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Regina Pacis Foundation continues its activity

Following on, I want to talk about another area of activity of the Regina Pacis Foundation - Social and charity projects. For organizing and conducting this project there have been established Points for the Distribution of hot Lunches, aimed at providing opportunities for people from socially vulnerable families. The "Hot Lunches"



Project was launched on the 14th of March 2003, at the initiative of the president of Regina Pacis Foundation - Mons. Cesare Lodeserto.

This project is conducted in the range of Chisinau City and Varvareuca village, county of Florești. In Chisinau City there have been organized two Points for

the Distribution of Lunches nr.1 and nr.2, also a center was opened in Varvareuca village in the north of Moldova

Currently, when the financial crisis has extended everywhere, the Points for the Distribution of hot Lunches have a particularly important role in warming the hearts of disadvantaged people (disabled, homeless, pensioners, etc.). We affirm this because, unfortunately, the 200 beneficiaries, whose food is provided daily, except calendar holidays and weekends, are far from the real number of persons who need our help.

Unfortunately, the situation of the beneficiaries of Regina Pacis Foundation is deplorable, so serious that they cannot provide food that they need to survive by themselves, because they get a very small pension. Find some views of the beneficiaries below.

**George Brăduțanu,
Project Assistant
Beneficiaries talk**



Our beneficiaries talk



I sincerely thank the whole team of Regina Pacis Foundation for the Lord blessed them and they take care of us. The bread is ruddy as mother's face burned by the sun and as father's hands full of sweat. I would like us today to be kinder than yesterday and tomorrow to be kinder than today. Being kind-hearted, our lives will change and we'll face all the difficulties easier. It would be nice for us all to get inspired from

these lyrics.

When you feed the hungry, breaking off your bread
Jesus Christ ate from it as well, Christian!
Always share your food with the hungry
And you will find the reward in Heaven.
When a traveling stranger knocks on your door,
It's Christ who comes - do not be unaware,
A modest bedding in your house offer him
And you will find the reward in Heaven.
When a beggar asks you for a coat to put on,
Do not ignore him because you make Christ sad.
Give him from your little, not tell him you don't have
And you will find the reward in Heaven.
When a patient is in pain and lies in his bed
Looks better when you soothe him,
Commiserate him since you don't have his illness,
And you will find the reward in Heaven.
Who will do so all their life,
Christ will not turn his face from them
At the great trial they will be righteous,
Will go to eternal life for rest!

I am no poet and maybe I made mistakes, but I raise my eyes to heaven and thank God that I met the employees from Regina Pacis Foundation, and for a period of time, I escaped from what was hard.

I pray for the health of Regina Pacis Foundation team.

**Sincerely,
Zinaida Iosif Melnic**

I am very grateful to the people who are activating within the Regina Pacis Foundation. They pay much attention and have great patience with those sadder than them, with those 'beaten' by fate, by poor and hard life that we have at the sunset of our lives, thus they always find those words of encouragement, comfort and consolation for us. Personally, I thank them from the bottom of my heart and make profound reverence, especially to Mr. Gheorghe, who strives every day at an exact



hour, without delay, either winter or summer, to bring and distribute the warm lunch to us on time.

May the Good Lord always guard and keep them away from evil everywhere and always. May they be rewarded hundredfold for the good that they do for people who are sadder than them.

**Maria G.,
Disabled of I degree**



**Dumitru Beltic,
Disabled of II degree**

Regardless of what has happened and difficult financial situation, we turned to the administration of Regina Pacis Foundation. To my great surprise I was received and listened with the utmost attention and much patience. I offered a hand of help. In addition to aid, I was offered confidence in tomorrow and in kind-hearted people. I honestly want to thank the Regina Pacis Foundation for help, stability and confidence in tomorrow.

Human trafficking is decreasing amid the growing number of organized cases of illegal migration

The number of cases of human trafficking is decreasing lately. At the same time, there is an increase in the cases of organized illegal migration across Moldova's borders. Statements regarding this issue were made in the meeting of the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking, transmits Info-Prim Neo.

Valeriu Hancu, director of the Center for Combating Human Trafficking of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), said that the level of crime related to human trafficking has been reduced in 2008 to 14.3% compared to 2007. "Despite this progress, this issue remains a priority for the resort organs of Moldova because it still has not diminished substantially," said Hancu.

