance", lead by the "Homecare" organization. Throughout the year the nurses trained family members to take care for the sick in a proper way by themselves, by giving injections, pills and general hygiene. Once a month each beneficiary received a package of food products, containing rice, flour, oil, sugar, meat, vegetables, honey, etc. delivered to them by volunteers. The local church covered the doctor's salary; two nurses and five other members of the church served as volunteers. Two beneficiaries with limited abilities to walk received two wheelchairs bought in the projects. The mayoralty has allocated funds for renovation of the house roof of another



beneficiary and for feeding 4 other beneficiaries on daily basis. Unfortunately, during the implementation year 6 incurable sick elderly died and were replaced with other 6 elderly from the village.

During the implementation period beneficiaries also benefited of pastoral care provided by the priest of the church and its members. The priest, Ion Solonaru, visited each beneficiary periodically and monitored project activities.

Throughout the year the project team succeeded to encourage and mobilize the community inhabitants and social institutions for more active participation in community problem solving giving a positive example for others.

MO/037 Recuperare NGO “Social and medical services at home for elderly”

All figures are in EURO

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Place of implementation	Telenesti town, Republic of Moldova
Opening balance 2005	0,00
MPP contribution in 2005	6700,00
Local partner own contribution in 2005	7331,00
Other partner contribution in 2005	300,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2005	6700,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2005	7331,00
Expenditures from other partner contribution in 2005	300,00
Closing balance 2005	0,00

Summary information on the project (started in 2005):



The “Recuperare” Charitable Association initiated a project of social and medical homecare for elderly over the age of 60. The project’s goals were to improve the living conditions of the elderly people in Telenesti through providing them free of charge medical services at home, as well as alimentary products and fulfilling other needs as much as possible and in accordance with their necessities and available resources.

The target group is represented by 160 old people, aged over 60, many of them single. The list of the beneficiaries was drafted in close consultation with

Direction for Social Assistance of Telenesti and the Family Doctors Centre.

The project activities started in December 2005. Throughout the year the services were provided to 4 groups consisting of 40 individuals each. The beneficiaries were visited at home at least once a week by a team consisting of a therapist and a nurse. The doctor performed general examinations and in case needed suggested a treatment. A second nurse visited the elderly several times per week and gave injections, made massage or perform other treatment

prescribed. In the frameworks of the project activities ultrasonic scanning (echography) equipment was acquired and installed in a medical room. During the year it provided medical examination to the beneficiaries, facilitating their correct diagnosis and allowing revealing illnesses timely, facilitating the task of determining their health condition and their correct diagnosis. At the moment the Association has an well equipped medical room, that provides medical services to beneficiaries and other needy people of the community on daily basis. The local church has donated the needed furniture: two beds, two bed-side tables and other.



The project activities also included the distribution of food packages and bags with coal to beneficiaries. Thought the year some 60 packages containing food products were distributed among the single elderly. In an attempt to fulfil other stringent needs of the elderly 6 tons of coal were purchased and distributed to 40 poorest beneficiaries of the project, each one receiving 150 kg of coal. This has helped many of them to pass healthy through the winter. The distribution work has been facilitated by the implication of more than 10 volunteers, members of the local Baptist church. Presently the project continues its activities of rendering social and medical services at home.

MO/039 “Homecare” Association, Specialised centre of homecare equipment repair

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Local partner own contribution in 2006		648,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006		7994,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2006		648,00
Closing balance 2006		0,00

Summary information on the project:



There are several homecare initiatives running in Chisinau and a number of other (10-12) social-medical projects working for socially vulnerable and marginalized people. About 50-60 % of the Home Care project beneficiaries are bed-ridden, poor and abandoned. About 20-30% are invalids with no one to help them and often without any income.

Several medical organisations and NGOs that provide medical and social care to this particular socially-vulnerable group experience a desperate need for medical equipment, medicines and special additional appliances

that would help making their life easier, such as: wheelchairs, walking aids, functional beds, crutches. A lot of the already existing equipment often breaks.

“Home Care” Association Project purpose is to reduce the complications of the diseases and the morbidity frequency of the sick people by improving the efficiency of treatment and providing / repairing needed appliances. In order to achieve that a workshop for medical equipment renovation was established and beneficiaries are provided with needed medical equipment and repaired medical supplies.

The focus group of the project is represented by 200 people that have access to repairing services of broken equipment rendered by the Association. The focus group was selected based on the activity of 10 other social centres and charitable organizations. Each 3 months the Association supplies repairing services to more than 50 beneficiaries, whereupon the composition of the focus group is replaced by other 50 beneficiaries.



The project implementation period is May 2006 – May 2007. The project activities started from forming a team of 4 volunteers-foremen, all church members.

Over the week they repair the damaged and broken equipment working that is being brought to the repair shop, or in case if needed they go to repair the equipment at the beneficiaries' homes. Over the past 8 months the Association has responded to request for the care equipment reparation coming from the beneficiaries served within the 3 homecare projects and 7 social centres. The Association also repairs or adjusts specialised medical equipment coming in humanitarian aid for care activities in Moldova. A truck with medical equipment and supplies is being transported to Moldova every three months, activity lead in close collaboration with “Harry Venema Stichting” organization. The technical workers (association's volunteers) take care of the good's maintenance and equipment repairing. The equipment is transported from patient's home to the reparations and back to patients' home by a specialised car. Every supply of equipment contains the following appliances: wheelchairs, toilet chairs, douche chairs, bed reading tables, wash basins, crutches, beds, etc. The financial means received from the WCC MPP have been directed to acquire a tool kit and various needed for carrying out repairing works. A computer was acquired in order to create and maintain an electronic database of the beneficiaries and repairing activities. Part of the money was used to make a contract for freight services in the frameworks of projects.

Apart of equipment reparation works the repair shop provides available equipment for rent for a small payment to the rest of people, not included in to the project focus group. Accumulated incomes are directed to the project development and sustainability insurance – to cover the running costs.

The repair shop project carries out its activity in several rooms: an office, a workroom and a storage facility, accommodations that have been put at the Association's disposal free of charge.

According to the planned schedule in the course of May – December 2006 more than 400 people benefited of the Association's services; some 390 units of damaged equipment was repaired; the total amount of working hours reached 1324. Repaired equipment is given unto temporary use – until ill patients recover or do not need it anymore. After that the equipment is returned to the Association and given to other patients.

The project implementation is highly appreciated by the local public authorities for the valuable contribution to the improvement of the medical care rendered by several medical institutions and to the amelioration of the healing process of sick people in different regions of Moldova.

MO/040 Social canteen renovation in Straseni

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MPP contribution in 2006	3194,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	1363,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	3194,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2006	1363,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

Among the 19000 thousand population of Straseni town there are several thousand of poor people who do not know what a complex meal is, and have even forgotten the taste of the meat and of fruit. The poor nutrition leads to the malnutrition, which is the cause of frequent diseases and high mortality. Some of these people are getting their daily bread by begging on the street, and the people with physical or mental disabilities are mostly affected by the poverty.

The "Maranata" Evangelical Church in Straseni initiated in May 2006 a social-canteen project, which has as a purpose to help a certain number of people from the above-mentioned categories. The project activities are targeted at the following focus group: 20 pensioners who have a pension which does not exceed the amount of \$10-15, and do not have other income sources; people with disabilities from socially vulnerable families.



