

ADPARE's mission is to provide alternative reintegration services for young people at risk. "A human being is a universe", this is our vision and we approach each case individually, respecting the uniqueness and complexity of each person. In 2020 ADPARE continued the activities of protection and assistance for victims of human trafficking. The ADPARE team promoted the rights of victims and aimed at developing collaboration with other institutions, both nationally and internationally.

ADPARE has the following work objectives:

- Development of assistance and reintegration programs for victims of trafficking in human beings and for young people at high risk;
- Facilitating access to governmental and non-governmental services carrying out similar activities;
- Facilitating access to educational and professional systems;
- Raising public awareness on trafficking in human beings;
- Promoting the rights of victims of trafficking in human beings.

The following working principles have guided us in working with the victims of human trafficking:

- Privacy;
- The right to self-determination of assisted persons
- professionalism;
- Multidisciplinary approach;
- Creativity;
- Transparency;
- Responsibility.



We dedicate this report to all the volunteers and the Bucharest Food Bank who, in a difficult year for us, showed their availability and dedicated their time, material and financial resources in supporting the victims in the ADPARE assistance program.

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## ACASA program

Specialized protection and assistance program for victims of trafficking in human beings



Specialized protection and assistance services for victims of trafficking in human beings are permanent and have been provided in collaboration with relevant international institutions, NGOs and organizations in the field.

Protection and support services are approached in a flexible way, adapted to the needs of the beneficiaries, the working method being case management, so as to focus on the resources of the beneficiaries, the motivation for change and their initiatives, in order to increase the level of adaptation. of the person to the requirements of an independent life.

This process varies from person to person because the needs are different, but a care program can take between 1 and 3 years.

Typical services for a protection and assistance program (crisis, medium or long-term) were carried out:

- in the family of origin or extended of the victims;
- within the ADPARE counseling center - here the victims participated in individual, group and family counseling and therapy activities; educational and recreational activities;
- long-term residential assistance in transit in the ADPARE sheltered apartment.

Protection and assistance services for victims of child trafficking were provided exclusively with the participation of guardians, both family members and representatives of social assistance and child protection services.

The integrated provision of assistance and protection services also involved the provision of services for victims' dependents (dependent children), as well as for parents / support persons / guardians, in the case of minor victims.



## Protection and assistance program for victims of human trafficking / minors

The purpose of the protection and assistance program for victims of trafficking in human beings is to generate a comprehensive and flexible mechanism for assisting victims of trafficking in human beings, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religious affiliation and socio-economic status to overcome vulnerability and build skills independent living by providing integrated support services and partnership.

### **The ACASA program included the following projects in 2020:**

- ACASA Project 3 - Alternatives to community assistance and support activities for victims of trafficking  
Implementation period: August 2019 - December 2020.  
Funded by: discretionary fund
- The project "Reintegration, education and social inclusion of victims of trafficking, in Romania and abroad"  
Implementation period: permanent project, initiated in 2012  
Funded by: Wellspring International
- The project "Specialized protection and assistance services for victims of trafficking in human beings"  
Implementation period: January 2020 - December 2020  
Funded by: United Way Romania
- VoT Assistance Project  
Implementation period: permanent project, initiated in 2003  
Funded by: IOM Mission in Romania  
The target group in 2020 consisted of: 21 assisted victims, referred in 2019 and 2020.
- The project "Empowering victims of trafficking in human beings to meet the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic".  
Implementation period: October 2020 - April 2021  
Funded by: Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, A Project of the German Marshal Fund of the United States.

