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SECTION I—INTRODUCTION

For close to two years World Vision has been running a program for improving the care and conditions of children in orphanages in Romania. The Handicapped Services Project (HSP) began as an extension of this work, providing appropriate services for handicapped children and adults in institutions for the handicapped and was based on a grant provided by USAID. The formal start date of the project was August 13, 1991, the date when WV Romania was officially notified of approval of HSP by the WV International Office.

Shortly after the project began, it became evident that a deeper examination of areas of difficulty was necessary in order to design an appropriate response adapted to circumstances and requiring flexibility, openness to innovation, and creativity. On the whole, the Romania program represented a new challenge for WV, being its first program designed for a postcommunist country in Eastern Europe. Taking the hint of the lessons learned since its start, the Handicapped Services Project sought to emphasize the developmentally sound strategic direction. By June 1992, the revised project implementation plan (PIP) for HSP had been finalized and approved by the WV Romania Director, the WV International Office, and USAID. The revised PIP did not change the essential import of the original proposal but built on what had been accomplished and refocused more clearly on the objectives.

The HSP overall goal for the direct intervention programs component is to improve the resident's quality of life through: (1) clinical and social programs which promote the residents' development to their maximum potential; (2) reintegration of residents into their families where possible; and (3) improvement of the residents' care and living conditions through staff training, site renovations, use of community and institutional resources and advocacy with appropriate authorities on residents' behalf. The academic component of the HSP, focusing on curriculum development and social work students' practicum, was subcontracted to MSASS. Site selection was carried out following recommendations of the Secretariat of State for the Handicapped (SSH), and they are:

1. The Hospital-Home for the Severely Handicapped (Cămin Spital), Hîrlău, Iasi County, which holds 403 residents aged 3 to 93 years, who have mental and physical handicaps. The project started here in June 1991, and the first phase was completed in December 1992. Continuity will be ensured by a team of trained Romanians until the end of the project in May 1994.
2. The Cămin Spital for Minors with Serious Mental Handicap, Băbeni, Vilcea County holds 210 children.

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3. The Special School for Children With Medium Handicap (Scoala Ajutatoare), Băbeni, Vilcea County has 280 children.
4. The Boarding School for Children With Medium Mental Handicap (Cămin Școală), Bistrița-Costești, Vilcea County is home to 104 children.

In January 1993, the program opened at the last three sites listed above. The Memorandum of Agreement was finalized and signed by the directors of each institution, the Inspectorate for the Handicapped in Vilcea, and the Secretary of State for the Handicapped. Associated with the Cămin Școală in Bistrița is a vocational high school (Școală Profesională) with 700 boys having mild mental handicaps. The director requested that social workers also be involved with this institution especially in regards to assistance with job placement for graduates who are adult orphans.

Direct intervention services have been progressing well in all sites. Formal training began in social work, occupational therapy and physical therapy in February 1993. Theoretical training was completed in social work and occupational therapy in May 1993. A qualified special educator from England was added to the team, and she will begin formal training in September. An expatriate nutritionist, a member of the WV Romania technical assistance team, conducted a nutrition survey in the HSP institutions, and based on findings, she devised an operating plan to improve nutrition.

In June, a team of five professors from MSASS were in Romania conducting a course in social work in collaboration with the Universities of Oradea and Iasi. The approximately 140 participants were social work trainees, students, teaching staff, and assistants working in institutions. All nine HSP social work staff and partners appreciated the course as being very informative.

A midterm evaluation conducted by USAID in April/May also provided the opportunity for reflection and self-evaluation for the HSP team. There were reasons for encouragement to build on the evident gains and to identify the strategies and means that would overcome difficulties.

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GOAL 1: To develop sustainable and comprehensive health, social, and rehabilitative services for the institutionally handicapped residing in three institutions for the handicapped in Romania.