The location for the canteen is offered by the Church free of charge, this way a considerable amount of money which would have been needed to rent a building was saved. Church volunteers have devoted their time at the canteen renovation works.



Following the renovation works starting from May 2006 about 20 beneficiaries started to be served at the canteen a warm lunch 5 days a week. The ration includes all necessary products and components and has been approved by the Health Department. Due to this substantial help the elderly have extra money, that they need to buy medicine and hygiene materials. Besides feeding the beneficiaries other activities are carried out, in order to help improve their social and health condition. During religious feasts, the Church in collaboration with the Town Hall and other

organizations holds different creative programs containing drama, music and gifts for poor people. Old people are periodically visited and helped with cleaning in the house, cooking the food; also they are given packages with food.

The church provides the volunteer work and part of the budget for the food. The amount required from MPP has been used for the renovation works. The project is carried out in cooperation with other charitable missions. The Charitable Foundation “Mission Without Borders” supported the costs of purchasing an refrigerator, an gas stove and the kitchen furniture, food and the utilities’ costs. A local business company contributes to the canteen functioning by supplying bread. The public administration of Straseni and Social Assistance department provides necessary informational and consultancy support for canteen functioning.

MO/041 Renovation of the canteen and educational facilities of the Theological Lyceum for girls “St. Elizabeth”

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MPP contribution in 2006	6694,00
Local partner own contribution 2006	4199,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	6694,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	4199,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

In 1999 the Briceni-Edinet Eparchy of Moldavian Orthodox Church in collaboration with the public organization “The Star of Bethlehem” decided on opening the Theological Lyceum for girls “St. Elisabeth”. Several causes reasoned the opening of a theological lyceum for girls: there were no high schools in the region; a second one was the low financial status of most of the families that did not have an opportunity to provide their children with education.

The lyceum was fully accredited by the Minister of Education, and offers to its students an extensive curriculum that includes all common high school disciplines corresponding to the 10th, 11th, 12th grades of a regular lyceum. Since its opening in 1999 some 61 students have received secondary education, and 103 – high school and theological education. Additionally to it the curriculum includes several theological disciplines and learning of practical skills of social assistance having as a purpose to train students to activate as social workers in the social activities of the local church. Several types of social activities are ongoing in the Eparchy, students having the opportunity to apply the knowledge they gain even during their school term. One of the social activities is feeding every week 30 poor elderly and children from vulnerable families at the lyceum’s canteen. The social activities are run in the frame of Sisterhood, which develops social work in Edinet and neighbouring districts.



The goal of the project is to enhance St. Elizabeth sisterhood capacities for social activities implemented in Edinet.

The focus group of the project are about 70 students (girls) from the Theological Lyceum “St. Elizabeth” in Edinet and 30 elderly people, orphans, people with illnesses, who receive lunches at the lyceum’s canteen.

The financial means received from MPP were directed to renovate the old facility of the canteen and to equip it with new equipment for the canteen (a water boiler and 2 gas stoves, crockery and miscellaneous). Additionally to that renovation of class rooms and lyceum’s library; the lyceum’s computer class room was equipped with 7 new computers; two washing machines were bought and installed. During the project implementation term 62 girls were accepted for studies. All 62 girls are actively involved in the church life of the community.



Human resources are represented by the team of teachers of the lyceum, priests of the local church and 62 students that develop a variety of social activities in Edinet and neighbouring communities. The social activities include – homecare activities and feeding elderly and poor children at the lyceum’s canteen.

The lyceum has achieved high results – some 90% of its graduates continue their studies in academies and institutions of higher education. The improved educational conditions (including new computer class room) and living conditions will increase even more the school program efficiency, and studying theological disciplines in the frame of lyceum’s curriculum will help to the formation of competent church social workers.

MO /042 Opening Social centre in Leova

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Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	8000,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	112,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	7887,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	112,00
Closing balance 2006	113,00

Summary information on the project:

Leova is a small town with a population of 16 000 inhabitants, situated at a distance of 100 km Southwards from Chisinau. The activity of several factories in food, wine and juice industries was a result of local development. Together with USSR collapse all state enterprises suffered and went bankrupt. Suddenly all employees of these unities found themselves jobless. Nowadays the town remained without young people, who emigrated to find a job abroad, both in Western European countries and in Russia. Thus, a lot of elderly are forgotten by their children and remained lonely struggling to survive with their miserable pension of 15 -20 Euro per month.

The local Orthodox Church in cooperation with other partners, as Social Mission Diaconia and Local Public Administration initiated a project of establishing in the town a Social Centre for joint activities.



Project activities target a focus group of 75 old and lonely people from the town of Leova. Commonly these are elderly who live in extreme misery, with no relatives or family to take care of them. The list of beneficiaries was drawn up by the local priest assisted by representatives of Social Assistance Service.

Other beneficiaries in the project are children of the community. Once the Centre is equipped with a library, computers and a video and games collection youngsters from community will have an opportunity to learn new skills and develop their capacities. These are also ways to attract youth and to motivate them to involve into the project by helping the elderly as volunteers and to sensitize them to the needs of the older generation and other social needs in their community.

Once fully renovated and equipped the Centre's facility will serve as a place where youngsters can study, play, involve into the ministry of the local parish. It will also be used as a place where elderly will congregate and form self-support groups.

The project implementer is the local parish, which will coordinate the activities, contribute with volunteers work and provide a facility for the social work. It has offered a 3-room facility for the project works. The MMP offered a grant of 8000 Euro, and the S. M. Diaconia a financial contribution of 2120 Euro.



The project works started in December 2006. Within a month the following was achieved: renovation works were conducted (sanitation and sewerage system were installed); furniture and equipment (including a water boiler) were bought and installed in the Centre. Renovation works were performed by Centre's volunteers. A games room, a library and a video room are fit out. Additionally to the planned equipment an electric water boiler was acquired and installed at the Centre. This is a supplementary service for the elderly, as most of them lack a normal shower-room and hot water at home. A social assistant was hired to visit the elderly and provide social services. A volunteer team is being recruited; so far 3 volunteers signed a volunteer agreement. Volunteers are recruited out of the parishioners, students and community members. During the implementation period it is planned that volunteers will go through specialized trainings in order to form a stable and motivated team and to be able to provide qualitative Home social services to the beneficiaries, and will assist the social worker in his activities. The beneficiary group was selected. Over 20 elderly were already visited at home by the social worker and priest vicar that have distributed hygiene materials and other aid to them. Starting from February all 75 elderly will be visited at home by volunteers, will be helped with the household, and provided with hygiene materials and various social services.

MO /046 Medical room for the 180 mentally disabled children establishment

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Local partner own contribution in 2006	3031,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	7332,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	3031,00
Closing balance 2006	862,00

Summary information on the project:

The boarding school nr.5 in Chisinau for mentally disabled children functions since 1971. Currently 180 children with disabilities and special needs attend the school. Mostly these children come from poor and dysfunctional families, with common problems such as extreme poverty and parents-alcoholics. Because of the specifics of these children doctors do not recommend keeping them away from their homes for a long time, no matter how hard their financial situation is. This is why the children are in school for 5 days and then they go home for the weekend. Often they come back being sick and dirty and in



need of medical assistance, which was not available because of lack of the medical equipment at the school medical room. The school has 5 medical offices: office for reception, office for physical therapy, 2 separate isolation rooms for boys and girls and an isolation room for infectiously ill. Most of the offices are half empty and equipped with 35 years old medical equipment. Most of it cannot be used any longer. However, the governmental structure does not finance educational institutions with the required medical equipment because of the bad economic situation.



