

2021 ANNUAL REPORT ON SPONSORSHIP AND PATRONAGE

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For Romgaz, social responsibility means a business culture that includes business ethics, economic and social equity, environmental friendly technologies, fair treatment of workforce, transparent relationship with public authorities, moral integrity and investments in community in line with its business strategy.

Romgaz is receptive to the initiatives of stakeholders oriented towards harmonizing the efforts to improve quality of life and well-being of current and future generations and provides full or partial financial support/sponsorship for some actions and initiatives in the following key areas of interest for the community: education, social, sports, health, environment.

Romgaz social responsibility activities are performed voluntarily, beyond legal responsibilities, as the company is aware of its role in society.

By financially supporting/sponsoring, in full or in part, social projects within the budgeted financial resources, Romgaz was pro-active in the field of social responsibility and increased the awareness of parties involved about the importance and benefits of social responsibility.

In 2021, Romgaz supported, fully or partially, several actions and initiatives in the fields provided in Government Emergency Ordinance no.2/2015 in compliance with its budget:

Sponsorship expenses under Government Emergency Ordinance no. 2/2015, out of which:	2021 Results
Medical and health sponsorships (article XIV letter a)	11,266,731
Education, training, social and sports sponsorships (article XIV letter b) out of which:	10,012,360
▪ for sports clubs	4,235,000
Sponsorships for other actions and activities (article XIV letter c)	1,560,800
Total sponsorships	22,839,891

Below are the main projects for each sponsorship category provided in Government Emergency Ordinance no. 2/2015 on amending and supplementing certain laws and on other measures.

➤ ***Sponsorship of projects and actions, social responsibility initiatives in the following fields: medical, health, medical treatments and interventions***

Romgaz supports the implementation of projects improving medical services and other health specific projects, identified as priority for the interested parties, especially in communities where the company operates but without excluding expansion of the intervention area.

▪ ***Mediaş Town Hospital***

Medias Town Hospital has 375 inpatient care beds serving the northern area of Sibiu County with a population of around 120,000 persons. Medias town has approximately 50,000 inhabitants; more than 50% of the requests comes from the region, especially from rural areas.

The medical facility constantly strives to improve and modernize the conditions under which health professionals perform their activity, prioritizing medical procedures in order to ensure optimal conditions for medical investigation and treatment; for this reason Romgaz has supported over time the efforts to modernize and increase the energy efficiency of the hospital by using energy from renewable sources such as geothermal drillings with heat pumps and solar panels. contributed to restoring the waterproofing and the structure of the ambulance parking area, renovating the gynaecology and obstetrics department and equipping it with a 4D ultrasound scanner, equipped the hospital with a CT scanner and a portable X-ray machine for radiology and provided the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit with medical equipment for treating Covid-19 patients.

During 2021, our company provided financial support for the following projects:

- ***“Rehabilitation and Equipping of the Emergency Admission Unit”***

This project aimed at rehabilitating and modernizing the emergency admission unit of the hospital and equipping it with medical equipment to ensure access to emergency medical services in order to satisfy people’s needs and to improve medical interventions.

- ***“Modernization of the Elevator of the Internal Medicine Unit”***

The project aimed at modernizing the elevator of the Internal Medicine Unit to ensure access and transportation of patients and necessary materials.

- ***“Acquisition of an Arthroscopy Tower”***

Through this project, the orthopaedic unit of the hospital was equipped with medical equipment, namely an arthroscopy tower.

Benefits for the community:

Improving hospital performance and ensuring high standard medical services due the increased quality of medical services for the benefit of patients by modernizing and equipping this high addressability and complex pathology hospital in the context of Covid-19 pandemic.

▪ ***Sibiu County Emergency Clinical Hospital***

Sibiu County Emergency Clinical Hospital is a healthcare facility of public interest, with legal personality that plays an important role in providing preventive, curative, recovery and palliative medical services ensuring the necessary conditions for improving population’s health. This medical facility treats patients from both Sibiu County and the neighbouring counties. The hospital’s constant concern is to provide high quality medical services, in accordance with the legal rules and regulations in force. Consequently, all the efforts of this hospital are directed towards accomplishing its mission: securing and maintaining population’s health through a quality medical activity, under civilized conditions.

The following projects received our financial support:

- *“Ensuring optimum operation of the equipment in the Centre for Invasive and Non-invasive Research of Adult Cardiac and Vascular Pathology (CVASIC) and purchasing medical equipment for the infectious diseases, medical and anaesthesia and intensive care units”*

The project aimed at maintaining the MRI scanner and angiography machine of the CVASIC in optimum working condition, managing the difficult intubation cases in the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit by purchasing a video laryngoscope and supplementing the existing non-invasive ventilation equipment.