According to him, the employees of the Center in 2008, together with the territorial subdivisions of the MAI, have started 166 criminal cases, including 72 on human trafficking, 8 on trafficking children, 15 on illegal removal of children from the country and 71 on procurement. Nearly 90 cases, or more than 50% were remitted to the courts. During this period, the Center has documented and neutralized the activity of 13 specialized branches, four of human trafficking, five of procurement and four of illegal removal of children from the country.





The main destination countries remain to be Turkey, where 50% of victims go, Cyprus (7%) and the United Arab Emirates (5%). About 80% of victims are trafficked for sexual exploitation, 16% for labor exploitation and about 2% for begging.

The head of Section for combating human trafficking within the General Prosecution, Eduard Bulat, stated that the number of cases of human trafficking has declined amid an increase in the organized cases of illegal migration. According to Bulat, as a result of some measures of combating and harsh sentences given by the authorities, criminals convert their activity to organizing illegal migration.

Eduard Bulat mentioned that the last period attests a new tendency namely an increase in the number of cases of illegal removal of children from the country that are accompanied by parents who work abroad, often illegally. Another new tendency is the fact that the role of trafficker is taken by former victims, who had practiced prostitution abroad and know the criminal system in the country of destination.

Also in 2008 the number of cases of trafficking for labor exploitation has reduced, and there was not registered any case of trafficking for organ removal. Meanwhile, the Prosecution has referred to the several articles in the international press about the magnitude of trafficking of children from specialized educational institutions of Moldova for sampling organs. The prosecution promises to make public the results of the survey at the completion of the investigation.

In 2008, GP examined 202 criminal cases from the category of trafficking, regarding 253 defendants. 68 defendants were sentenced for trafficking in human beings, including 58 to prison for a term from 7 to 23 years, depending on the aggravating circumstances.

Stella Rotaru, repatriation and analysis specialist within the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Moldova, has noted that in the last period the number of victims identified and repatriated is decreasing. In 2006 there were 129 repatriations, in 2007 - 103 and in 2008 - 44. "However, from the victims' reports we find that the phenomenon has become more hidden. Meaning it has not reduced as such, but the modus operandi of traffickers has changed," Rotaru specified.

At the end of the meeting, the National Committee for combating human trafficking approved a decision that considered as "relatively satisfactory" the activity of prevention and combat of human trafficking conducted by the competent authorities of Moldova.

Source: Info-Prim Neo



Parents gone abroad for work will have to present a certificate on keeping the children under record

Parents who go to work abroad will have to present a certificate that the child or children are under the record of the guardianship authorities. The rules for issuing the certificate of keeping a record of the child who remains in the country, whose parent



is employed for temporary work abroad, have been approved in the last sitting of the Government.

Elena Căpățină, senior consultant at the Ministry of Social Protection, Family and Child, specified that the certificate will be issued by the direction of social assistance and protection of family from the region. In Chisinau City, such certificates will be issued by the Municipal Directorate for Protection of Child Rights. On the request of issuing the certificate, the parent will have to attach the ID of spouse, marriage / divorce / death of one of the parents certificate, the birth certificate of the child, a certificate about family composition.

If the child remains in the care of one parent, the applicant attaches an additional certificate to the request, which confirms the ability of that parent to exercise parental rights and obligations. If the child remains in the country without a legal representative, the regional Directorate for Social Protection will establish a form of child protection in the absence of the parent. Legal forms of protecting children who do not remain in the care of one of the parents are the establishment of guardianship, temporary placement into a service of professional parental assistance or family-type children home, temporary placement into a residential institution.

The certificate is to be issued by the mayor at the place of residence, and in Chisinau - by the district directorates for the protection of child rights. Official data of the National Bureau of Statistics shows that about 340 thousand Moldovan citizens are gone abroad.

Source: Moldova Suverană

Retained for procurement

Within Chisinau International Airport, during the receipt of tickets for the flight Chisinau-Istanbul-Ercan, two young women, originating from the county of Drochia, who were about to leave for Cyprus to practice prostitution, were retained. Forces of order have established that the tickets were reserved and purchased by a person of Turkish origin named Ismet that has a nightclub in Cyprus, where they provide sexual services.