End of Project Status Indicator: Sustainable and comprehensive health, social and rehabilitative services in three institutions for the handicapped in Romania

OUTPUTS	INDICATORS	CUMULATIVE TO THIS QUARTER	QUARTER 8, APRIL—JUNE 1993	NEXT QUARTER GOALS
<p>Conduct assessment of handicapped residents to develop appropriate physical therapy services and interventions.</p>	<p>Written assessment will be completed on a minimum of 75 residents to develop appropriate therapy service interventions.</p>	<p>An epidemiologic and needs assessment was carried out by the American Physical Therapy Association in May 1991.</p> <p>HÎRLĂU: Several residents were identified by the physician at the Cămin Spital as persons requiring physical therapy. Evaluation of 25 residents requiring physical therapy service was completed. Services were initiated in all cases. In February 1993, with the addition of a physical therapist through Operation Smile, the amount of direct assessments and direct therapy intervention increased.</p> <p>VÎLCEA: Informal assessment of the three institutions completed by Mihaela Oala, M.D. and Richard Frisbee, M.D. They identified a need for physical and occupational therapy services in each institution. With assistance of the two physicians in the Cămin Spital, children with good potential for rapid improvement were identified to receive therapy services. In each school for the handicapped, collaborative assessments with the medical gymnastic teachers and the WV physical therapists were completed and a caseload was established for therapy services.</p>	<p>Ongoing assessment and reassessment of children for physical therapy needs. Some infirmiere requested that physical therapy assess the children for which they are responsible and suggest activities to carry out with them. Case conferencing, which began in June, will help identify additional children with physical therapy needs.</p>	<p>VÎLCEA: In September a formal assessment will be completed by the PT and her training partner on all students at the Școală Ajutătoare to better identify children with PT needs.</p> <p>HÎRLĂU: Opsmile PT to assist with reassessment of PT needs with PT assistant trained in Hirlău.</p>

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<p>Conduct assessment of dental and oral hygiene needs of the majority of residents at the institutions to develop appropriate services and interventions</p>	<p>Written assessment of dental status of the resident.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: A dental status survey of 110 residents (children and adults) was completed by Bert Edelstein in November 1991 and used as a basis for planning a dental care program. Two lectures were given to the Cămin Spital staff on dental care. Suggestions for dental implementation were given. A dentist was identified through the Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Iasi, who is willing to provide services weekly for six months.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: WV staff is working to establish a dental program with the director to assist the new dentist in an understanding of working with the handicapped and to assist the residents in learning to cooperate with the new dentist. Equipment needs were identified and are in the process of being purchased.</p> <p>VILCEA: Director at the Școală Ajutatoare requested financial assistance for dental equipment. Since no dentist is available to the residents, inquiries are being made as to what assistance is available.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete purchase of needed equipment. 2. Begin intervention program through the new dentist. 3. Set up a program of introduction of the residents to the dentist to help them cooperate with the dentist. <p>VILCEA: Follow up on ability to assist with dental care needs in all institutions.</p>
<p>Conduct assessment of social assistance workers at the three institutions to identify appropriate services and interventions related to the care of the residents.</p>	<p>Written assessment of social assistance programs at three institutions.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: A formalized assessment of the Cămin Spital in Iirlău was completed by the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS) in spring of 1991. A plan for follow-up intervention was established at that time. A training program was initiated in Iirlău for the SW assistant and the records clerk to meet the needs of the residents.</p> <p>VILCEA: An informal assessment has identified that in all the institutions evaluated, the SW assistants either are not employed, as in the Cămin Spital, or they have not received any formal training.</p>	<p>Intensive training program continues in Iirlău and was begun in the three institutions in Vilcea. Caseload was identified for each training partner.</p> <p>VILCEA: In the professional school, students were identified who are adult orphans and social work has begun working on placement issues for these students.</p>	<p>Supervise appropriate case management skills and provide further instruction in more specialized areas of social work as appropriate.</p>