The quality of medical services is a more and more important principle in healthcare and the patient information awareness along with technological and therapeutic progress are constantly growing; it is therefore important for any medical unit to provide effective and efficient medical services, to guarantee continuity of healthcare and to ensure the equipment necessary for high standard medical services. Projects of Sibiu County Emergency Clinical Hospital focused on improving the quality of medical services and ensuring best conditions for both healthcare professionals and patients:

- *“Acquisition of an Electroencephalograph, Electromyograph, Liver-Fibrosis Non-invasive Detections System - FIBROSCAN”;*
- *“Modernization, Extension and Equipping of the Emergency Admission Unit of Sibiu County Emergency Clinical Hospital”;*
- *“Rehabilitation of the Gastroenterology Clinical Unit ”;*
- *“Equipment for: Interventional Treatment of Acute or Chronic Coronary Lesions Including Interventional Treatment of Chronic Coronary Occlusions, Treatment of Peripheral Arterial Disease”;*
- *“Equipping the Gastroenterology Clinical Unit with a Video Capsule Endoscopy System and Accessories”.*

Benefits for the community: Improvement of medical services for the benefit of patients by modernizing and equipping certain hospital units of high addressability and complex pathology, by providing efficient and effective medical services and guaranteeing continuity of healthcare in line with technological and therapeutic progress and by investing in high standards.

- ***“Bagdasar - Arseni” Emergency Clinical Hospital in Bucharest***

Founded in 1975 by professor doctor Constantin Arseni as a national neurosurgery reference centre, “Prof. Dr.D.Bagdasar” Clinical Hospital became an emergency hospital in 1993 and in 2001 changed its name in “Bagdasar-Arseni” Emergency Clinical Hospital.

Currently this hospital is one of the most important emergency hospitals in Bucharest serving a population of approximately 4 million inhabitants from Bucharest and the adjacent counties, with national addressability, equipped with 558 beds for inpatient care and 5 beds for outpatient care.

„Bagdasar - Arseni” Emergency Clinical Hospital is the biggest Neurosurgery Clinique in Romania (263 beds) addressing the entire traumatic, tumour, vascular, malformative, cranial, degenerative and spinal pathology. This medical unit is a national reference centre in the following areas: paediatric neurosurgery, spinal surgery, pituitary surgery through transphenoidal approach, epilepsy surgery, fundamental research into neurosciences and neuromuscular rehabilitation, practicing a multidisciplinary approach in line with the newest diagnosis and treatment strategies. The hospital is also a powerful training centre for healthcare professionals and an important medical scientific research centre.

ROMGAZ also financed the following project:

-“Equipping the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit - Centre of Excellence”

The project aimed at equipping the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit, an extension of the Centre of Excellence, with medical equipment, mechanical ventilation devices and syringe infusion pumps, taking into consideration the pandemic and the recrudescence of SARS-COV 2 cases, as well as the doubling of the number of patients admitted to the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit which caused the Neurosurgery V Unit to turn into an Anaesthesia and Intensive Care extension - Centre of Excellence and purchasing new material resources in order to ensure the optimum conditions for the treatment of patients.

Benefits for the community: In the context of the pandemic, all necessary measures are taken to ensure treatment of Covid-19 patients and to reduce the risk of overcrowding Covid hospitals and the incapacity to treat the increasing number of infected patients in need of special care.

- ***Giurgiu County Emergency Hospital***

Giurgiu County Emergency Hospital is the most important healthcare unit in Giurgiu County providing specialized healthcare to more than 280,000 inhabitants. The hospital offers medical services in clinical departments: paediatric, new-borns, internal medicine, cardiology, nutrition diseases, surgery, urology, neurology, orthopaedic, obstetrics and gynaecology, anaesthesia and intensive care, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, infectious diseases and psychiatry as well as in specialized ambulatories: pulmonology, oncology and in hospital department ambulatories. The hospital also offers paraclinical services such as radiology and medical imaging, pathological anatomy, medical analysis laboratory.

Financial support for:

-“Acquisition of Mechanical Ventilation Equipment, docking station, radio-transparent stretchers, disinfectants” project

Considering the evolution of the pandemic in Giurgiu County and the fact that the virus reached a high level of contagiousness with more serious forms of illness, infected patients required hospitalized treatment in the Infectious Diseases, General Surgery, Obstetrics-Gynaecology, Internal Diseases, Neurology-Nephrology, Acute Psychiatry Departments as well as in the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit, namely in buffer wards specially created for the simultaneous treatment of SARS COV 2 infection, acute chronic diseases and comorbidities, the number of patients in the Emergency Admission Unit increasing to the point of being impossible to admit patients to the hospital, the number of beds in Covid dedicated departments being often exceeded. Given the circumstances, it was imperious to equip both patients and medical staff in order to avoid the risk of exposure and to protect them while consumption of medical products and supplies and other consumable materials significantly increased.