Most children have problems with their speech and need the help of a speech specialist. There is such a specialist in the school, but no specialized equipment. There wasn't even basic equipment for checking the throat of the children. All the children needed permanent consultations with the psychiatrist and further treatment.

The aim of the present project is to improve the health care for 180 mentally disabled children from the boarding school nr. 5 by providing them better access to the medical assistance at the school. In order to achieve this goal were set specific objectives: mentally disabled children and children with cerebral paralysis have access to the physiotherapy procedures; children benefit from the preventive medicine measures at the institution.

The “St. Dumitru” Church has contributed with construction materials, church outfits for prayer room, rendered free of

charge transportation services, consumables, furniture and literature. Volunteers (school teachers, parents) have conducted renovation works without accepting any salary.

The first 7 months activities of the project included renovation 5 medical rooms of the school. Furniture and medical equipment was purchased and installed (3 inhalers, exciter for throat heating, electrophoresis, body massage apparatus, tonometers, sets of medical tools, etc). Additionally to equipment medicines and hygienic materials were purchased and used in treating children. Next to that preliminary diagnostic of all children was conducted. For the reporting period 180 children have gone through a complete medical check-up. They received doctors' consultancies and treatment prescriptions (urologist, psychoneurologist, homoeopathist, oto(rhino)laryngologist) 3 times a week. Physiotherapy procedures are carried out on regular basis and preventive medicines measures are implemented. As a result the number of ill children decreased by 20%. The school's nurse keeps evidence of the sick children in a separate register. An agreement was signed with the "HANNEMAN" pharmacy for monthly supplies of drugs and hygiene supplies for the whole term of project implementation period, every month each school student is provided with personal hygiene supplies.

The implementation of the project is positively influencing the health situation in the school. The number of sick children is diminishing; there is a progress in the condition of children sick with enuresis; children sick with encephalopathy manifest and increased capacity for work.

Human Development & Capacity Building

MO /043 AGAPIS Strategic Planning Workshops

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MPP contribution in 2006		4250, 00
Local partner own contribution 2006		1584,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006		4250, 00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006		1584,00
Closing balance 2006		0,00

Summary information on the project:

During 2004-2006 "AGAPIS" Centre has initiated a number of activities designed to contribute to the implication of parishes and church organizations in implementing social activities at a community level. At the same time the lack of a long-term plan explaining Moldovan Orthodox Church (MOC) strategies in the social area hindered the communication of these strategies to the MOC members and to other partners as well.

The present project activities aim at the elaboration of social strategies of AGAPIS. These should be expressed



under the form of a Strategic Plan document. The strategic planning process is supervised by 30 representatives of MOC parishes – priests and social workers working in some 1200 parishes of Moldovan Orthodox Church.



Several steps were followed in the course of the planning process: questionnaires referring to the actual activity in the social area carried in the country by MOC were elaborated and distributed. A communication network involving all responsible for social activities was set up. The draft of Strategic Plan is presently under development. The working group elaborating the Strategic Plan includes several experts in Social Assistance from the State University as well. Up to the reporting period four (out of 10) working meetings were held.



The requested amount has been directed to cover the costs of training facility rent, consumables, 2 computers, printer, copier, meals for training sessions.

The major results of the projects are expected to be: a mutually elaborated strategic plan, individual and group competencies of realizing of the strategic planning process.

The strategic plan will become a document of reference in obtaining financial support and reasoning the necessity of the implementation of proposed goals. Once developed the strategic planning process will design the future of the organization in a 3-year perspective.

MO /044 Providing PCM/LFA trainings for the local project coordinators

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MPP contribution in 2006	2500,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	0,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	2500,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	0,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

A large number of managers of Church social projects often are people with limited knowledge and experience of how to elaborate a project proposal. The present project aims towards growth and development of capacities for organization and coordination of the projects of local partners: Churches and other religious structures, as well as NGOs in the Republic of Moldova.

The first PCM/LFA training course took place during August 26-29 in Edinet town, North region. A group of 22 priests and Church social workers from the Orthodox Church of the Moldavian Metropoly, North region, attended the seminars. The course extended on a 5 days period. Over the sessions the participants learned in details the LFA method of writing a social project, and elaborated project models individually and in groups. Special time for group discussions and experience exchange was reserved. As the participants shared their experience in social work they build useful relation for future activities in partnership.

The sessions were lead by a team of specialists: 2 members of the MPP staff. During the seminar participants benefited from the consultations and advices for potential projects proposals from the MPP consultants. In the frameworks of this seminar 6 field visits to several churches and monasteries were made, with a purpose of finding new opportunities for developing new projects. The feedback session was conducted in Edinet on August 29-30,2006.

MO /045 Providing PCM/LFA trainings for the local project coordinators

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Opening balance 2006		0,00
MPP contribution in 2006		4959,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006		0,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006		4959,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006		0,00
Closing balance 2006		0,00

Summary information on the project:

One of the priorities of the MPP CB programme is the theoretical grounding of the local partners that currently implement projects in different regions of Moldova. The present project aimed to contribute to the growth of the current and potential new partners' capacities in preparing well conceived and thought thru project applications.



The target group embraced representatives of the partner Churches – project coordinators, priests, workers of the Churches' departments for social activities, 60 people in total.

The project activities included 4 training- workshops. First 3 were PCM/LFA trainings and concentrated on training the participants in how to write a project proposal according to LFA standards – the MPP basic method for accepting project applications.

The training seminars took place:

1. PCM LFA training course in Chisinau, October 10-12, 10 partners of Diaconia attended the sessions;
2. PCM LFA in Chisinau, December 6-8, attended by 23 people delegated by the Orthodox Church, Basarabia Metropoly.
3. PCM LFA training course in Tiraspol, December 16-17, 2006, 20 partners of Moldavian Lutheran Church attended the sessions;

Each training lasted for a 3-day period. As a result each participant wrote an individual project proposal that follows to be submitted to MPP by the deadlines in 2007. Participants also had benefited from the individual consultancies services offered by the team of trainers.

The fourth training had as a subject: “Narrative and financial reporting standards of MPP projects”. It took place on December 14-15, 2006. The goal of the training was to increase the reporting skills of the MPP local partners. During the seminar were presented and analyzed the standards of the narrative and financial reports of the project implemented in the frameworks of the MP Programme. The training was attended by representatives of 18 current projects, representing all main directions of MPP activity. The sessions were lead by the team of experts – MPP consultants – Lilia Bulat, Tudor Lungu, and financial expert Alla Kulikovskaia.

As a result of the project was registered a visible growth of the quality of narrative and financial reports submitted by the local partners at the end of the implementation period of the projects of the 2006.

MO /054 Providing “Legal advice” trainings and consultation for the MPP partners

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Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	2800,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	0,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	2800,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	0,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

The community development and capacity building (including entrepreneurial activities, job creation projects, and micro enterprises development) is a relatively recent area of activities of church involvement in Moldova. As the number of the local partners implementing this type of projects is continually increasing more obvious becomes the existence of numerous shortages in the implementation process that appear because of lack of legal skills of church personnel.