At the same time Mihail Covalgiu, originating from the village of Slobozia Mare, county of Cahul, and Natalia Arabadji aged 22 from Chisinau, who recruited the girls and organized their departure, were also retained. The investigation has determined that for each person transported to Cyprus, Michael Covalgiu received from the employer between 500 and 1000 dollars, the money being passed by his mistress, Arabadji.

These people are likely to get 5 years of deprivation of liberty.

Source: allmoldova



Moldova's population is constantly decreasing

The population of Moldova has reduced at the beginning of this year, with about 2600 people, compared to the annual average calculated for last year. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, on the 1st of January, 3 million 567.5 people lived in the Republic of Moldova (excluding the population on the left side of the river Dnestr and the town of Bender). Among these, 2 million 91.4 thousand or about 59 percent lived in villages.



After the breakdown by geographic areas (except the city of Chisinau and Balti), most inhabitants were registered in the central part of the country - 1 million 65.2 thousand (about 41 percent), followed by the North - 1 million 13.7 thousand (about 39 percent) and the South - 543.1 thousand

(about 20 percent).

Of the total population registered in Moldova, 785.6 thousand, or about 20 percent live in the city of Chisinau. 148.1 thousand inhabitants or about 4 percent live in the city of Balti.

Of the 33 administrative-territorial units (excluding the city of Chisinau and Balti), most inhabitants live in UTA Gagauz-Yeri - about 160 thousand. On the second place is the county of Orhei, which has a population of 126 thousand inhabitants. The next three districts with the largest population are Cahul, with 124.4 thousand inhabitants, Hincesti with 123.2 thousand inhabitants, and Soroca - 101.1 thousand inhabitants.

On the opposite side, those with fewer inhabitants are the counties of Basarabasca with 29.5 thousand inhabitants, Dubasari - 35.2 thousand inhabitants, Soldanesti - 43.8 thousand inhabitants, Donduseni - 45.9 thousand inhabitants, Rezina - 53 thousand inhabitants. After Chisinau and Bender, the largest cities (some ahead Dubasari and Basarabasca counties in terms of population) are Cahul with a population of 40.7 thousand inhabitants, Ungheni - 37.9 thousand inhabitants, Soroca - 37.2 thousand inhabitants, Orhei - 33.2 thousand inhabitants, Comrat - 25 thousand inhabitants.

Source: Cotidian National

Moldova calls UN to increase the population on the account of the migrants

45 industrially developed countries, including the Republic of Moldova, will register a considerable decrease in terms of population in the next 40 years, show data of the annual report of the UN Department on population issues "World Population Prospects, 2008".

According to the UN press center the report was presented at the UN office in New York by the director of the Department, Haniei Zlotnik, who announced during



the presentation that by 2050 the world population will increase by over 2 billion people - from 6.8 billion now to 9.1 billion people in 2050. The same report shows that the increase in the population will take place on the account of the developing countries. By 2050 in 31 states of the world the population will double, while in countries like Afghanistan, Somalia, Uganda, Nigeria and Burkina Faso – it will increase by 150%.

UN analysts assume that in 45 industrially developed countries, including Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Romania and Ukraine, the population will decrease by at least 10 percent during 2010 - 2050. The authors of the report recommend to these countries to improve these indicators on the account of migrants.

The same report shows that the average of life expectancy in the world increased during the last ten years. However, in the Eastern Europe it has fallen from 69.6 years - in 1965-1970 to 69.2 years - in 2005-2010. "Despite recording some improvement of the indicators at the end of 90s, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine attests the lowest average of life expectancy among the developing countries today - below 70 years old", the report shows. The average of life expectancy of the population in Western Europe is about 10 years higher.

UN analysts have found that the population in the developed countries continues to age. The predicted results show that in July 264 million people aged over 60 years will live in these countries and in 2050 their number will be of 416 million people.

Source: All Moldova

The crisis has affected the job market in Moldova as well

"The global financial crisis has affected the job market in Moldova," said Nicholas Mişanschi, head of relations with the companies of the Department of Technical University of Moldova (TUM), in an employment market held there.