Benefits for the community: Increased capacity of preventing and treating sickness caused by COVID-19 and fighting the spread of virus among medical professionals and the entire hospital staff as well as ensuring medical needs in order to provide specific medical treatments and to reduce the risk of increasing the number of human losses.

- ***Orsova Town Hospital, Mehedinti County***

Orsova Town Hospital is an important healthcare services provider for the population living on the Romanian side of the border between Romania and Serbia, in Mehedinti, Caras-Severin and Gorj Counties. This hospital is located at the boundary between Mehedinti, Caras-Severin and Gorj Counties serving an area of approximately 100 km²: Orsova town, Șvinița, Dubova, Eșelnița, Ilovița, Podeni, Cireșu villages located in Mehedinti County and Băile Herculane town (an international balneary and climatic resort) and Topleț, Mehadia, Plugova, Cornereva, Iablanita,

villages in Caraş-Severin County, Motru, Padeş, Văleni, Costeni in Gorj County and a population of approximately 40.000 inhabitants, mainly rural, aging and with a very low standard of living.

The project supported by Romgaz aimed at:

- *“Fighting the Covid-19 Pandemic by Rehabilitating and Equipping the Hospital in View of Treating SARS-COV-2 Patients”*

For properly carrying out its activity under the increasing number of Covid-19 infections among the population assigned to this hospital, the need for equipping the hospital with a solid fuel heating system, for rehabilitation of the internal medicine department and equipping it with an oxygen and medical gas network, for acquisition of a lifting ramp for patients in the Emergency Admission Unit and for replacement of power generator was identified.

Benefits for the community: Increased capacity to prevent and treat sickness caused by COVID-19 by rehabilitating and equipping some of the hospital departments in order to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection and to treat patients.

- ***Baia de Aramă Town Hospital, Mehedinţi County***

Baia de Aramă Town Hospital is a public institution established in 1890, with beds, emergency room and ambulatory providing inpatient care for the inhabitants of Baia de Arama and the villages assigned to this hospital, for the adjacent areas of Mehedinti and Gorj Counties, for people transiting the region, tourists, etc.

Financial support for:

- *“Increasing the Response Capability of Baia de Arama Hospital in Acute Situations as well as in the Covid-19 Epidemiological Context” project*

The project aimed at purchasing a Blood Transfusion Unit, certain equipment necessary for making the PCR operational, an automated haematology analyser, automated biochemistry analyser, electrolytes analyser, laboratory microscopes and medical container.

Benefits for the community: Improved medical services through an increased complexity of surgical procedures, increased hospital capacity to manage acute situations or crisis and to take an active part in decongesting Drobeta Turnu Severin County Hospital in times of crisis.

- ***Medias Social and Medical Assistance Unit***

Medias Social and Medical Assistance Unit is a specialized public institution that provides medical and social assistance services to individuals with chronic diseases in need of permanent or temporary care and treatment in cases where due to economic, physical, psychic or social reasons such individuals are unable to meet their social needs.

Financial support for:

- *“Thermal Rehabilitation and Repairs of Medias Social and Medical Assistance Unit Rooms” project*

The above-mentioned unit received support aimed at improving the quality of medical and social services and the conditions for patients. The unit is not thermally rehabilitated and costs of utilities being very high burden the unit and reduce its capacity to provide necessary care for individuals temporarily or permanently incapable of leading a decent life and of benefiting from a specific treatment. Because of this project, the unit will be able to offer more comfort to individuals admitted in this unit.

Benefits for the community: Improved care conditions, improved life quality standard and a high level of comfort of individuals with chronic conditions receiving temporary or permanent medical and social care in this institution.

- ***“De La Noi Pentru Noi Ambulanța Sibiu (From Us to Us Sibiu Ambulance)” Association***

“De La Noi Pentru Noi Ambulanța Sibiu” Association was established in 2012 in order to improve life of the individuals in the intervention area assigned to Medias ambulance substation, by means of supporting the development of the medical and technical emergency system in the context of the need to set up a new space to carry out its activity of responding to patients needs at high performance medical standards.

Financial support for:

- *“Fitting-out of the Administrative Office and Ambulance Garage of Medias Substation” project*

Benefits for the community: Completion of this project provides the logistic framework necessary for Sibiu County Ambulance Service to carry out its activity through its Medias substation in order to provide services for the population in the northern part of Sibiu County.

- ***“Sus Inima (Hearts Up)” Association, Sibiu***

“Sus Inima” Association is a non-governmental charitable organisation, established in Sibiu, in order to support the persons affected from cancer, people at social risk, who need help to prevent physical, social and spiritual degradation, regardless of their education, training or culture. The association offers interdisciplinary professional help to people with cancer diseases, as well as to their families and caretakers, in order to develop an independent life before/post treatment.