To facilitate the implementation of the projects developed in the framework of MPP and to increase the implementing capacities of the local partners MPP has contracted the “Brodsky Uskov Looper Reed & Partners” Consulting and Legal Company. The agreement foresees that the legal company will render legal assistance to the MPP staff and local partners in their activity of social entrepreneurship by giving legal consultations and organization and delivery of six training-workshops. Target group of the project embraced 40 people – priests, church workers, accountants and other people involved in entrepreneurial projects implemented by local partners.

Over the period of December 20-22 were organized and conducted 3 one-day trainings. The trainings targeted following subjects: Juridical aspects concerning entrepreneurial activities run by church related organizations, fiscal law, Labour Code, etc. Handbooks and other practice materials were elaborated and handed out to participants. Trainings were daily attended by 16-20 participants. The project also foresees that individual consultations regarding business registration will be rendered by the Brodsky Uskov Looper Reed & Partners” Consulting and Legal Company to MPP partners within the November 2006 – November 2007 period.

Information & Advocacy / Anti trafficking

MO/048 Prevention trafficking from Costesti community in Moldova

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Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	10800,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	3983,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	10800,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2006	3983,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

The Costesti village has a population of 12700 inhabitants, out of the about 52% are women. Poor living conditions, undeveloped social infrastructure, lack of jobs certainly provide a recruitment basis. From 2200 people who left community to work abroad about 47% are women. Within this context the trafficking problem became especially acute. In the last 4 years some 98 victims of traffic were repatriated. Besides the inside moral and spiritual crisis they face several social problems on return, such as difficult acceptance by relatives and community, unemployment and health rehabilitation.



The existing need has been addressed by the “Compassion” project of establishment of the new cow farm. Project aims at reducing the risk of human traffic along with reducing rural poverty

through creation of job opportunities for the victims of trafficking and people in the group of risk. The objectives of the project are to develop entrepreneurship capacities and vocational skills of women from group at trafficking risk and to provide people from groups at risk and victims with effective employment and social reintegration opportunities.

Direct target group consists of 20 young women – victims of trafficking or from group at trafficking risk, aged from 18 to 28, currently unemployed; all inhabitants of the Costesti community. Besides victims of trafficking, employment opportunities were provided to women from group at risk, while the planned education activities targeted also other professionals likely to be in contact with potential victims of trafficking: social assistants, local public authorities, and medical centre personnel and police representatives.

The cow farm should provide 20 job places when functioning at full capacity. The farm location of 470 m² for 10 cows is under finalization phase. It is worth to mention that in 2006 at the farm was installed the animal wastes processing system, performed according to the modern standards of biotechnologies, which will permit the farm incorporation in to the state program on “Supporting the small business in the rehabilitation of the zoo technical sector” by the end of 2007. Connection the farm to electricity included works of installation of additional pillars that were needed to extend the connection from the community to the farm situated on the field, and installation of the farm internal electrical system. Other construction works count: a roof has been build; doors and windows were installed.

Project activities started from vocational and basic business training courses provision. Beneficiary group of 22 women was selected, including 6 victims of trafficking and 4 single mothers. During 3 months participants divided into 2 groups were attending specialised courses provided by the expert from “AXA” consulting group. Training program of 120 hours embraced basic aspects of zoo techniques with a special focus on cattle breeding. The entire training course was completed by 20 participants (2 women left for the maternity leave).

According to the preliminary agreement of the project implementer with the local Mayoralty the farm has been provided with pastures and about 6 ha of plough-lands on the free of charge rent basis for 10 years, where they could cultivate fodders for the animals. The project means were directed to the forage seeds purchasing as well as to forage storage arranging, while the part of the agriculture machinery, used for forage cultivation and collecting, was donated by the “Agape” association (Germany). During summer months about 8 tonnes of alfalfa were cultivated and dried as fodder for animal for the winter by the trainees. The fodder was stored in the storage under the farm’s roof. In addition to the farm proper fodders reserves the local wine production company “CostestiVin” offered to “Compasiune” 6 tonnes of mixed fodders in 2006. Other 6 tonnes of fodders were collected as private contributions from community inhabitants.

There was a shortage of the racy cows in the community where the overall number of cows in community householders has decreased from 1600 heads in 2003 to 325 heads in 2005. According to the data of the Moldavian Ministry of the Agriculture for 2006 the cost of a racy cow reached the amount of 1000 EUR. According to the project plans 10 cows were purchased in 2006. All animals were bought in the community. The overage cost of the cow constituted about 7500 MDL (450 EUR). Unfortunately 2 cows got ill and were slaughter. Other 2 cows got pregnant; deliveries are expected during the spring time. A decision to develop the complementary business was taken to increase the farm efficiency. Eighteen (18) pigs were purchased from the implementing partner own means. A separate barn for pigs was build; presently 18 pigs are raised in it.

By the end of implementation year 20 women from the target group were involved in project activities – training, field works, harvesting, farm works; 17 of them are permanently employed, others participate in temporary activities, such as summer work fields and renovation works. According to the local public administration data the level of migration from Costesti during 2006 was reduced with 15% comparing to 2005. New jobs created contributed to the employees welfare increase. Women understood that even if working locally is not so advantageous financially this is more safely than going abroad. Two of the beneficiary plan on opening their

own enterprise in the future. Two of the traffic victims' families reunited – their husbands returned to their families. Every woman from the focus group has been visited by the priest, given moral support and encouragement. Once the farm will start its activities on full potential more women from the community will be offered a permanent job at the farm. Products (meat, milk, etc.) will be sold on the local market in order to assure project's sustainability.

The project activities contribute to other social activities run in the community: part of the production milk, meat is to be directed to support other social establishments in the community (daily centre for children, social canteen, kindergartens).

MO /053 Counter trafficking trainings for the priests from 30 communities in Cahul

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Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	5800,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	2092,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	5236,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	2092,00
Closing balance 2006	564,00

Summary information on the project:

The local clergy and parishioners of the Orthodox Church in Cahul district have always been involved in the social life of the community. Due to the emergency of the human traffic problem in the society recently the Church started to involve actively in fighting this particular phenomena. Clerics and visitors of Orthodox Church's vicars from Moldova out of 22 localities from Cahul district met on the 3rd and 4th of March 2005 at a seminar organized by the IOM and La Strada.



Along the way certain shortages have been revealed. One of them is the lack of relevant training information including specific theological aspects of the anti trafficking activity. In order to solution this issue a decision on establishing a Training and Informational Recourse Centre was taken.

The project's goal is increased participation of Orthodox priesthood of Cahul district in fighting the trafficking phenomena. The goal presumes that priests and Church social workers will gain knowledge in preventing human beings trafficking domain and will have

permanent access to training seminars and informational recourses. To solve these problems is proposed to open a training centre at "St. Kneaz Vladimir" monastery from Cahul. Building this

training centre will enable a continuous deployment of training activities for clerics and parishes of Orthodox Church visitors from Moldova. In the project framework will be organized 4 training courses for 30 persons from Cahul district.

Direct target group of the project is represented by 30 priest and church social workers form Cahul district. Other actors of society, such as local public authorities, school administrations and police enforcement will also benefit from the implementation of the present project.

The "St. Kneaz Vladimir" Orthodox Monastery has offered a 3 room facility for the Centre. Renovation works started in December 06. Furniture was purchased and follows to be installed in the Centre. After the renovation the Centre will be equipped with computers and audio-video equipment. A library will be established. Once functioning the Centre will organize and conduct seminars on AT and will provide specialized literature and information. AT seminars, literature and informational materials will be provided by several stakeholders and organizations: "La Strada", IOM, and CPTF. The Centre will contract trainers possessing theological knowledge concerning Church involvement in anti trafficking work. Additionally to training activities for priests during summer will be organized summer camps for youngsters in the group of risk, seminars in local schools and educational institutions.