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<p>Provide direct allied health professional services to selected residents following assessment of needs.</p>	<p>Eight hundred persons in three institutions will receive health, social, and rehabilitation services through project professionals or trained Romanians.</p>	<p>HÎRLĂU: Programs have been designed in the areas of living skills, physical therapy, social work, and occupational therapy. Up to 200 residents have received direct or indirect intervention activities which are carried out in the therapy room, the residents' bedrooms and club rooms. Every three months the residents involved in the program are reassessed for progress and ongoing involvement in the program. New residents are added to the caseload as space becomes available. Fifteen of the residents were discharged from service and ten new residents were added.</p> <p>VÎLCEA: Approximately 75 of residents received direct treatment at the Cămin Spital in Băbeni, 30 in the Școală Ajutatoare in Băbeni, and 50 in the Cămin Școală in Costești-Bistrița.</p>	<p>HÎRLĂU: Presently 80 persons are receiving direct services through the rehabilitation team. A total of 1,200 treatments were given this quarter.</p> <p>VÎLCEA: A total of 1,400 treatments were given this quarter.</p>	<p>Continue to provide direct services through Romanian training partners and OpSmile therapists in Hirlau and WV staff and training partners in Vilcea.</p>
<p>Support the provision of personal care that maximizes comfort and safety, sustains dignity and encourages residents' potential for self-care and self-determination.</p>	<p>Ongoing living skills program to a minimum of 75 residents.</p>	<p>HÎRLĂU: Living skills program has been established which focuses on self-care, education, life skills, and recreational activities. Completion of selected portions of the Irabecna Assessment Scale by 25 persons. Good progress is being made. Programs in sewing and money management have been set up. Occupational therapy established a self-feeding group with five children.</p>	<p>HÎRLĂU: Self-care program continues with 21 residents. Self-feeding intervention continues through OT. Occupational therapy started a new gardening group this spring.</p> <p>VÎLCEA: Occupational therapy started a program in self-care with 23 children between the ages of 5-13 years. At the request of the physicians, increased input has been given by every member of the team towards self-feeding or improved ease of feeding.</p>	<p>Continue self-care program in all institutions, and incorporate more residents as improvement is seen.</p> <p>VÎLCEA: Continue emphasis on self-feeding.</p>

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<p>Encourage and support residents to develop their life skills and means of personal expression to their full potential by facilitating organized recreational activities that, when possible, are run in conjunction with interested institution staff, community residents, and institutional residents.</p>	<p>Organized recreational activities within the institution on a regular basis for a minimum of 100 residents.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: Fully equipped therapy room has been established and is used daily for physical and occupational therapy. Financial assistance for renovation of the living areas resulted in the establishment of six club rooms for recreational activities. A video system was installed which links up with all club rooms. Recreational activities initiated and carried out by World Vision staff for the first 15 months of the project were handed over to the spital staff after instruction on ways of managing residents' behavior. As able, the multi-disciplinary team will supervise recreational activities once a week in the club rooms. Continued participation by staff in Disco Night, which continues to encourage appropriate social skills and provide exercise and recreation. Occupational therapy started a games group which incorporates residents who need fine motor coordination and perceptual motor activities with residents who do not. PT has started an older women's exercise group.</p> <p>Receipt of local currency grant monies from USAID for building a multipurpose/sports hall for residents. Outer shell of the building is partially completed.</p> <p>VILCEA: The director of the Cămin Spital identified a room to furnish as a physical therapy room. Initial delivery of equipment was received. Renovation of the room is in progress. No recreational activities have been initiated through WV through the 7th quarter.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: Recreational activities continue as the Romanian partners have time within their specific disciplines. Continued participation by the team in Disco Night.</p> <p>VILCEA: Physical therapy room was renovated by the Relief Fund of Romania (English NGO) and is now fully operational. Some recreational activities have been carried out in conjunction with the Relief Fund. Five community outings with small groups of children and staff supervisors have taken place. Children were encouraged to display socially appropriate behavior. All who participated were very enthusiastic. The director was very supportive of continuing these activities.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WV team to start half-day recreational activities. 2. Complete construction of the multipurpose/sports hall; obtain additional funding to suit increased prices. <p>VILCEA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize monthly to bimonthly community outings with small groups. 2. Reevaluate role of WV team in recreation, as the Relief Fund plans to leave in July.

