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PRIORITIES AND SERVICES:

- 1. Assisting services for victims, in the shelter
- 2. Networking and cooperation with partners
- 3. Internal training of the team
- 4. Buying and furnishing a new house for the Solwodi Centre for recovery



1. ASSISTING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS, IN THE SHELTER

- Strengthening and developing services of advocacy and case management, centred on the interests and needs of the beneficiary;
- Offering individualised support services for the beneficiaries:
 - intervention in crisis situations
 - · accommodation for short and medium term
 - financial counselling
 - support services for children
 - · parenting sessions
 - personal development and support groups
 - · psychological and mentoring services
 - · opportunities for professional training
- Celebration activities and family time (ex.: meditations on the significance of Easter, therapy group based on ideas and values related to Easter fest, celebrating baptism of three of the children, in the Catholic Church);
- Life skills courses for women:
 - Patchwork course, with the support of a volunteer trainer from Germany. Result: 30 women have gained new skills to quilt pillowcases and patchwork bedcovers
 - Personal development course
 - Financial education course
- Support activities for the children of the beneficiaries:
 - Individual and group therapy
 - Recreational and fun activities with educational messages
 - Art therapy for children

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- Daily activities for building relations between the community from the shelter and communities from other shelters, through specific recreational and educational activities: Aqua Park Day for children, games, celebrating birthdays, preparing Christmas presents, celebrating Women's Day through getting-to-know-each-other, socialisation and support activities.

Persons assisted during the period February – August 2014: 38 women and 52 children, beneficiaries of the Centres for counselling and recovery.

2. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING

- Presentation on human trafficking in Romania, held at the RENATE invitation, at the National Assembly of the Catholics (May 2014);
- Initiating a new working group for the organisations that offer services to victims of human trafficking and conducting gatherings with the representatives of the police for sharing best practices in working with victims (June 2014);
- Organising a training, in Bucharest, with representatives from RENATE and inviting new members in the network, from Bulgaria, Lithuania and Latvia (2-7 November 2014);
- Preparing a dedicated prayer for The First Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking, on the occasion of commemorating Saint Bakhita; distributing leaflets with the prayer to the dioceses from lasi and Bucharest; developing and distributing promotion materials.

3. INTERNAL TRAINING OF THE TEAM

- Exchange of best practices between Solwodi and ADRA Associations from Bucharest, with CARITAS Association from Timisoara;
- Monthly counselling training of the Solwodi team, with a psychologist;
- Monthly meeting of the team regarding the progress and case management of the beneficiaries.

4. BUYING AND FURNISHING A NEW HOUSE FOR THE SOLWODI CENTRE FOR RECOVERY

- Buying and furnishing a new house for the Centre for recovery, with the support of the sponsors. The house replaced the initial space, offering a new home that is more spacious and adequate to the needs of the beneficiaries and of the team. Part of the activities and of the effort were invested in the renovation work developed by the team itself.

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