Once the training centre is equipped it will continue to provide training and informational resources to priests and church social workers in the region on permanent basis. The first 4 training seminars will help to lay out a scheme of the follow-on training activity and will form an informational and scholastic platform for future seminars. The operational expenses of running the project will be covered by the "St. Kneaz Vladimir" Monastery.

MO/047 Prevention of trafficking informational campaign in 40 communities

All figures are in EURO

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Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	8225,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	1401,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	8225,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2006	1401,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

Trafficking in persons is a significant and compelling issue, drastically affecting citizens from Moldova society. Large numbers of mostly young Moldavians started to leave their country in

the mid 1990s, temporarily or permanently, to work elsewhere. UNDP and IOM have estimated that some 600,000 to 1,000,000 Moldavians are currently abroad. The economic decline and lack of employment opportunities, together with widespread migration for work abroad, certainly form a recruitment base for the traffickers. Villages abound with only children and elderly residents that might become the next victims of the trafficking activities.

The AOS mission is to help people “in need” by promoting Christian faith and spirituality. The main focus is on cultural - educational activities and social support, especially for disabled students. The present project started as an AOS attempt to prevent trafficking of young people from Moldova.

The project’s purpose is the prevention of human trafficking via education activities of youth and adolescents in rural areas of Moldova. At the same time the project intends to increase Orthodox youth participation in combating the trafficking phenomena and to increase public awareness on trafficking in human beings through educational activities.

The project activities target the following focus group: 850 young people & adolescents from universities, colleges, secondary and high schools, aged from 13 to 23; about 60 % are girls & young women, living in Chisinau and 40 other communities throughout Moldova.



The project implementation strategy foresees providing the trafficking prevention education for the young people and children from groups at risk. The approach chosen varies from others because of the specific “trainers” and peer education methods implied. A group of 24 trainers – young people, Orthodox students, and volunteers was trained to develop anti trafficking educational activities among adolescents from secondary schools, colleges and high schools across the country. A 2-week training seminar was performed by the Winrock International in Chisinau. All trainers have been supplied with materials on subject for conducting anti trafficking seminars in schools and other institutions.

Informational support was offered by the project partners: Winrock, “La Strada-Moldova”, “SorOptimist”. Materials presenting theological aspects in combating the human trafficking were developed in close consultation with Moldavian Orthodox Church and IOM.

Following the TOT seminar 6 mobile training groups were formed. Each one provides trainings and seminars in several schools and contributes to the mobilization of youth volunteer groups at those educational establishments, which later will be responsible for further dissemination of information among youngsters as well as for the current monitoring of the informational needs. The initial number of 40 schools has increased to 46, due to the fact that other school directors have requested the services of the present project. Up to the reporting date 6 informational seminars were organized and some 400 young people have been informed and supplied with materials concerning the trafficking phenomena. There is an active reaction to the learned information as many know or have friends or relatives that were victims of traffic in human beings.

The requested amount from WCC MPP was directed to acquire equipment (computer, printer, etc.) and a vehicle needed to organize the seminars and to travel to different localities. Once all needed equipment is bought the project will be able to continue its activity for several years as most of the trainers involved in the project work on volunteer basis. The AOS will cover the expenses for consumables and other operational costs. The general impact of the training activities provided will be assessed by “IOM-Moldova”.

With financial support of **Diakonishes Werk/ Germany** on January 1, 2006 started new MPP program “**Job Creation in rural areas in Moldova**” . The project timeframe is January 1,2006-December 31,2008. Program aims at improving the living conditions of disadvantaged groups of people living in rural areas of Moldova by providing employment opportunities via development of activities alternative to agricultural production in rural areas within rural and regional development strategies. The specific objectives are:

- To promote public awareness regarding alternative forms of entrepreneurial activity in rural areas and providing specialized assistance in education on small business, networking, marketing, financial services (micro-credits) etc.;
- To assist in development of non-agriculture production in rural areas (handcrafts workshops, beekeeping etc);
- To assist to agricultural and non-agricultural service providing enterprises in rural areas (agro-processing, agro-tourism and small services for local population like family shops, car/AGD repair etc.);

During the first year of “Job Creation” program implementation (2006) were contracted 7 projects (MO 044, MO 050, MO 051, MO 052, MO 054, MO 055, MO 056).

MO/025 School of small business for unemployed people, “CATERD” centre

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MPP contribution in 2006	0,00
Local partner own contribution 2006	705,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	5900,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	705,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project (project started in 2005):

The project was initiated as an attempt to provide a solution to the crisis of insufficient salaries of local jobs and limited access of the poor to the business education and consultancy services. An answer to this problem is in the reorientation of professional qualification of individuals.

The chosen strategy represents “learning by doing” approach and is based on education and coaching of unemployed people in starting and development of a small business. The project assumed a target group of 200 unemployed people, ages 18 to 45, 35% men and 65% women from the poor families (monthly income less than \$10 per family member) as potential beneficiaries. Initially planned only for Chisinau inhabitants, the project’s implementation extended to 14 other settlements throughout the whole country.

The target group became aware of 800 small businesses within an electronic database developed by “CATERD” Centre, as well as with new practical work skills.

This goal was achieved on the bases of a 28 -session course. Sessions were held two days a week for 3 hours. The course was organized on two levels:

- Theoretical knowledge. Throughout the implementation year some 90 people have gone through different training seminars in the frameworks of the project. Beneficiaries were acquainted with a number of opportunities to develop and manage a small private enterprise. The lessons were conducted in the building's centre, previously renovated and equipped with computer, video projector and sound equipment, copier.
- Practical work skills. Students have been trained in 4-6 various types of activity, adapted to the implementation zone: urban and rural. A group of 14 young men (14-23 years old) have studied on daily basis the trade of carpentering and stove-setting; other 76 students were trained: men in auto repairing, stove-setting, carpentry and in cultivating agricultural products using innovative methods and technologies; women were taught to work as cosmeticians and medicinal massage techniques.



Four qualified instructors worked on voluntary basis at the school. Students were charged no payment whatsoever for attending the lessons. Renovation works (gas systems installation; furniture purchasing and installation) were conducted. To facilitate the practical aspect of studies two greenhouses were built on the territory of the Centre. Here students can practically implement the knowledge on new technologies in growing agricultural products they acquired during educational seminars.

The recently installed autonomous heating of the building allows increasing the number of beneficiaries during the cold period. As a result of the project some 30 people started individual businesses (repair auto shop, beauty saloon, and experimental agricultural centre) and 16 others partially applied the acquired information. The average income of former students that presently work as carpenters or stove-setters is 1400 lei per month (\$100).

MO/034 Popular Crafts Studying Centre "Rural Woman" for young women and girls

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MPP contribution in 2005		6869,00
Local partner own contribution 2005		391,05
Expenditures from MPP in 2005		6892,05
Expenditures from own contribution 2005		368,00
Closing balance 2005		0,00

Summary information on the project (project started in 2005):

The economical crisis in Moldova has negatively impacted the labour market in Ciocilteni village, creating a lack of real legal job opportunities for women.