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<p>Support and facilitate relationships between residents and their families where possible by promoting the return of residents to their families and/or by supporting families relinquishing members to care.</p>	<p>At least 300 family contacts in order to increase participation in individualized resident plans.</p>	<p>HİRLÄU: Computerized administrative database system was established with instruction to the records clerk and SW assistant to facilitate better tracking on resident and family needs. Contact has been made with 80 families in person by telephone or by mail through the social work department. Discussions with the families are aimed at facilitating increased participation towards individualized planning for the handicapped resident. Establishment of regular involvement of social work with admissions and discharges. Social Work students from Iasi came once a week to assist with program planning and family contact.</p> <p>VİLCEA: The caseload social work between the four institutions is approximately 75 residents. Initial contacts have been started with the families.</p>	<p>Ongoing communication with families and alternative resources to better develop individualized programs for the handicapped residents at all sites.</p> <p>HİRLÄU: Social work students finished their site practicum. Some family contacts were made. All the residents involved appreciated the extra input.</p> <p>VİLCEA: Social work worked with adult orphans who graduated from the Professional School in attempts to locate job opportunities. Job hunting seminar was given to these boys. Looking for opportunities to integrate the boys into a community. In the Cămin Spital, case conferencing began, and individualized plans will be discussed with families when appropriate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued attempts to contact the residents' families and support the family involvement in individualized plans. 2. Complete the social work field work practicum with 13 social work students from five Romanian universities to assist with training of students and to progress the social work programs within the institutions.

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GOAL 2: Affirm and develop the skills and positive attitudes of management, medical, and direct care staff working in the institutions by providing formal and informal educational opportunities for these personnel.

End of Project Status Indicator: Completion of formal training program with a minimum of ten Romanian partners in a variety of allied health disciplines.

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<p>In collaboration with Romanian team members, identify knowledge, attitude, and practice gaps and facilitate discussion and educational activities that will address perceived deficiencies.</p>	<p>Written training curriculum, lectures, and manual translated into Romanian for each discipline tailored to assessed needs of each of the institutions. Library resources to assist in their professional development. MSASS to work through six universities in Romania to provide guidance in curriculum development in social work.</p>	<p>IIRLĂU: Completion of the intensive training program with six training partners. Training included formal general lectures, discipline-specific lectures, and practicum. Follow-up training with the expatriates in OT and SW returning one week per month to assist the Romanian partners for re-evaluation and program planning with the residents and for in-services on new skills. Living Skills nurse continues to be present in the Cămin Spital as clinical advisor. Physical therapists from Operation Smile (U.S. NGO) have been coming to Iirlău since February to assist with physical therapy training and treatment.</p> <p>VILCEA: After an initial period of assessment, the needs at the Cămin Spital and three schools were identified, and a training program was started in February to meet the needs of the staff.</p> <p>MSASS: Social work field work practicum took place during the month of January in Cleveland. Seventeen participants, both professors and students, attended from six Romanian universities.</p>	<p>IIRLĂU: One OT assistant went to Bucharest to visit and network with three sites where OT is being pursued. She attended a lecture on splinting during the visit.</p> <p>VILCEA: Training program in SW and OT completed. Formal evaluation for social work was given to each director and inspectorate. Physical therapy and special education have been involved in informal training.</p>	<p>IIRLĂU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continued input from nursing, PT, and SW in practical training and specialized lectures. Two to three days consultation visit from WV-COR OT. <p>VILCEA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing training with identified training partners. Formal training in PT to start again in June and in special education in September. Instruction to the training partner at the Școală Ajutatoare in a formalized assessment.

