Reaching out to New Challenges

Caritas Romania and International Humanitarian Aid

Romanian Development Camp

Bucharest
4-6 Sept. 2017
Experience in Humanitarian Aid

Humanitarian Aid in RO

Disaster Risk Reduction
- SE Europe
- Armenia, Georgia

Capacity building
- SE Europe
- Asia

Deployment of experts
- Greece, Serbia, Bosnia

Funding of humanitarian aid:
- Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar, Hungary, Albania, Haiti, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Philippines, Nepal, Syria
There are more than 160 national Caritas organizations in the world, covering almost all countries. Caritas Romania is one of them.

Humanitarian action by local (grassroot) organizations

„Caritas is already there when it happens“

(Implementation of humanitarian aid on local level)

Solidarity and coordination

„One of the largest international humanitarian networks“

(Funding mechanism, technical assistance, tools, coordination, advocacy on international level)
Ongoing Humanitarian Aid Programmes – Caritas Network -2017
PEACH

Capacity building program for Caritas organizations from six countries in Asia

Subjects:  
• Humanitarian principles (incl. Sphere)  
• Planning and implementation of humanitarian aid  
• Volunteer management for humanitarian aid programs

Donor: European Commission – EU Aid Volunteers Initiative

Role of Caritas Romania:  
• one of three European partners  
• training session on planning and implementation  
• development of guidelines for volunteers

Period of implementation: April 2016 – March 2018
Humanitarian Aid in Syria

Organization of a donation campaign in Romania (February 2017)
Result: 107,500 EUR

Aleppo
- Basic needs: food, water, medical services
- Shelter
- Education: support for students
Project implemented by Caritas Syria

Tartous:
Support for IDPs
- Shelter, education, food vouchers
Project implemented by Caritas Syria
Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction

“Resilient communities – Disaster preparedness as a first step to sustainable development”

Project funded by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (RoAid) and implemented with the support of UNDP.

Local partners: Caritas Armenia, Caritas Georgia

Main activities:
• Local risk assessment in 6 disaster prone communities
• Development of informative materials and tools
• Local risk reduction activities
• Promotion of DRR
Opportunities for Romanian actors in Humanitarian Aid

- „Cultural expertise“ for Eastern and Southeastern Europe
- Development of expertise in specific niche area
  For example: Community-based DRR in SE Europe
- Direct involvement in “hidden crises”
- Opportunity to develop expertise as member of international NGO networks
- Participation as partner in EU funded programs
- Private and institutional funding
- Volunteers