In 2002 ONG “Rural woman” founded the Popular Crafts Studying Centre for young women and girls, attempting to open new opportunities for rural women on labour market. The present project was implemented in order to contribute to the goal of reducing the poverty through providing vocational education and creating job opportunities for women from Ciocilteni community in Moldova.

“RUSTICART”, a local economical agent engaged in processing wool and weaving activity, has donated textile machinery (shuttles and looms) that supply 18 persons with a training/work place, 3 knitting-machines, 2 sewing-machines. The grant received by the “Rural woman” from WCC MPP was used to acquire wool processing equipment: 1 hackling machine, 1 winding machine. Additionally, a computer and scanner-copier for creating and multiplying patterns were bought. Raw material (60 kg of wool) was purchased for the whole term of the project implementation.

The focus group included 15 unemployed young women from ages of 15 – 25 years old that have uncompleted or completed secondary school education and come from socially vulnerable families. These women had no employment opportunities or financial means for vocational training in handmade works.

In achieving the proposed objectives the project’s intervention strategy has followed next steps:

Vocational education. Alternative vocational orientation was provided to the unemployed women (**accessible**-placed in the community, **relevant**- oriented at the concrete need, **flexible** by form and timeframe – easier to be followed by women having children).

The training course started in November 2005. Women were trained in carpet weaving, sewing national clothes and weaving wool blankets. Three groups of 5 people attended the courses 5 days a week, for three-hour sessions. The training included both theoretical preparation and practical skill training.

Training curriculum was compiled by three specialists, instructors in the Centre’s activity. After completing the training term (6 months) 2 of the alumni began to work as trainers at the Centre. The local school has expressed its desire to collaborate with the Centre, and now the school students (girls) study the subject “Labour skills” in the Centre’s facility. They acquire specific habits of work – weaving carpets, sewing of national clothes and other crafts. This experience develops amongst the young generation respect towards the national traditions and revives the folk arts. By the end of the project period 15 young women have gone through the Centre’s training courses and recently a new group of 8 women was recruited.



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Due to the economical activity of the Centre by the end of the year the educational process, previously economically incapable and therefore often casual, became fully self sustainable.

Job creation. At the end of the training 14 women were offered a permanent work place at RUSTICART weaving-mill. Out of them 2 also work as instructors for the new recruited group – one trains a group of school students in

sewing, the other teaches them weaving and embroidering. Their monthly salary is 300 lei, besides that they manufacture crafts and earn a 1200 lei income.

Another partner in the project is the local economical agent RUSTICART Company that has hired 6 alumni as weavers and embroiderers starting from August. As this is a work they do mostly in their free time from field works, during fall their monthly salary is 400 lei; in the winter time their earn can go up to 1300-2500 lei/month. Other 8 women were hired as part-time workers. Women are working at the Centre, and some of them work at home. This type of work is convenient to them, because after completing their studies they can work at home, earning an income and be with their families at the same time. Some of them have their own equipment; to some the Centre renders its sewing and weaving machines. Main products made at the Centre are wool carpets and blankets, handbags, purses, national clothes for men and women.

The wool processing shop is another project's activity that creates work places and generates a profit. The two wool processing machines were installed in a separate building on the Centre's territory. The room has been renovated and corresponds to the governmental standards of industrial safety. A worker has been hired to operate and maintain the equipment. Starting from August the wool processing shop provides paid services to the population. The net profit of the shop is 1200 lei per month. The income is used to pay the salaries and to support the educational activity of the project. The number of clients increases daily as the wool processing shop is one of the few in the country that offers such service to the population. In the near future a third machine is planned to be bought. This will allow broadening the range of services and to create one more work place.

Throughout the year the Centre has participated in more than 15 different exhibitions organized by the local Museum, National Union of Craftsmen, Moldexpo, etc. These activities are of strategic importance for the Centre, because here the Centre promotes and sells its production. The Centre's aim is to create a network of customers on the national market. By now the Centre has sold products to more than 30 customers and has 15 recent orders to work on.

The implementation of the present project has resulted in the following achievements: establishment of an institution that provides vocational education to women in rural communities – most common representatives of the concealed unemployment; equipping the Centre with wool processing equipment; 15 young women obtained a vocation; 14 women got a job place in the community and neighbouring villages; enhanced experience and professionalism of the workers and project staff; increased role of the women in the community; decreased number of people migrated from the community;

ONG "Rural woman" closely collaborates with the local church and has received blessing from the respective Church authority for the realisation of the present initiative.

By the end of the implementation period the activity of the NGO "Rural woman" has reached a level of stable financial activity that assures its sustainability. The trained women have been employed on the contract basis by the project partner RUSTICART Company. The income from the wool processing and crafts sale activities supplies sufficient financial means to support the educational activities, to buy needed raw materials, to cover the operational costs and salary expenses for 14 women.

As planned project follow up activities foresee enrolling in to vocational training of 20 women each year. Vocational training will continue according to the Curricula elaborated. Through the year the interests of the population in the community towards traditional crafts and educational activities lead by NGO "Rural woman" has increased, the Centre systematically registers new requests from the local women to go through its training course.

MO /049 Wood carving workshop opening

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MPP contribution in 2006	11990,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	761,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	11990,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	761,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

Graduates of boarding school in Moldova represent one of the most vulnerable strata of the risk groups. Once they graduate there is not a big chance for them to continue their education in colleges or institutes of higher education, and often they become unemployed or enter into conflict with the law. The present project begun as an attempt to help students of the boarding school in Drochia to avoid the above problem by providing them an opportunity to get vocational education.

The project aims at facilitating the social integration in the society of the boys from the group at risk through developing professional skills in woodcarving and carpentry, and further assistance in job placement. Project activities targeted 20 orphans from ages of 14-16 years old from the Boarding School in Drochia, and several boys from social-vulnerable families in town. Several furniture plants and wood processing shops activate in the region, thus the alumni will find it easier to get a job by the graduation.

The trainees were recruited from the boarding school's present students. Many of them have mild mental retardations, which lower their chances for further studies; still these are no hindrance for learning the profession of carpentry. The necessary equipment for the educational process including a set of 3 wood-processing machines (marking gage, mill, pressing machine), didactical manuals and other instruments were purchased.

The educational activities are conducted in the workshop facilities at the local church. The St. Gheorghe Church offered a separate building for project's activities and financial support for the covering all the operational costs.

The project's schedule foresaw a two-stage training activity, each one including 10 students. Starting with May 2006, first group of 10 boys from ages of 13-16 years old from the boarding school and needy families in town benefited from the wood carving trainings twice per week, organized by Vasile Zemba. The training course lasted for 4 months.

Beginning with September 2006 the second group started to learn carpentry skills. Due to a positive result of the first group more teenagers were attracted to the idea of learning how to work with wood. So the second group grew up to number of 16-18 students, which regularly attend carpentry lessons. The lessons are conducted twice a week, each lesson lasting for 3





hours, enhancing theory studies as well as practical part. The training curriculum has been compiled with the help of the teachers of the boarding school.

The trainer's salary and the rest of the operational expenses are covered by the church's administration. Learning carpentry has served as a positive impulse to some of the boys, impacting their future professional orientation – after finishing the training course 2 alumni have entered a professional school where they will continue to study carpentry on a more

professional level, one has entered a theological seminary, and two others continue to attend the workshop's activities. In addition to the planned activities the children benefited from the charitable meals and participate in the church's activities, such as singing in church choir, Sunday school and pastoral care.