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<p>Provide a multi-disciplinary resource team of expatriates to provide role modelling and workshops in each of the institutions.</p>	<p>Minimum of seven expatriates, within a variety of allied health services to form a multi-disciplinary team.</p>	<p>HİRLĂU: Over the course of the project, five expatriate professionals in areas of social work, living skills, occupational therapy, and physical therapy have been involved in working side by side with the Cămin Spital staff and in developing programs of formal and informal instruction to them. All but one expatriate moved with the project to Vilcea. A clinical specialist nurse is the clinical advisor for the project in Hirlău.</p> <p>VİLCEA: Two Australian PTs were added to the team in January for a total of five expatriates in Vilcea.</p>	<p>HİRLĂU: One expatriate, a nurse, continued at the Cămin Spital as a clinical advisor. Operation Smile physical therapists rotated on a monthly basis and were supported by the WV team. OT and SW continued to consult one time per month.</p> <p>VİLCEA: New special educator from England was added to the team, and the occupational therapist returned to England. Expatriate dietitian consulted as part of the team for one month in two institutions.</p> <p>Recruiting continues for a speech therapist, a psychologist, an OT, and another PT.</p>	<p>HİRLĂU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continued input by nursing, PT, and SW. Dietitian to consult for one month with the HSP and institutional staff. <p>VİLCEA:</p> <p>Continued recruitment for speech therapist, psychologist, OT, and another PT.</p>
<p>Where possible, facilitate the attendance of Romanian team members at conferences, short courses and workshops relevant to their work locally.</p>	<p>Attendance by each Romanian team member at one conference or workshop.</p>	<p>Due to lack of availability of short courses or seminars within the specialty disciplines, the only conference that the Romanian staff from WV was able to participate in was the NGO forum. All other course work has been through the training by the expatriates at the institutions.</p>	<p>All SW training partners and WV team (eight Romanians and one expatriate) attended the Social Work Fieldwork Seminar in Oradea, which was put on by MSASS and included five professors from the United States. All who attended from our team were excited and encouraged with the information they learned and the networking they were able to accomplish.</p> <p>HİRLĂU: Two practicum sessions for PT students from Iasi were conducted by the Operation Smile PT.</p> <p>VİLCEA: Continued with informal and formal lectures from HSP staff.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continued formal and informal lecturing within each institution by expatriate training partners. All Romanian partners from the Cămin Spital in Hirlău to attend a seminar about developmentally disabled children held in Iasi at the end of July. Continued search for appropriate seminar or conferences for Romanian partners. Food service representatives from each institution surveyed by the WV dietitian to participate in a conference sponsored by WV in the end of August.

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<p>Advocate for in-service training in disability treatment/management for medical and allied health professional staff.</p>	<p>Formalized training program with in-service lectures in allied health care disciplines in each institution.</p>	<p>IIİRLÄU: Three-month formalized training for the Romanian training partners was completed during December 1992. This training was preceded by in-service training on various issues with medical, nursing, and caretaking staff at the Cămin Spital in Hirilău. Additional in-servicing to training partners progressed during monthly visits by expatriate staff. Operation Smile therapists gave lectures to training partners as the need arose. A lecture was given on back care and prevention of back injuries to infirmiere staff at the Cămin Spital in February 1993.</p> <p>VİLCEA: Formal training started in February with training partners. Lecture series begun in PT, OT, and SW.</p>	<p>IIİRLÄU: Continued input through in-servicing when expatriates in PT,OT, and SW visit site. Living Skills had an all day in-service focusing on new skills for program implementation. Approval for self-esteem groups granted eagerly by director.</p> <p>VİLCEA: Formal training completed in SW and OT. PT continues with lecture series. At both the Cămin Spital in Băbeni and Școală Professional in Bistrița, after completing a nutritional assessment of the institutions, the WV dietitian met with WV staff and training partners, infirmiere staff, nurses, physicians, and kitchen staff regarding results of evaluation and recommendations for changes.</p>	<p>Continued liaison with directors of each institution to identify needs for in-servicing for institution staff.</p> <p>IIİRLÄU: Self-esteem groups to start in July for infirmiere.</p> <p>VİLCEA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal training in special education to start in September. 2. Work with the director at his request to organize lectures on feeding and on behavior modification with infirmiere staff.

