

DIRECT AID PROGRAM ACQUITTAL REPORT No.

PROJECT DETAILS

Name of project:	Support in the protection of the hearing impaired in the Republic of Moldova in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic		
Recipient country:	Republic of Moldova		
Location (eg town/province):	Rezina / Republic of Moldova		
Amount of funding in AUD:		20,000 AUD (15,436.00 USD)	
When was funding granted?		The contract was signed on January 18, 2021. Financial resources have entered the account in March 18, 2021 (The beneficiary opened a new account in another bank, because BC "Moldindconbank" SA could not complete the transfer, but none provided information about this situation).	

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	Yes	No
Has the project been completed on time, within budget, and in accordance		
with the original project proposal, as agreed with the Australian mission?	\boxtimes	
If not, please explain below in the box below.		

Please explain exactly how the DAP funds were spent and attach the original receipts and/or relevant documentation as proof of expenditure. Describe the final outcome of the project, and include photographs of the completed project. Please also explain the lasting developmental effect that the DAP project will have on the local community and on your organisation and its work?

DAP funds were used strictly in accordance with the grant agreement:

- Protective masks with screen for the hearing impaired -4,750 units x 3.54 AUD = 16.815 AUD,
- Visors -1,600 units x 0.61 AUD = 976 AUD,
- Transport costs (for the distribution of masks) $-1,960 \text{ km} \times 0.4 \text{ AUD} = 784 \text{ AUD}$,
- Administrative costs (7%) 1,425 AUD.

Administrative costs include personal salaries and communication expenses:

- a) Project director 200 AUD x 4 months = 800 AUD
- b) Accounting 100 AUD x 4 months = 400 AUD
- c) Phone cards 225 AUD.

A detailed financial report is attached.

In order to successfully implement the project were carried out the following activities:

Public event for the transmission of humanitarian aid

On March 24, 2021, His Excellency Bruce Edwards, the Ambassador-designate of Australia to the Republic of Moldova, was in Chisinau. In this context, a first public event was organized within the project, with the participation of the Deaf Association of the Republic of Moldova and EduJoc - educational toys, respecting all safety conditions imposed by the epidemiological situation in the republic and the regulations of the National Extraordinary Public Health Commission.



The event took place inside the Festival Hall of the Association of the Deaf in the Republic of Moldova (Vasile Alecsandri Street, 1, Chisinau), with the participation of representatives from:

- Vocational School no. 11,
- Preschool institution no.167 for children with hearing and associated disabilities,
- Association of the Deaf of the Republic of Moldova (ASRM),
- ASRM territorial branches,
- mass media.

Video recording of the event – https://bit.ly/2UVRSqO (AO RADIOVISION).

Photo sequences from the event – https://bit.ly/3mIXU9S.

Distribution of humanitarian aid

Projection screen masks and visors were distributed through the Psychopedagogical Assistance Services, the Association of the Deaf in the Republic of Moldova and territorial branches, Public Associations, Educational Institutions where students with hearing and speech impairments study – *Generalizer on the distribution of protective masks and visors* (https://bit.ly/38pB7r2).

Recommendations for use - video material

The protective masks are made of food-grade plastic screen and are multi-purpose. In order to inform people with hearing impairments, but also the general public, the project team developed a video spot, with the respective recommendations on proper use.



The video is translated into sign language and is subtitled in Russian: https://youtu.be/R6xaJY87Nao.

Radio broadcast

Project evaluation implemented with the support of Direct Aid Program – Radio broadcast (AO "RADIOVISION") – https://bit.ly/2WCRH19.

Viorel Zaporojan, RADIOVISION Moderator discusses in Romanian and Russian with:

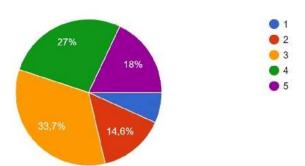
- Natalia Babici, First Vice President of Deaf Association,
- Liliana Darii, head of FT "Chisinau" of Deaf Association,
- Evgheni Mnteanov, office-manager, Deaf Association,
- Victor Koroli, Executive Director, INFONET Alliance.

Online surveys

This survey was addressed to pedagogues who interact with hearing-impaired students in general education institutions. The data was processed anonymously. The questions of the survey were answered by 89 pedagogues. Research period April 15 - 25, 2021.

From the survey:

2. Apreciați cu o notă de la 1 la 5 nivelul actual de incluziune educațională a elevilor cu deficiențe de auz în instituțiile de învățământ general? 2. Оц...еобразовательные учреждения по шкале от 1 до 5? 89 de răspunsuri



To get acquainted with the survey questions, but also the answers formulated by teachers you can access the link - https://bit.ly/2UV4oqu.

Media coverage

The first project in the Republic of Moldova implemented with the support of the Direct Aid Program - https://bit.ly/2WDae0s

Masks and visors to increase the inclusion of people with hearing impairments. The project that made this possible - https://bit.ly/3gI2Nfu (ZdG),

People with hearing impairments will be able to communicate more effectively thanks to transparent masks – https://bit.ly/3jqMQMz (Diez),

People with hearing impairments will be able to communicate more effectively thanks to transparent masks – https://bit.ly/3zrFoGh & https://bit.ly/3jphzJG (Publika),

People with hearing impairments in the Republic of Moldova will benefit from visors and special protective masks – https://bit.ly/3ztY7B9 (TVR Moldova),

Special masks for the hearing impaired – https://bit.ly/2UXUbd5 (Primul),

People with hearing impairments in Moldova will be able to communicate more effectively thanks to transparent masks – https://bit.ly/2WAXBmD (Canal 1).

The final outcome of the project

- 4,750 protective masks with screen for the hearing impaired and 1,600 visors distributed in the community of people with hearing impairments and pedagogues who interact with them.
- The specific problems of people with hearing impairments in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic brought to the fore and promoted on the public agenda.
- The project focused on the issue of communicating to people with hearing impairments as a precondition for social inclusion.
- A dialogue is established with the Psychopedagogical Assistance Services of the republic regarding the educational inclusion of students with hearing impairments.

The lasting developmental effect that the DAP project

- Communication barriers in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic was a period of challenges, development opportunities and lessons learned.
- During this period, the telemedicine service and the provision of sign language translation services through various digital platforms were piloted.
- The INFONET Alliance and the Association of the Deaf in Moldova have developed an application for the creation of a new social service *Deaf Info Center*, which has passed the preselection and has a very high chance of being funded.
- The partners of this project participate in an international project (with the support of the International Visegrad Fund) with the participation of 12 organizations from 10 states in the European Community and the Eastern Partnership, having as subject the social inclusion of people with hearing impairments.

DEAF INCLUSION MOLDOVA THANK YOU AUSTRALIA!

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