By the end of the first training period the workshop's students produced a variety of articles of wood: wood frames for icons and paintings, utensils, funeral items and other wood crafts. In order to assure the project's sustainability a small shop was opened on the territory of the town's open air market. Products funeral items sold here are manufactured by workshop's students. The income will be directed to cover the workshop's financial needs. The furniture plant located in the town has also contributed to the project by donating raw material for the workshop's activities. Students often visit the plant in order to enlarge their professional skills.

MO /050 Souvenir workshop opening in Serpeni

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MPP contribution in 2006	7500,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	2730,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	7500,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	2730,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

The employment situation of Serpeni village is similar to the majority of other localities in Republic of Moldova. Following the economical crisis and the collapse of economical infrastructure some 65% of the village's total population of 5000 people are presently unemployed or have very low paid jobs (less than 20 Euro per month). Some 70 % of them are women. The lack of jobs compels many of them to go to other localities or often to leave abroad the country in searches of work, which highly increases the risk of human traffic.

In searches of solutions to this social problem the Association of Christian Orthodox Students in cooperation with the local church and other actors of the community has initiated the present project – a sewing and embroidery workshop, which has as a goal to reduce the unemployment level in the community through creating 10 new work places. As this is the only sewing workshop in the area it has a good perspective for its services to be requested.

The amount requested from WCC MPP was used for acquiring necessary equipment and its installation, to buy the raw material, and to renovate the building. During first months renovation works have been carried and 6 sewing machines “Brother” and 1 over-lock machine and 1 cover-stitch machine have been bought and installed. Furniture was manufactured and installed – 5 wardrobes and shelves for storing product, 7 tables for sewing works.

The target group includes 10 people – 9 females aged from 23 to 30, 5 of them unemployed, and 1 male. Two women that were hired possessed professional knowledge in sewing, tailoring and embroidering. They helped training the others 7 women. The salary of the workers in the project is raised up to 700 lei per month, and as the workshop will expend its activities the employee salary will increase up to 2000 lei. All the women have gone through an advanced training course lead by the “Brother” Company in order to improve their professional abilities and to learn new method of work with the sewing machines. Lately the project foresees that the workshop will offer to young women of this and other neighbouring villages an opportunity to study and receive professional education in the workshop. This will be paid courses and will serve as a source of additional income into the project.



A stakeholder of the project, the local business company “Vasile Turcanu” has offered for the purposes of the project a 2-room location (workroom and deposit) in a building in which the workshop is located. The location was given free of charge for a 4-year period minimum.



Following the renovation and installation work the workshop begun its production activity in October 2006. The workshop directs its activities towards several areas: sewing new clothes; producing articles and souvenirs by embroidery; rendering services of repairing clothes to the population; professional training in sewing and embroidering. The workshop is located in the neighbouring area of the Memorial Complex of Serpeni village, included in a tourist route and is daily visited by more than 200 tourists daily in the summer and 50 tourists daily in the winter.

Along with the production activity the workshop will lead training activities. The project coordinator has made an agreement with the local school, envisaging that 15 school students will go through a training course in sewing every year.

The project implementation has resulted in creating 10 new work places, which has contributed to the improvement of financial situation of 10 families in the community and to the development of the local economical infrastructure, and in the long run will impede the population migration in searches of work. Another positive effect of the project activity is the preservation and development of the national art and traditions.

The project sustainability is based on the income received from sales of the confectioned clothes and souvenirs, from clothes repair services. At the moment salaries, raw material cost and current expenses related to production activity are covered from the received income from sales. A source of subsidiary income will come from paid training courses in sewing rendered to the local population.

MO /051 Souvenir workshop products marketing and promotion

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MPP contribution in 2006	2800,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	1227,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	2800,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	1227,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

The project was conceived as a follow-up project to the project MO 051, pursuing its development and enlarging its potential by promoting and selling its production. The activities of the project will contribute to a larger goal: to diminish the economical crisis and develop the community's economical infrastructure, thus reducing the risk of human traffic.

Within the given project a booth near the Memorial Complex for selling clothes, embroideries, souvenirs, and other goods – products confectioned by the sewing workshop in Serpeni. The shop will be situated at the Memorial Complex, which is a part of a tourist route, daily visited by more than 200 people.

The local administration has offered a territory for installing the shop at the Memorial Complex, and a local company renders free of charge transportation services. The installation and renovation works were finished by November 2006. Besides construction materials furniture and equipment was acquired and installed.

Several preventive agreements with a number of churches (church shops) in Chisinau were made aiming to find potential markets and to assure a better selling of the products. These agreements foresee the commercialization of the products manufactured and services of the workshop in Serpeni.

MO /052 Created opportunities and Developed 50 Micro Enterprises

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Opening balance 2006	0,00
MPP contribution in 2006	25200,00
Local partner own contribution 2006	12255,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	25048,00
Expenditures from own contribution 2006	12255,00
Closing balance 2006	152,00

Summary information on the project:

Lack of knowledge, motivation and encouragement, lack of access to financial resources that will enable micro entrepreneurs to launch their businesses results in a scarcity of opportunities for micro enterprise development. All of these lead to high level of unemployment and poverty and a wide range of social problems. This project is an answer to the existing need among rural population and inhabitants of small provincial towns with entrepreneurial abilities to be trained, assisted, mentored and provided with adequate financial resources in form of loans to start and successfully operate their micro enterprises that potentially will outgrow in the small businesses providing other jobs. Most of the banks are not interested in dealing with micro-loans and the application process is quite complicated for the simple farmers to follow through. The project's implementer "Invest-Credit" has developed a simple and fast application process and prompt customer service.

The project's goal is reduced unemployment and poverty, particularly amongst the rural population. The direct purpose is to create opportunities for the development of 25 new micro enterprises that will create at least 150 jobs. "Invest Credit" receives a grant on the level of 48.000 Euro to provide loans for applicants (within 3 years period), in 2006 24.000 Euro have been received on implementer's account, and distributed for loans.

For a successful implementation of the project the project implementer owns the following resources: human resources (6 employees); material resources – car, photocopier, computer, printer, computers; financial resources – the grant of 48.000 Euro received from MPP and own contribution of 12.000 Euro (in 3 years).

Micro-credit system is targeting the following sectors:

- Food processing (including traditional like: beekeeping)
- Rural technical services
- Trade
- Craft
- Agro tourism
- Growing plants in green houses

In order to increase the capacities of the applicants a series of trainings was scheduled. During the implementation term not less than 200 people should be trained in business plan development. Training courses have next subjects as a topic: "Small business development training module" consisting out of 5 trainings for up to 3 hours each; "Sales and marketing training", "Farming related trainings", etc.

Project activities target on a focus group of 200 people, including 80 men (40%) and 120 women (60%) between 20 and 60 years old with entrepreneurial abilities and/or some micro scale business experiences, from small towns and rural communities, commonly small farmers and other entrepreneurs, who will benefit from micro credits.

Other stakeholders in the project are: Hope International and PEER Servants, which has provided additional funds for disbursing loans; local churches and church leaders that started promoting the idea of doing business among Christian; Business Professional Network organized with Invest-Credit a training (hair saloon business) providing a part of funds.

Micro credit activities. The loan-giving procedure is as follows: "Invest-Credit" collects business plans and provides assistance in business plan elaboration when needed. The Committee decides whether the loan applicants are qualified to receive loans. The accounting department disburses the loans. If requested by entrepreneurs additional consultancy is provided.