ROMGAZ financially supported the project:

- *“SUS INIMA - So that no one goes through cancer alone”*

This project aimed to identify low-income cancer patients undergoing radio therapeutic, chemo-radio therapeutic treatment in Sibiu and Bucharest, in order to meet their needs and provide them with the necessary assistance to overcome their critical situation. The association aims to provide support to patients to overcome these difficult situations, and at the same time being important to understand the pathology, so that audio-video materials were produced for this purpose. Another action was to take in patients from vulnerable groups, to offer the possibility of accommodation in “Sus Inima” Houses and to provide support sessions for oncology patients through the Oncology Support Centre.

Benefits for the community: Improving care conditions, quality of life standards and ensuring a high degree of comfort for people with cancer.

- ***County of Sibiu***

The County Council of Sibiu started a project concerning the thermal rehabilitation of some buildings belonging to the County Clinical Hospital Emergency of Sibiu, through the ROP 2014 - 2020 - European non-reimbursable funds; within this project, 3 important units of Sibiu CCEH will be rehabilitated.

Through this programme, mainly works are scheduled to improve energy efficiency, but also more extensive repair works are necessary: painting, plastering, sanitary ware, interior carpentry, which require additional costs for their performance.

This project supported by Romgaz will provide modern hospital premises that meet current standards and provide the necessary framework for the medical personnel and patients to carry out their medical work in good conditions.

Financial support granted for the project:

- "Modernization of some buildings belonging to the County Clinical Emergency Hospital of Sibiu"

This project aimed at the implementation by Sibiu County Council of works representing thermal rehabilitation, interior trim, modernization of sanitary groups and replacement of interior carpentry of some buildings belonging to Sibiu County Clinical Emergency Hospital, New Hospital Unit, Surgical Block Unit and Dermatological and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Unit.

Benefits for the community: Modern hospital premises corresponding to the current standards and the necessary framework for performance of medical work in good conditions.

- ***"Împreună pentru sănătate (Together for Health)" Association, Sibiu***

Financial support granted for the projects:

- *"Acquisition of equipment and works for the safety and security of patients in Sibiu CCEH"*

This project aimed at equipping and performing works within Sibiu CCEH - nurse call systems - NURSE CALL wireless and installing electrical installations - safety lighting and fire detection and alarm installations. Current repair work have also been planned at the installations in the Intensive Care Unit, at the fire detection installation and oxygen detection installation in the Intensive Care Unit.

- *"Acquisition of emergency repair services for NeuMo Dx equipment of Sibiu CCEH"*

This project aimed at emergency repair services for NeuMo Dx equipment of Sibiu CCEH in order to make the NeuMo Dx equipment in the Medical Analyses Laboratory operational.

Benefits for the community: direct impact on the ability of health care professionals to act rapidly to medical crises of the hospitalized patients and to ensure a high degree of safety against fire and alarming of oxygen installations malfunctions, increasing the safety of medical personnel and the hospitalized patients.

- ***"Speranța Pentru Copiii României (Hope for Romanian Children)" Foundation, Bucharest***

Founded in 1994, with the revival of its activity in 2011, the Foundation supports with all its funds the modernization and completion of the material base necessary for the care in conditions as close as possible to international standards of children admitted to the M.S. Curie Hospital in Bucharest. The main goal of the Foundation is to find and use the most appropriate means for the protection of health, as well as to use the most modern possibilities for the treatment of suffering children by promoting and developing medical programs that focus on the physical and mental health of children admitted to the M.S. Curie Children's Hospital in Bucharest, which has national coverage.

Financial support for the project:

- *"Equipping the Electrophysiology Laboratory - M.S. Curie Children's Hospital"*

In Romania, there is no Electrophysiology Centre dedicated to children with cardiac arrhythmias needing ablation procedures or children needing pace-makers and defibrillators implant. These children do not have a solution for their illness in any of the country's paediatric hospitals and they cannot benefit from life saving procedures. In Romania, there is a small number of specialists in Electrophysiology who can perform specific procedures on paediatric patients, therefore there is a need for a centre with a high addressability for such cases, where young specialist in this field can benefit from training programs conducted by experience specialist.

The project supported by Romgaz aimed at equipping the hospital with a complete Electrophysiology system CardioLab, 64 channels, Micropace Stimulator, an ablation generator with irrigation pump type SmartAbalte, consumables for the forthcoming procedures meant to be performed for children included on waiting lists for the intervention, acquisition of maintenance system, support and technical assistance for the Electrophysiology system.