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GOAL 3: Work with community groups to increase their awareness and involvement in the care of institution residents.

End of Project Status Indicator: Direct community contact and programs within each institution.

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Identify and collaborate with Church and community leaders in each of the project locations to interest them and/or their group's membership in outreach activities involving institution residents.	Involvement of a minimum of one community or church group within each institution.	Good contacts have been made through the local Romanian Red Cross. Joint activities at holiday times have taken place. Sporadic contact with the Romanian Orthodox Church and a priest coming to perform services on occasion; e.g., during the Christmas season.	<p>IIIRLĂU: For International Children's Day the Romanian Red Cross provided entertainment for the residents. All residents were pleased and excited about the program.</p> <p>VILCEA: Contact has been made with a local Romanian Orthodox priest who is interested in helping the children at the Cămin Spital.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: Continued discussion with local community groups around involvement in the Cămin Spital.</p> <p>VILCEA: Follow up with Orthodox priest and other community groups.</p>
Initiate, where possible, community education programs.	Conduct at least one community education program in each community.	Operation Smile presented two lectures to the Physical Therapy Association in Iasi on back evaluation and the McKenzie exercise program and on Shoulder Evaluation and Impingement Syndrome.		Pursue contacts within the community as able.
Wherever possible, involve residents in the life of the community in which they reside.	Involvement by residents in at least two community activities.	Activities have been encouraged which allow residents more freedom in the community. These include taking the residents to the local soccer field to play with boys from the community and encouraging life skills that enable the residents to go into town and purchase goods at the stores or go to the movies.	VILCEA: Five small group outings to the zoo, the park, and a playground. All residents demonstrated appropriate behavior.	<p>IIIRLĂU: Change in program to allow for additional recreation activities and more community outings.</p> <p>VILCEA: Monthly to bimonthly community outings with small groups.</p>

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<p>Identify and collaborate with other NGOs extending services to the same institutions.</p>	<p>Ongoing regular meetings with NGOs involved in each institution.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: Good communication maintained over the life of the project with four other NGOs at the Cămin Spital in Hirălău. Previously this was done through NGO meetings. Presently, since the Dutch Red Cross is the only NGO remaining on a regular basis and the others send representatives periodically, contact is on an informal, as-needed basis.</p> <p>VILCEA: The Relief Fund of Romania (RF), an English NGO at the Cămin Spital, is the only NGO in any of the institutions in which WV is involved. The RF and WV team share the same office and formal and informal communication is on an as-needed basis.</p>	<p>IIIRLĂU: Informal communication with Dutch Red Cross.</p> <p>VILCEA: Joint activities with the RF include community outings. WV specialists are able to make suggestions for appropriate activities with the residents and RF volunteers following through on activities.</p>	<p>Ongoing communication with other NGOs, as appropriate within each institutional setting.</p> <p>VILCEA: Establish priorities for resident input with RF prior to departure of volunteers.</p>

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GOAL 4: Plan, organize, control, and evaluate all aspects of the handicapped services project, ensuring that a sustainable program is in place in three institutions by May 1994.

End of Project Status Indicator: Midterm and final evaluation completed of the project focusing on the sustainability of the project, in each institution.

