



Romgaz and UNICEF have joined forces for children's health

BUCHAREST, March 29, 2017. In the third year of partnership for the benefit of children, UNICEF Romania and Romgaz ensure the access for children, especially those most vulnerable, to health services in the community.

Since 2014, UNICEF and its partners, are testing the Minimum Package of Services in 45 communities in Bacau county. Thus, in each community, at least one social worker, a medical assistant and a school counselor, sometimes together with a health mediator and a school mediator work together to provide access to protection, education and health services for the vulnerable children and their families

In 2017, Romgaz, the largest gas producer in Romania, will support the implementation of interventions within the health component of the Minimum Package of Services in some communities in Bacau County including Gaiceana and Motoşeni.

„This partnership with UNICEF Romania meets our desire to contribute to improving the living conditions, especially in communities where we operate. The people’s chance at a healthy life seem to be a matter of course, just that we often face an unexpectedly harsh reality, a reality felt by many families in our immediate vicinity. For various reasons, they fail to provide minimum conditions for their children so as to grow good and healthy. This partnership gives us the opportunity to get involved in real life communities, providing support where it is really needed, especially providing adequate guidance for vulnerable families to protect themselves from the danger living a life marked by poor education, suffering and gaps. We hope this project to become a real example of social involvement and generate better public services for the benefit of communities”, said Virgil Marius Metea, Director General Romgaz.

The Minimum Package of Services is universal, can be accessed by any family, with specific target on the most vulnerable children and their families. The professional team work closely for the benefit of families, together with the relevant local institutions, NGOs and other partners in the community.

"For vulnerable children and their families is very important to get support in their community and learn how they can gain a better health. For family, community and society as a whole, is cheaper and more efficient to prevent hospitalization of children and diseases than to treat them. We are glad that Romgaz support children's access to services in the community and the prevention as a long-term solution", said Eduard Petrescu, Program Officer, UNICEF Romania.

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017, the representatives of Romgaz and UNICEF visited Motoşeni, where they met with local authorities representatives, with local professionals, as part of the Minimum Package of Services, with children and parents who have benefited from the services provided in the program.



About Romgaz

S.N.G.N. ROMGAZ S.A. is the largest gas producer and the main supplier in Romania. The company is listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange (Bursa de Valori din Bucuresti – BVB) and the London Stock Exchange (LSE). The main shareholder is the Romanian State with a 70% stake. The company has a vast experience in the field of gas exploration and production and a history that began more than 100 year ago, in 1909. Romgaz undertakes geologic research in order to discover new gas reserves, produces methane by exploiting the reservoirs included in the company's portfolio, stores natural gas in underground storages, and performs interventions, workover and special operations at wells, and renders professional technological transportation services. In 2013, Romgaz extended its scope of work by taking over the Iernut thermoelectric power station, thus becoming also an electric power supplier.

About UNICEF România

UNICEF is on the ground in Romania and other 190 countries and territories to help children survive and thrive, from early childhood through adolescence. In Romania, UNICEF works with the Government, the Parliament, local authorities, the civil society, the private sector, national and international partners and the media to provide all children with access to school and quality early education, to protect adolescents and monitor child rights, to ensure social protection and leverage resources for children. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.