Benefits for the community: By creating the first Electrophysiology center in a children's hospital, where there are also Paediatric Cardiology, Intensive Care Units and Cardiovascular Surgery departments, it will be possible to treat children with serious and potentially serious cardiac diseases, and young doctors specialized in Electrophysiology will be able to benefit from training programmes in the paediatric pathology.

- *Sponsored projects and actions, social responsibility initiatives in the fields of: education, teaching, social and sports*

ROMGAZ involvement in projects or programmes of interest for the progress of communities is motivated by the wish to meet the expectations of the society, thus supporting projects that sustain vulnerable groups of the population. Education and training develop the capacity of community members to respond to socio-economic, demographic, environmental and technological challenges, and effective investment in human capital through support for education and training is an essential component. Supporting community representatives who demonstrate skills for sporting performance responds to the company's desire to invest in the development of a healthy community, as sport leads to the development and improvement of the individual as a member of society, and the values that sport represents become essential tools for social and educational integration.

- ***County of Sibiu***

Investments to help disadvantaged groups are opportune and necessary to apply the legal provisions regarding the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities. The County Council of Sibiu is the local public authority in charge with ensuring a sustainable economic and social development, leading to the enhancement of the living standards of the population throughout the county. Considering that, the local budget of the County of Sibiu is insufficient to finance all the expenses related to the functioning of the social protection system, it has started projects to co-participate in the restructuring process of social services.

ROMGAZ granted financial support for the project:

- *"Modernization of building in Cisnadia and accessibility for persons with disabilities to CIA Popoviciu Biertan (Caretaking and Assistance Centre)"*

In order to make the existing space for the accommodation of elderly and disabled persons more efficient, it is necessary and opportune to invest in the modernization, refurbishment and consolidation of existing premises, as well as works in the energy efficiency of the building and

other related works concerning installations, carpentry, insulation, flooring, plastering and other works.

Benefits for the community: Ensuring optimal conditions for the functioning of the centre at quality standards in force for a minimum of 20 elderly and disabled persons.

- ***Medias Town***

The Municipality of Medias is permanently involved in the enhancement of the quality of the instructional-educational process and annually it starts investment projects in the buildings in which the educational units carry out their activities or projects for the execution of repair works in schools, high-schools and kindergartens, equipping them with specific furniture and equipment necessary to carry out the educational act in the best possible conditions. Also, through the Directorate of Social Assistance, a structure specialized in the administration and granting of social assistance benefits and social services, it ensures the implementation of social policies in the field of child protection, protection of families, elderly people, people with disabilities and other persons, groups or communities in social need.

Financial support granted for the projects:

- *"Continuation of repair/rehabilitation works of social housing building located in No. 1 Aron Cotrus Street; thermal insulation of social housing block located in No. 1 Luncii Street"*

The project aimed at the continuation of interior works, bathrooms, exterior trim of the social housing building and exterior insulation with polystyrene of the collective housing building for about 467 people benefiting from social housing.

- *"Tennis Court, Scoala Nationala de Gaz Technological Highschool, Medias"*

Within this project, it was planned to build two tennis courts and to equip them with specifically in order to improve the conditions for playing sports in the high school.

- *"Continuation of repair/rehabilitation works and thermal insulation of the building used as a nursery, located at No. 14 George Toparceanu Street and preparation of documentation in order to obtain fire safety approval/authorisation for Nursery No 3"*

Continuation of interior works, exterior insulation with polystyrene at the building used as a nursery and preparation of documentation for obtaining the fire safety approval/authorisation.

- *"Repairs to the roof, carpentry and sanitary facilities in building D of High School Axente Sever"*

This project concerns the rehabilitation works of a building within the high school, by repairing the roof, repairing the sanitary group and replacing the internal and external joinery with PVC joinery.

Benefits for the community: Enhancement of life standards for vulnerable persons benefiting from the social housing, improving the housing conditions in order to reduce the risk of social exclusion, improving the image of the area, reducing energy consumption for heating the household. Ensuring pre-school education services to children belonging to vulnerable families in Medias Town by providing an integrated and innovative package of comprehensive actions, developed based on family and community partnership for 73 children.

Enhancing the quality of the instructional - educational process by improving the development conditions of the activities in the schools.

- **Axente Sever Commune, County of Sibiu**

The Municipality of Axente Sever Commune is constantly carrying out investment projects for different areas of development of the commune, from infrastructure to education, with important investments in the modernization of streets and roads in the commune, as well as the modernization of the premises in which the educational units in the commune develop their activities.

Financial support for the project:

- *"Development of playgrounds in Axente Sever commune and modernization of the sanitary facilities of the Axente Sever kindergarten"*

The main planned activities included the development of two playgrounds in Axente Sever and one in Agârbiciu, equipping them with outdoor furniture, renovation and modernization of the sanitary group of the kindergarten in Axente Sever.