Within the reporting period (August – December 31, 2006) 42 small-scale loans (up to 2 000 Euro for one year period) were disbursed on the basis of open competition. The gender ratio amongst the beneficiaries is 50/50 - 21 male and 21 female. According to their loan applications:

75 people already have jobs within their businesses, 78 people will have jobs in their business at the end of the loan period. The loan grace period is up to 3 months and the repayment period is up to 24 months. Geography: 71% of the applicants will develop micro enterprises in rural areas, 29% will develop business' in urban/ in small towns. Most of them have micro-enterprises: greenhouses, cows / pigs farms, bee-farms, etc. The loan allows them to invest necessary amount of money at a time for a specific purpose: to build a greenhouse, to buy more cows, to acquire more goods for season sales.

By the end of 5 months of the project activity there are clearly seen an positive impact of the project: most of the loan recipient have successfully invested the received loans and demonstrated a disciplined attitude in managing their finances through timing repayment of the loan instalments.

Training activities. In collaboration with local churches were identified areas and subjects for trainees to be trained. The training program and training materials were elaborated.



The participants are commonly people who want to start a business or are already running one. The trainings' participants apply practically acquired knowledge and skills and elaborated business plans to starting their small enterprises. The total duration of the trainings is 55 hours.

Micro enterprise development is combined with trainings and assistance in business plan elaboration for all the entrepreneurs. This is enhancing the success of the entrepreneurs and insures higher repayment for the program. Networking groups among entrepreneurs are encouraged during training sessions and between them. This promotes experience exchange amongst entrepreneurs and a possibility to learn or share with others. Training sessions and fostering communication culture are based on high ethical standards and Christian moral values.

The loan capital provided by the donors will insure possibility to generate revenue from interest on the disbursed loans and cover running expenses, allowing achieving operational and financial sustainability of the project and its continuity as a result of the loan revolving fund. The amount of requested loan revolving fund will allow to generate during the first year at least Euro 10 000, and over Euro 20 000 of revenue during the second year. It is planned to achieve sustainability by the end of 2008. Invest-Credit is open for partnership with other micro-finance entities in Moldova, including information exchange, sharing of best practices, and legal framework improvement through common initiatives.

MO/055 Creation of the job places within the sewing workshop

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MPP contribution in 2006	11070,00
Local partner own contribution in 2006	3109,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	11070,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2006	3109,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

The unstable atmosphere of Moldovan economy had a major influence on the employment issues, including professional activity and social condition of women. According to the local data the number of unemployed people in the Costesti commune got to the 3700 number from the total number of 6500 of those able to work. In Costesti women represent more than 53 % of the total population but have a much smaller access than of men's to decision-making in society, family, professional activity, etc.

All these lead to the socio-professional expulsion of women, to the total economical dependency from men and causes violence and discrimination towards women in the family perimeter as well as employment market. The lack of social warranties and total poverty favour the exodus of working force. Currently, from those 2800 persons that went abroad to work, about 47% are women. In this context, a more consistent status is getting the trafficking in girls and young women.

In order to solve many of these social problems a sewing workshop that trains new specialists was opened in the Costesti village by NGO "Compasiune". The sewing workshop provides vocational education to women in the group of risk and offers further job placement assistance.

Target group of the project is represented by 60 jobless young women from socially vulnerable families from Costesti commune, aged 16-25, with a monthly income lower than 22 Euro. All beneficiaries of the project (100%) are women. The project policy is to encourage women to find their place in society and to protect their rights. Disabled persons were given certain privileges during selection of target group members.

Several stakeholders made certain investments into the present project. The mayoralty appreciates and supports the present initiative. A location was offered for workshop activities free of charge. The Ianivo Foundation has previously donated textile equipment. The local church "St. Nicolay" has recruited 16 young women to study sewing. During trainings the priests visited the study groups and discussed with women on spiritual matters. Other stakeholders in the project are the Employment Office, Social Assistance Department and local economical agents. Recently 4 clothes and garment factories opened in the village by local and foreign economical agents. Thus services of a sewing workshop are greatly claimed in order to cover the need of qualified workers of these factories; future alumni will have certain opportunities for getting a work place.



The activity of the workshop started in August 2006. Renovation works of the location were conducted; the building was connected to heating system. Equipment was purchased and installed (sewing machines, computer, 126 metres of raw material, etc.). The workshop facility was equipped with 6 sewing machines, 1 cover-stitch machine, computer, and furniture. Trainers were contracted and training curriculum was elaborated. Following the renovation the recruitment of future trainees started. Announcements disclosing information on available training courses were outspread throughout the

community. Once 60 women recruited four groups, each of 15 people were formed and the sewing courses started. Training sessions are held 5 days per week, 5 hours in the morning (9.30-14.30) for the first group, and 5 in the afternoon (12.30-17.30) for the second group. The training course lasts for a 3-month period. At the end all trainees pass a test and receive a certificate of graduation.

By December 31, 2006 some 51 young women graduated and received a certificate of graduation. Due to health problems and other difficulties 9 women did not complete the sewing

courses. Out of 51 alumni 43 of them were employed at one of the four clothes and garment factories functioning in the village. One other plus of the project is the success of involving the young women in the spiritual life of the community – some 56% of them presently attend the local church services. The financial condition of the alumni has improved; the salary the alumni receive working as seamstress is a substantial income for their families. Products manufactured by trainees will be sold at the local market. The generated income will also be directed to the support of the workshop training activities.

MO/056 Creation of the job places within the knitting workshop

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Local partner own contribution in 2006	1922,00
Expenditures from MPP in 2006	6930,00
Expenditures from own contribution in 2006	1922,00
Closing balance 2006	0,00

Summary information on the project:

Despite the fact that the Govern of Moldova big efforts to increase the economy and reduce the poverty still the youth from villages continues to leave abroad in searches for better paid work.

The “Compasiune” public association develops several project directed to solution the youth migration problem in Costesti village. The recently established knitting workshop functions with the goal of providing vocational education to women in the group of risk and further job placement assistance. Project activities involve a focus group of 48 jobless young women from socially vulnerable families from Costesti commune. Disabled persons were given certain privileges during selection of target group members.

Among the stakeholders of the projects is the local mayor that offered gratis a facility to serve as a training room, the Ianivo Foundation that previously donated several knitting equipment. The financial means granted by MPP were used to conduct renovation works and acquire additional knitting equipment.

Following the renovation works of the training room the selection of trainees began. Several stakeholders contributed to the selection, the study group included women delegated by the mayor, Social Assistance Department, local church. Several women subscribed to study courses answering to advertising posters spread in the village. From the final number of applicants (71) 48 women were selected. Four study groups were formed. The training courses started in August 2006. Lessons were taught 5 days a week, in 2 turns 5 hours each. The course duration is 3 months. At the end of the training course alumni receive a graduation certificate. By the end of reporting period 48 women graduated the training courses. Out of them 4 were hired as knitters, 18 as seamstress, 14 got jobs in other areas of activity. During the study process the trainees have knitted 22 pairs of woollen stocking, which the workshop has donated to the children of the local social centre. Besides providing vocational education the present project strives to encourage the process of social reintegration of unemployed young women. Presently a knitting factory is being constructed in the locality. Once opened, the factory will provide more work places for the workshop’s alumni.