In the third edition, 41 traders attended the job fair, by 10% less than last year. "If the initial plan was to select about 100 specialists, with the financial crisis we limit to ten places," said Aurel Stroncea, general director of the International Contract Engineering, an international company that opened last year a subsidiary in the Republic of Moldova.



According to the organizers, this job fair has been scheduled earlier, during the graduation exams, for when students receive diplomas they could already be involved in the work force. Young people interested in the employers' offers were queuing to submit their CVs. Graduates of previous years who did not practice their profession were also present at the fair.

Source: Timpul



UCAM requires actions to support migrants

The right to travel without visas within the EU, reducing the costs for civil documents, reducing consular taxes and providing quality consular assistance to migrants are just some of the actions that the United Communities Association of Moldova (UCAM) proposes to the governance of the RM to support the Moldovan migrants.



Sergiu Raileanu, the Secretary of UCAM, reported in a press conference that the action program proposed to the Republic of Moldova's governance was approved in the meeting of the Association formation,

in Rome.

Moldovan migrants require the compliance with the right for work and social care, reducing corruption, facilitating their participation in the decision making process, creating opportunities for investment in Moldova's economy and create a ministry that will deal with the problems of migrants and children left home.

"Unfortunately, our opinions matter only to the bank but not in the decision making process," said Raileanu.

Source: INFOTAG

Nearly 88% of the population believes that Moldova is affected by the global financial crisis

At least 88 percent of participants in the survey conducted in February-March 2009 by the Center for Sociologic and Marketing Research CBS-AXA affirmed that the Republic of Moldova is affected by the global financial crisis. 42.8% believe that Moldova is affected by the crisis to a great extent and 45.4% - to a little extent.

Meanwhile, six out of ten respondents said that they personally or someone in their family are affected by the financial crisis. According to the survey, the life segment 18-44 years of age is declared the most affected by the financial crisis.

The current economic situation of the country does not satisfy about 57% of the population. Compared to last year, 30% of the population believes that the current economic situation remained unchanged, while 32% say it is worse. Compared to the previous survey (October 2008), the share of the population that believes that the current economic situation is worse increased by 12 percentage points.

The prospects of the economy of Moldova for the next year in the population's opinion are even bleaker: about 26% think the situation will be a little better, 20.3% see it unchanged. The percentage of individuals who do not know what to expect from next year is significant - 26%, which indicates a lack of confidence in the near future. In the population's opinion, the main measures to redress the socio-economic situation





of the country are aimed at developing industrial companies (39%), supporting small entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector (35%) and improving the mechanisms of law functioning (35%).

Overall, about 59% of the population believes that things in Moldova go in a wrong direction. The wrong direction is perceived more emphatically by the population of urban areas, with a higher educational level and from the age category 18-44 years old.

The vast majority of the population (over 3 / 4) continues to be dissatisfied with the country's governance activity and the main fields of social life: salary (86%), employment (85%), living standard (80%), agriculture (75%). The majority of the population is not satisfied with the quality of the governance regarding industry (79%), fighting corruption (76%), pensions (73%) and healthcare (72%).

BOP was organized by the Institute of Public Policy and conducted by the Center for Sociologic and Marketing Research CBS-AXA. Data were collected on a sample of 1197 people. Maximum error is plus-minus 2.8%.

Source: Info Prim Neo

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According to INFOTAG, while establishing this figure the number of work permits issued in the recent years was taken into account, which has been increasing: 731 work permits in 2005, 867 in 2006 and over 1 thousand in 2007 and 2008, and the number of job vacancies announced in the database of the Agency for Employment of the Republic - over 16 thousand job vacancies declared by the economic agents.

It has also been mentioned that the launch of some complex infrastructure projects such as the port of Giurgiulesti, the power plant from Ungheni will require the involvement of a tremendous number of engineers and managers, and will require the hiring of qualified specialists from abroad.

Source: Infotag



Regina Pacis Foundation invites you to participate in the National Campaign

60 caps = 1 loaf of bread

Please do not throw the plastic caps! We gather them to "turn them into bread" for the needy ones.



Thank you!

To participate in this campaign, Please bring on the caps to the following address:

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