Benefits for the community: Improving hygiene and health conditions for the building where pre-school children of the kindergarten in Axente Sever, as well as the children of the commune study, by providing playgrounds with modern standards.

- **Hungarian Cultural Society of Transylvania, Mediaş**

The Hungarian Cultural Society of Transylvania, Sibiu County Organization, is an organization dedicated to the local and county community by organizing cultural and educational events and events promoting a healthy life style.

Financial Support for the project:

- *„Together for the community"*

The supported project planned to implement the European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027 and the European Youth Goals and other relevant specific policies/strategies at national, European or international level. Another action within the project aimed at promoting non-formal education, including through the use of online media with indicative measures: the development of transversal competences necessary for young people to be active in the community and the development of digital competences necessary for young people in the non-formal learning process, adapted to the current context, as awareness and prevention of safety risks and forms of addiction generated by inappropriate use of the internet are topical issues in today's society. In addition to other planned actions, the promotion of a healthy lifestyle, through the acquisition of correct behaviours and attitudes towards nutrition, physical activities, leisure and awareness and prevention of risks related to the use of illicit psychoactive substances were also covered. Developing cultural opportunities for young people in rural areas and promoting cultural consumption, cultural diversity and local, regional and European identity among them is another line of action within the project.

Benefits for the community: Promoting the participation of young people in democratic and civic life by involving them in voluntary and educational-civic activities for educational purposes.

- **Hoghilag Commune, County of Sibiu**

Hoghilag is a commune in Sibiu county located 80 km from Sibiu municipality and 2 km from Dumbrăveni town, consisting of the villages Hoghilag (residence) and the neighbouring villages

Prod and Valchid. Hoghilag Commune is concerned with promoting and supporting education in the rural area it administers and it is committed to raising the level of education among community members.

Financial support for the project:

- *"Rehabilitation of Valchid Secondary School, Hoghilag Commune"*

Valchid Commune received support to carry out the project for the rehabilitation of the building intended for the educational space in the commune, which was in an advanced state of deterioration and required immediate consolidation measures so that the space could be used in decent conditions and the educational activity could be carried out without malfunctions. The project aimed to start the rehabilitation of the building's structure, the restoration of installations, exterior trims and insulation, the equipping of the building and the landscaping of paths, planted areas and sports and recreation fields.

Benefits for the community: Implementing of tangible and relevant projects for the benefit of the education system in rural areas, boosting and developing the education process in the contemporary community.

- **"Gaz Metan" Sports Club, Medias**

Founded in 1945, CS Gaz Metan Medias has always represented the benchmark sports unit of the municipality of Mediaş, its activity being connected and supported by the gas industry in the area. Gaz Metan Medias is a local sports club with tradition, which operates in the first division of football through its senior team and carries out a prolific activity characterized by professionalism and sports performance.

Financial support for the project:

- *"Participation of the football team in League I".*

Benefits for the community: Promoting performance in Romanian sport and the values that sport represents, as sport leads to the development and improvement of the individual as a member of society, and the values that sport represents become essential tools for social and educational integration.

- **"Tennis Club Elite Tg-Jiu" Association**

Financial support for the project:

- *"Supporting sportsmen on their way to high performance"*

"Tennis Club Elite Tg-Jiu" Association is a non-governmental organisation helping meritorious young people in the fields of sports, culture and education to become actual ambassadors of Romania and to continue their performances in sports.

Benefits for the community: The project offers financial support for young tennis players and good conditions for fulfilling their objectives towards high performance.

- **Club Sportiv Comunitar Sibiu Association**

Financial support for the project:

- *"Persons with disabilities - reintegration by sports"*

Since 2015 Club Sportiv Comunitar Sibiu Association has been helping the community to develop a healthy lifestyle, trying to engage as many people as possible and not only locals, to exercise by doing sports and hiking thus bringing their contribution to a better development of society. An important part of the club is related to training for persons with motor disabilities. It is highly important for the club to have these persons accepted by the community, to be regarded with dignity. Sports is the method chosen by the Club to integrate these persons.

Benefits for the community: Double number of disabled persons that exercise at the Sports Club and raising awareness of the community on the existence of this social group and on accepting them as part of the community as perfectly normal persons.

- **„Electromureș” Sports Club, Tg. Mureș**

Electromures Sports Club functions according to the Physical Education and Sports Law No. 69/2000. Since 2000, the women bowling team “Romgaz Electromures” performs its activity being supported by SNGN Romgaz SA. The financial support provided for upgrading the sports base ensured good training conditions and led implicitly to achieving several outstanding results. The financial aid supported the high performance activity of “Romgaz Electromures” women bowling team during a difficult time for the sports world caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Supporting High Performance Activity of “Romgaz Electromureș” Women Bowling Team for 2021”*

Benefits for the community: The athletes’ results get the community’s attention and interests not only by their intrinsic results but also by the exponential model of achievement and success. These values can be passed on to those who aspire to become a high performance athlete and these could also work as motivation engines for those who practice leisure sports.