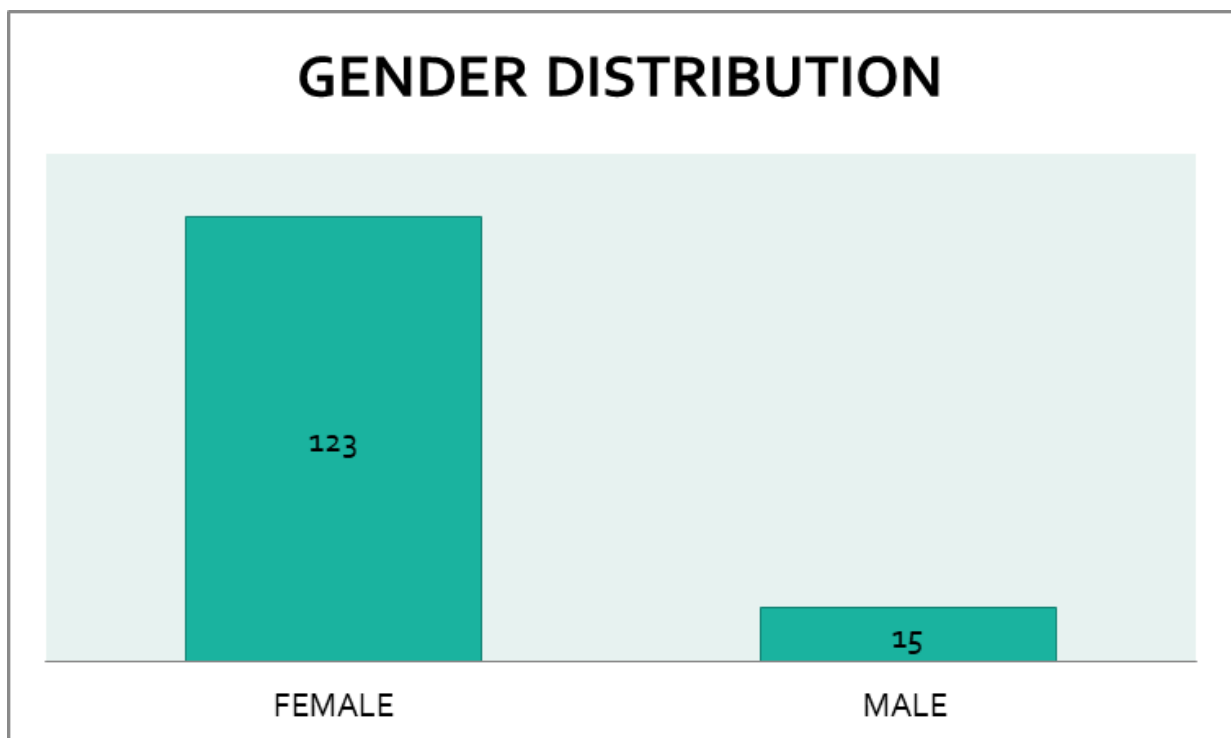
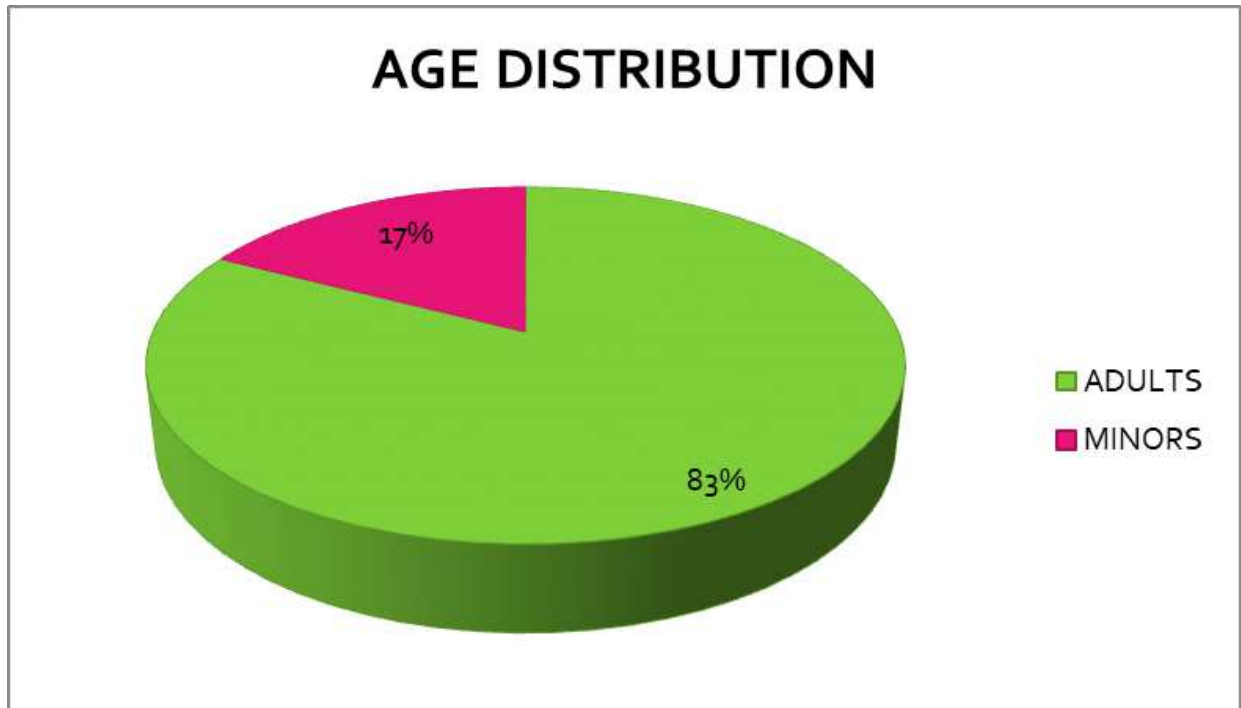
The projects implemented by ADPARE in 2020 had the following objectives:

- providing protection and assistance services to victims of human trafficking, services offered through specialized and individualized intervention;
- community development through activities to raise awareness of the phenomenon of human trafficking;
- strengthening cooperation with specialized service providers for victims of human trafficking in destination countries;
- strengthening physical and emotional security and strengthening the economic security/self-sustainability of victims of human trafficking and their dependents.



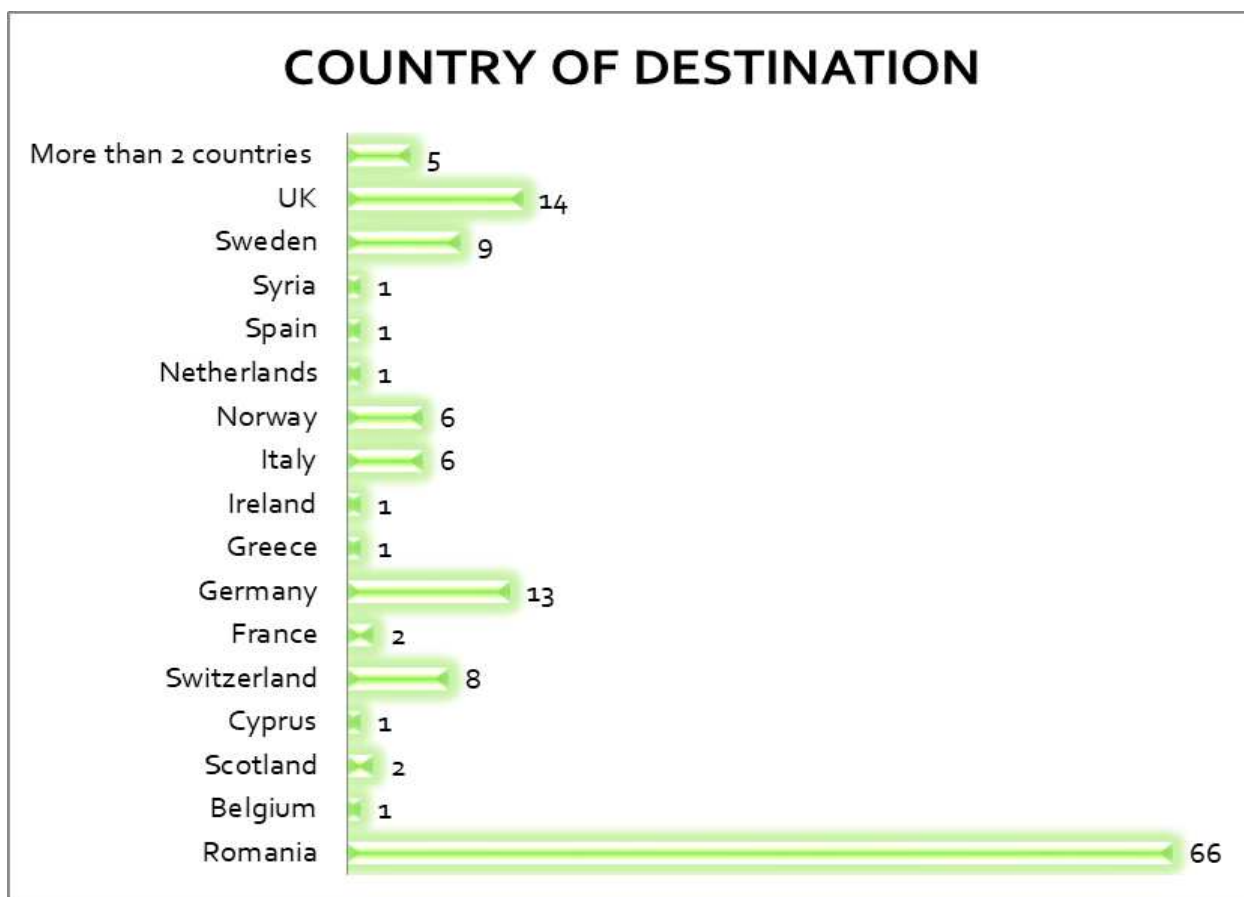
## Characteristics of assisted victims in 2020