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Continuously monitor and evaluate program activities, taking corrective action whenever necessary to ensure that excellence in service delivery is maintained.	Every three month evaluation of Training program evaluated every three months and modifications as necessary.	Reevaluation of the initial grant resulted in the submission of a revised implementation plan in May 1992. Initial evaluation of the training program for the Cămin Spital in Hirău was completed in December 1992, with subsequent reevaluation at three months and six months.	Midterm evaluation was successfully completed, with evaluators making several recommendations. Response to evaluation and plan of action was completed by the team. HIRLĂU: Finalized evaluation of Irabeena assessment was completed and translated. VILCEA: Formal evaluation completed for the SW program by all members of WV SW staff and their training partners. A copy of the evaluation was submitted to each institution and to the inspectorate. Evaluation of the OT training in Hirău and Vilcea was completed prior to the departure of the OT.	HIRLĂU: Evaluation of proficiency in living skills is being evaluated during July through the use of a written practical-based assignment. VILCEA: Reevaluation of training program in special education and PT.
Ensure the budget allocation at each site is kept within predetermined limits.	Monthly variance reports completed reporting on expenses compared to budget.	Monthly budget variance reports are submitted on a monthly basis to the Department of Finance by the tenth of the month. To date, the budget is dramatically underspent.	Continued monitoring of budget and restrictions of the grant on an ongoing basis.	Continued identification of budget variances and review of fiscal management.

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<p>Advocate with authorities for the adequate and appropriate mix of staff in the institutions.</p>	<p>Regular meetings with the institutional directors and the inspectorate.</p>	<p>Monthly or bimonthly meetings are held with the inspectorate for the handicapped for both Județ in Iasi and Vilcea.</p> <p>IIİRLĂU: Until December 1992, weekly meetings were held with the director of the Cămin Spital which included a review the programs and discussion of staffing issues.</p> <p>VİLCEA: Training partners in PT and SW are being paid by WV through the Cămin Spital in hopes that the institution, inspectorate, and ministry will see the need to increase the staffing levels in these areas because of improvement in the residents.</p>	<p>IIİRLĂU: Director of the Cămin Spital has taken over more responsibilities for the members of the rehabilitation team as "her employees." She verbalizes the hope that they will continue after May 1994.</p> <p>Advocacy for incorporation of partners trained in rehabilitation skills to be incorporated into the Cămin Spital is being pursued at all levels.</p>	<p>Continue with regular communication with directors, inspectors, and the SSH.</p>

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SECTION III—PROJECT PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

1. Changes in the secretary of state for the handicapped appear to be reflected in the new inspector in Vilcea with seemingly stronger controls. As a result, there is a need for closer communication and following of all the appropriate channels for permission with written conventions, etc.
2. Possible changes in the governmental structure, with a shift in responsibility for the school budget to the Ministry of Education and the Cămin Spital budget to the local (town) government. This would cause additional severe financial strain on the institutions.
3. Inflation rate and withdrawal of subsidies causing increasing shortages in food supplies in the Cămin Spitals.
4. Lack of all necessary staff to complete the team and assure good implementation of the project goals and objectives. At present we are working diligently on finding a speech therapist, a psychologist, an occupational therapist, and another physical therapist in order to sustain the program with sufficient specialized clinical staff through May 1994.
5. Relief Fund volunteers will be pulling out of the Cămin Spital in Băbeni. They have been providing recreational and educational programming, including participating in the feeding program. They will be missed when they leave, and the World Vision team will need to reevaluate the program to determine any changes that may need to be implemented in order to address this change.
6. Lack of dental equipment and dental professionals at all sites.



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Dear Document Acquisitions:

Enclosed is WVRD's eighth quarter reports for Handicapped Services and Primary Health Care Projects (EUR-0032-A-00-1030-00).

Our field staff have been working very hard to continue the positive impacts on the communities where the projects are based. The reports have been changed to a logical framework format at the request of Mary Ann Micka. I hope this new format will assist you in seeing how the projects are progressing.

We continue to try to keep you updated with the most current and helpful information. If you have any comments or questions, please give me a call at 818/357-7979.

Thank you for your continued support and guidance as we address the needs in Romania. I look forward to talking with you again soon.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan W. Noble". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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