- **Club Sportiv Academia de Fotbal Viitorul Cluj Association**

A.C.S. VIITORUL CLUJ JUNIOR Sports Club has become one of the best performing sports club for children and juniors in Romania. It was founded in 2013 and it operated during the past seven years in the same sports field, respectively selection, development, training for young football talents, as well as for children willing to practice a mass sports - contributing in this respect to a balanced development and healthy lifestyle of children mainly from Transylvania, but also from other areas of the country. The main activity is carried out at national level for the benefit of the community. The financial support was provided for promoting performance sports within Viitorul Cluj Junior Sports Club Association.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Promote performance sports at the Football Sports Club Viitorul Cluj”*

Benefits for the community: a harmonious development and a healthy lifestyle for children due to sports.

- **Fotbal Club Interstar Sibiu Sports Association**

Asociația Sportivă Fotbal Club Interstar was founded in April 2004 by taking over junior teams of Universitatea Sibiu Club.

The Association was born from the desire to see children spend time on the field and to enjoy playing football in a time when junior football reached a dead end. The club has the most legitimate players in Sibiu County which successfully represent Sibiu football nationally and internationally, being one of the largest clubs for children and youth in Romania. Its goal is to

find, initiate, develop and train players. Yearly, our scope is sports performance and to promote as many players as possible to the professional football.

Financial support for:

- *“Procurement of football equipment for home and away games”*

Benefits for the community: promote values of sports that become essential instruments for social and educational integration in the community by participating at official competitions as well as at important friendly games.

➤ ***Sponsored projects and actions, social responsibility initiatives in other fields: cultural, energy, environment***

Romgaz involvement in projects or programs for the community's interest and progress is driven by the will to meet society's expectations and to support multilateral initiatives that could contribute to a sustainable development of present and future generations. Moreover, Romgaz supported several cultural projects in 2021.

- ***Mediaş town***

Mediaş is constantly involved in increasing life quality of the community, initiating annually in this respect projects to diversify, modernise and optimise the cultural offer, to protect and promote culture and the cultural patrimony. ROMGAZ involved in supporting certain projects for highlighting traditions, history and local arts.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Mediaş - cultural artistic events for the community and tourists”*

The activities were included in the cultural agenda of 2021 approved by the Local Town council, and aimed at diversifying the cultural-artistic offer, considering the alarming decrease of tourists.

Benefits for the community: promoting cultural-artistic events in the community, development of new partnerships, engaging and involving the community in such events.

- ***„Sibiu 1191” Association***

The Association established in 2007 organises cultural and sport events, provides material support for social vulnerable persons and integration in the society, it also encourages cultural, sports and educational initiatives, etc.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Sibiu - City of Good Manners Vth edition ”*

Sibiu - City of Good Manners Vth edition” intended to continue the project carried out in the previous years 2017-2020 and to promote common sense and elegance in the community by initiating campaigns and activities to revive local pride based on our behaviour. It aimed at creating a connection between the main players of Sibiu County and involved more than 50 companies and local public institutions, the local community and supported local producers. It encouraged spending time outside and practicing responsible eco-touristic activities.

Benefits for the community: Consolidation of local identity and civic spirit through social-cultural activities dedicated to the community

- **Axente Sever Commune, Sibiu County**

Axente Sever town-hall carries out constantly investments for various development fields, from infrastructure to education. Important investments were made for modernisation of streets and roads, of school buildings located in the neighbourhood of the commune.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Renovate Community Centre Soala, Axente Sever commune”*

The project consisted in performing works to renovate the outside of the building, replace house coating, repair the roof in order to ensure a modern space for performing local events; the community centre in Soala is the only building locals can use to organise social-cultural events.

Benefits for the community: facilitates reunion in a place that has a significant importance for the community and for consolidating the spirit of the local community.

- **Sf. Proroc Ilie Monastery, Pelişor**

The wooden chapel of the monastery was built in 2005 under the protection of Saint Elijah. The monastery was initially dedicated to monks, transformed in 2008 in a nun monastery and reverted in 2016 to being a monk monastery. The monastery attracts Christians from Medias, Sibiu, Agnita and Sighisoara as well as from neighbouring villages.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Building the church, monastic cells, fencing located in Sibiu County, Barghis commune, Pelisor village”*

Benefits for the community: Access to the monastery, facilitating reunion in a place renown as important in the community conscience.