In 2020, ADPARE assisted a number of 137 victims of human trafficking. 94 victims were referred in 2020 and 43 cases are referred victims in previous years.



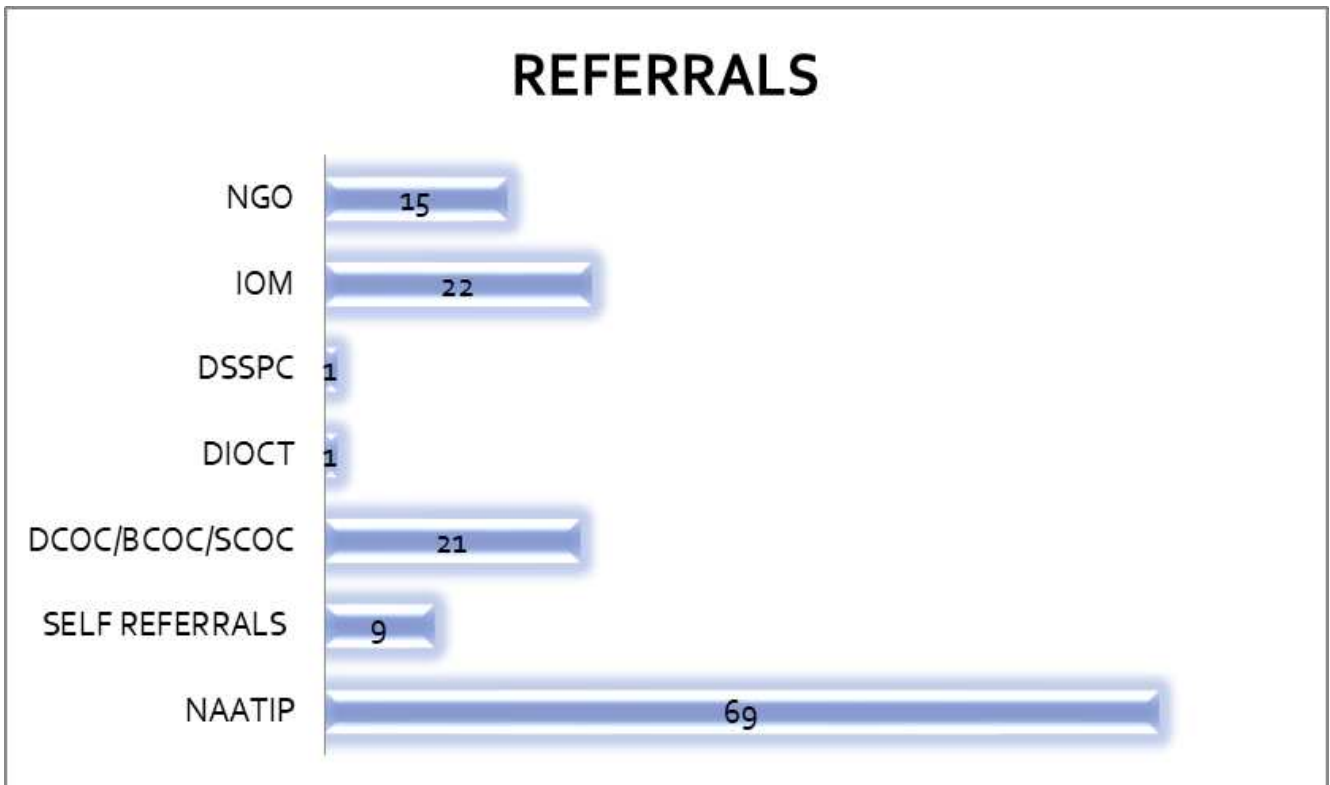
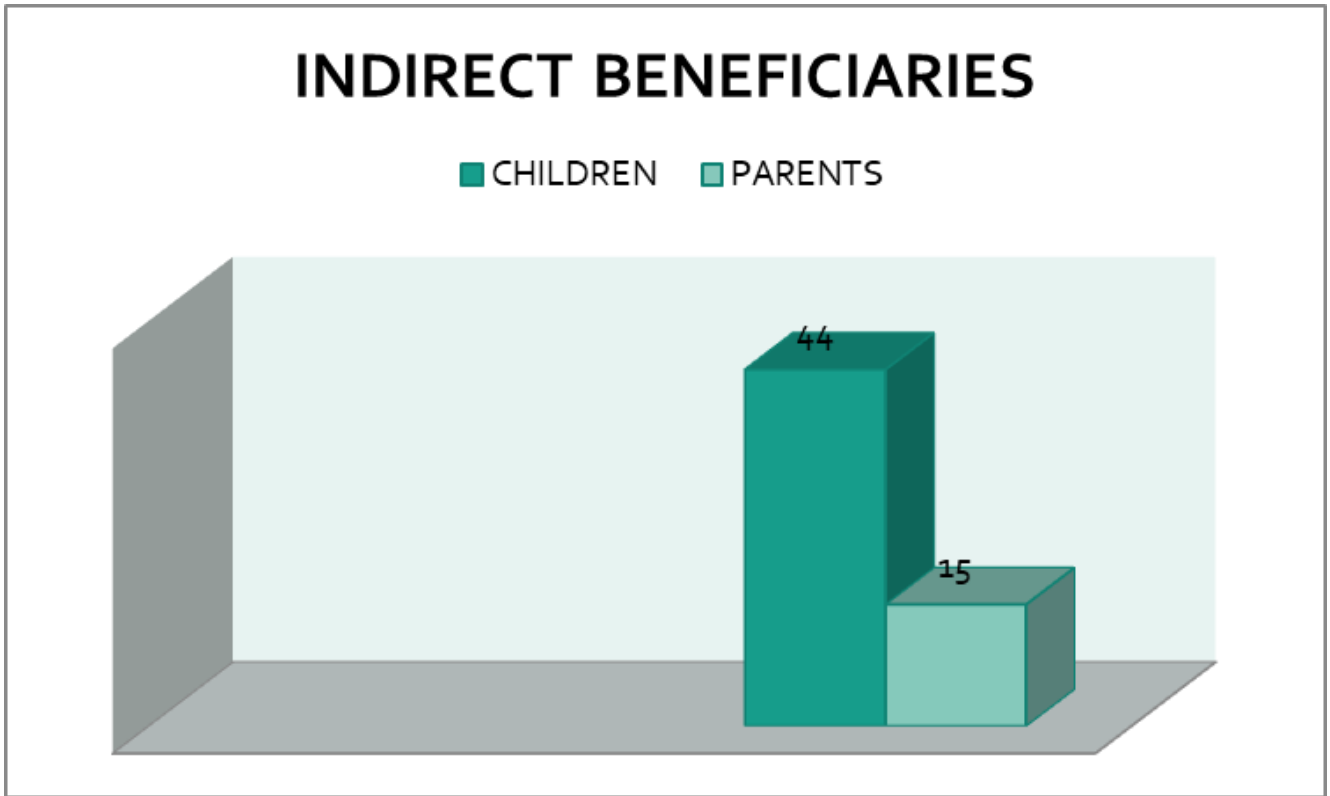