- **“Produce în Sibiu (Produced in Sibiu)” Association, Sibiu**

The Association “Produce in Sibiu” promotes unique local products and brings to the forefront the feeling of trust of being part of a solid community, where every development area or group is an actual brick, an essential item for the foundation of a community. The importance of these details for the local environment, for small local producers represent uniqueness and identity of any community.

Financial support for the project:

- *“Produced in Sibiu 2021”*

The campaign, at its 5th edition in 2021, continued to promote unique elements of the local community. The identity of a region/county is given by local products and the uniqueness of a community won't be preserved in time without the involvement of its citizens. The main scope of the project is to support local economy, small entrepreneurs and manufacturers in order to revive the identity of the county, endangered by the lack of support for tradition. The project mainly envisaged to encourage sustainability through small entrepreneurs and manufacturers that show high responsibility towards the environment, preserving resources for future generations resorting to manual labour as much as possible. The project creates an opportunity for traditional players active locally, regionally or even nationally to expand and to get involved.

Benefits for the community: encourage sustainability by **promoting** small entrepreneurs and manufacturers that act with high responsibility towards the environment, preserving the resources for future generations.

- **County Centre for Preserving and Promoting Traditional Culture "Cindrelul-Junii" Sibiu**

The Centre initiates, implements and coordinates traditional cultural projects on preserving, transmitting and developing folk culture. It promotes customs, traditions and popular creations from every ethno-folklore area of the County and from the large ethno-folklore areas of the country as well as culture that is specific for cohabiting minorities and other peoples.

The institution organises annually four cultural events, included on the category of large projects, both as regards the number of participating artists and by the number of spectators and TV viewers:

Romanian Folk Song Festival-Contest "Lucreția Ciobanu" (dedicated to young folk music performers), International Folklore Festival "Songs of the Mountains" (transforms Sibiu into a citadel of international folklore, through outdoor performances, traditional culinary evenings, dance workshops, performances in unconventional spaces and parades of the folk costume), "Pottery Fair" (the oldest cultural event in the city, which brings together over 100 potters) and the National Folklore Festival "Ioan Macrea" (in which valuable professional folk ensembles present the beauty of the traditional Romanian song and dance).

Financial support for the project:

-*"National Folk Festival "Ioan Macrea", XXIIIth edition"*

An event dedicated to professional ensembles that brought together at the Cultural Centre "Ion Besoiu" Romanian artists, prominent representatives of folk areas. Traditional culture is privileged in Romania: Romania is recognized, at European level, as one of the countries that managed to preserve customs, traditions, dances and folk songs, and because the dissolution of customs and their contamination with urban practices or taken from other cultures is more and more obvious in the contemporary era, it was opportune to organize the "Ioan Macrea" Festival, the only folk festival in Romania dedicated exclusively to professional ensembles. By imposing a theme and the extremely high technical-artistic level, the "Ioan Macrea" Festival was a starting point for getting acquainted and recreating old customs. The protagonists were dancers, folk music performers, instrumentalists, choreographers, directors, scenographers who recreated the map of traditions from all over the country, through songs, dances and customs, transforming the stage in a delight of traditional culture.

Benefits for the community: Local civic involvement, development of local community identity and the respect for the cultural inheritance. Access for community members to cultural events, develop the local brand and promote traditions.

- **"Ardealul Mediaș" Association**

Financial support for the project:

-*"Weinfest Mediaș 2021 - 100 years of Fetească Regală"*

In its third edition, Weinfest Mediaș 2021 is dedicated to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fetească Regală, so named by Ambrosi from Mediaș, one of the pioneers of replanting in Europe in the early 1900s when phylloxera devastated vineyards in Europe. In the context of reviving tourism severely affected by the pandemic, it was an auspicious opportunity, both to promote and organize the event to place the city on the map of national and international wine tourism, this being the "Old Wine Metropolis of Transylvania". The vineyards in Mediaș area have always been known and recognized as an important centre for viticulture and wine production.

Benefits for the community: develop local tourism, accommodation capacities and promote regional gastronomy of Mediaș as well as local history.

Romgaz benefits

The above-mentioned projects had, besides the positive impact on the community, an important benefit for the Company, due to the positive effect of animating the organisational culture and the goodwill of being a responsible employer but also an active social partner, promoter of open and transparent relations. This is positively reflected in Romgaz' image, locally, nationally and internationally, for the investors, central and local authorities and other stakeholders.

When supporting/participating in projects, actions, social responsibility initiatives, Romgaz considered the Sponsorship Policy and Sponsorship Guide applicable in 2021, published on the company's website at Sustainability/Sponsorships: <https://www.romgaz.ro/sponsorizari>.

For 2022, Romgaz intends to undertake similar activities complying with the corporate social responsibility principles.

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