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## **Prevention program - activities in communities**

*Within the ACASA 3 project, during 2020 the ADPARE team carried out 2 awareness-raising activities in communities, in Mures county and Bucharest.*

March 2, 2020 - working group with 100 students of the University of Bucharest - Faculty of Social Political Marketing, third year of study, with the topic "Community projects for information and awareness of human trafficking, victims of foreign citizens, exploited through work or sex in Romania". During the activity, the students worked on 9 community awareness projects, these projects being based on the documentation of assisted cases within the ACASA 3 program.

May 4, 2020 - online presentation of the 9 projects, at this presentation were presented 100 students, ADPARE team, director of the National Agency against Trafficking in Human Beings (ANITP), head of the prevention service and responsible for relations with civil society, within ANITP.

July—December, 2020 - community development activities in Mureș, Giurgiu and Ialomița Counties. The objective was to involve local and county authorities in providing assistance, services and identifying vulnerable cases in communities, including Romany community.

A total of 62 people attended these activities: representatives of the authorities, notary, lawyers, social workers, Romany mediator, social workers from a local NGOs and community members (adults and children).





## **Training activities**

Within the project ACASA 3 - “Alternatives of community assistance and support activities for victims of trafficking”, ADPARE carried out a research - “Evaluation of specialized assistance services provided to victims of trafficking in human beings”. Following the research, ADPARE made a report and a training curriculum. Those who benefited from the training were both ADPARE employees and volunteers, as well as partner NGOs.

October 21, 2020 - Internal training - ADPARE - "Evaluation of protection and assistance services provided to victims of trafficking, improving the quality of protection and assistance services", this training session was attended by 30 people, team members and volunteers.

September 22 - December 1, 2020, International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) - Training course on “Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: A Comprehensive Perspective. Basic Training Course”, a member of the ADPARE team participated in this training.

### **Training sessions offered by ADPARE**

October 23, 2020 - The “Micu Bogdan” Foundation from Braşov, participated in the online training session with the theme “Evaluation of protection and assistance services offered to victims of human trafficking, improving the quality of protection and assistance services”, this session was attended by 30 people, team members and volunteers.

October 26, 2020 - "People to People" Foundation from Oradea, participated in the online training session on "Evaluation of protection and assistance services provided to victims of human trafficking, improving the quality of protection and assistance services", this session was attended by 30 of people, team members and volunteers.

12-13 November 2020 - The Department of Social Assistance and Child Protection of Tulcea participated in an online training session on "Evaluation of protection and assistance services provided to victims of human trafficking, improving the quality of protection and assistance services" at this session 13 people, psychologists and social workers participated.





## Conferences, seminars and working groups



May 22, 2020 - Online conference on "**Evolution and manifestations of human trafficking in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**", being organized by ANITP, attended by specialists from institutions and NGOs active in identifying and assisting victims: ANITP, General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police - Directorate for Combating Organized Crime, DIICOT - specialized prosecutors and NGOs (ADPARE, People to People, Eliberare);

June 23, 2020 - Meeting of the Monitoring Committee for the implementation of the national strategy against human trafficking 2018-2022 on "**Monitoring anti-trafficking measures at national level**", this meeting was attended by a member of the ADPARE team and representatives of institutions with responsibilities in the field, representatives of the US embassy and other NGOs;

September 14, 2020 - International Conference on Trafficking in Labor, organized by ANITP on "**Identification, protection and assistance of victims of trafficking in human beings through labor**", attended by a representative of ADPARE, IOM (International Organization for Migration), other NGOs, embassies, MEPs and trade union members;

September 16, 2020 - International Conference on Trafficking in Labor for the Exploitation of the Pandemic, on "**Identifying, Protecting and Assisting Victims of Trafficking in Persons in Europe - Transnational Cooperation**", attended by 90 specialists - police officers, prosecutors, social workers, psychologists, liaison officers from Germany, Romania and Bulgaria;

October 26, 2020 - Online summit on addressing the organized sexual exploitation of Romanian women in the UK - reducing the demand for sexual services for victims in Romania with a focus on transnational cooperation, this summit was attended by a member of the ADPARE team along with other NGOs, ANITP, Ministry of Labor, parliamentarians and police officers;

December 10, 2020 - Final conference launching the Guide for the provision of integrated services to support access to employment for women from third countries victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, this conference was attended by the organization KMOP from Greece and AIDROM from Romania - 23 social workers, police, trade unions from Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria.



## Volunteers and students

2020 was a difficult year, but for ADPARE it was the year with a lot of volunteers involved. A number of 82 volunteers have collected and distributed clothing, footwear, hygiene products, food, household items, appliances, furniture, protective materials, professional tools, toys, supplies, books, jewelry, Christmas gifts, educational tablets, repairs at the center counseling and shelter and even help in building two houses for victims.



Between June and September 2020, ADPARE was the host organization for a student of the University of Warsaw (Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialization) and the internship period carried out by the student, within ADPARE, was possible through the Erasmus + program.

Between September and December 2020, ADPARE hosted a student from the Technical University Brandenburg Cottbus - Senftenberg, the internship was also possible through the Erasmus + program.

Also in 2020, ADPARE in partnership with the University of Bucharest, the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work organized several information sessions for 51 students in the course "Protection and assistance to victims" and the laboratory "Coaching and mentoring in the profession of social worker".