

GOOD PRACTICE MODELS CONCERNING SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF DISADVANTAGED GROUPS THROUGH SPORT FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

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Summary: The problem of the integration of these disadvantaged groups into society is one of the major challenges for the political, socio-cultural and civic environment in Romania, and not only here, nowadays.

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Introduction

Focusing the educational attention on vulnerable/disadvantaged groups is an indication of the level of civilization attained by a given society and it requires a research for new forms of human solidarity. This reality has a particular significance in our society.

According to international conventions and taking into consideration the principle of nondiscrimination, the rights of each individual must be respected regardless of race, color, sex, language, religion, national origin, ethnic or social origin, their economic status, their inability or any other given circumstance

This material will present only 2 of the major issues facing the romanian society in terms of disadvantaged groups:

1. Institutionalized children in family centers.

2. Ethnic minorities officially recognized by romanian legislation, with emphasis on gypsies ethnicity.

Education is considered to be the most important connection between these groups and also in relation with the society.

Material and method

Inclusive education means to provide educational support in order to comply with the needs of each disadvantaged group. Inclusion is closely related to the recognition of diversity. The whole society admits that these

disadvantaged groups are different than all the other groups: they manifest in a different way, they learn differently, have different experiences, have a knowledge base and skills that are different from all the other groups.

1. The integration-inclusion of these disadvantaged groups can be sustained by the existence of a flexible and realistic legislative framework, by the interest and availability of society in general, by the acceptance and the support of the parents of integrated children and by the relationships established and developed in the inclusive society, relation based on tolerance and respect for the groups with these kind of problems.

2. Thereby, relations with these disadvantaged groups can be achieved by:

- restoring the equity in education in terms of institutionalized children, and also ethnic groups with emphasis on the gipsy, in view of the preservation and development of cultural identity.
- ensuring equal opportunities to education for all members of disadvantaged groups.
- The problem of the integration of these disadvantaged groups into society is one of the major challenges for the political, socio-cultural and civic environment in Romania, and not only here, nowadays.
- It is increasingly clear that in terms of a long transition, of economic and social shortcomings and inherent slippages of an emerging democracy, the neglect of institutionalization and discriminatory legislation have sometimes led to the marginalization of these groups.

Results and discussions

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The Romanian Federation Sport for All stipulates every year, in the National Competitive Schedule, actions of County Associations Sport for All and other Sportive Clubs with incidence in this area. Now we will present 3 actions with tradition for several years that promote the idea of “sport for all” among these disadvantaged groups.

1. Pygmalion Cup – Bucharest - sixth edition
2. "Sport for all - a chance for everyone" – Galati
3. Interethnic Cup Bucovina – eighth edition – Suceava

Pygmalion Cup – Bucharest

Purpose: Setting up a pleasant framework, diverse and stimulating for young participants, giving them the opportunity to test their limits, to learn new and unusual things through dance.

Activities:

- for the children that are legitimated at sport clubs, dance program is carried out based on age and the value of the group: Hobby, Class D, Class E, Open Basic Standard, Open Latin;
- For the special guests, children from orphanages, will present during the competition two artistic moments: modern dance and ballroom dance.

"Sport for all - a chance for everyone"

Organized by: Romanian Federation Sports for All, County Association "Sport for All" Galati

Purpose: Recovery of educational values of sport for all in view of social integration of disadvantaged groups.

Objectives:

- involvement of youth and children in cultural and sports-recreation activities;
- education in the spirit of solidarity, tolerance and fair-play;
- relationships among institutionalized children and the children with families, and the attempt to maintain these relationships in time.

Target group: The children that will be a part of these activities are from orphanages, special schools, foster care, children from normal schools, and also disabled children in wheelchairs who will participate in a demo game of basketball.

Activities: Sports activities will include basketball, soccer, chess competitions, athletics, dynamic games.

Interethnic Cup Bucovina

Purpose: Promoting sport as a message of good language coexistence between ethnic groups in Bucovina and Romania.

Objectives:

- Facilitation of mutual understanding, effective communication between the athletes that belong to romanian ethnies and other local communities;
- Providing alternative of leisure through "sport for all".

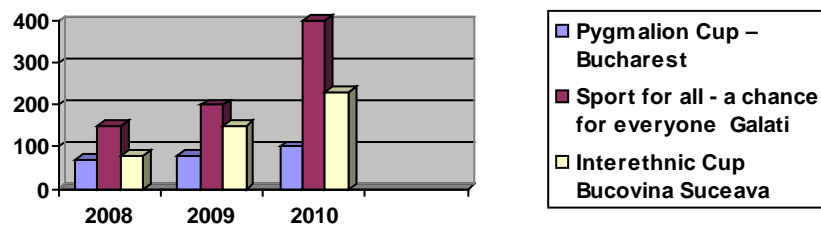
Target group: cohabiting ethnic teams from Bucovina, Romania - polish, ukrainians, russian-lipoveni, jewish, germans, hungarians, italians, gypsies and Local Administration teams. They were also invited members of Non-governmental Organizations with activities sports for all and youth from Ukraine, Moldova and Poland.

Activities:

- Sports activities include football competitions, table tennis, archery, basketball, swimming and kin-ball;

- After the end of all sportive activities each ethnic group presents an artistic moment specific for their community.

No.	Competition's name	Year/Number of participants		
		2008	2009	2010
1.	Pygmalion Cup – Bucharest	70	80	100
2.	"Sport for all - a chance for everyone" Galati	150	200	400
3.	Interethnic Cup Bucovina Suceava	80	150	230



1.

Pygmalion Cup – Bucharest, Obtained results:

- Increasing interest in the training leading up to competitions;
- Exemplary behavior of institutionalized children in order to be selected in the team that will participate in the team dance;

2. "Sport for all - a chance for everyone" Galati, Obtained results:

- Establishment of lasting bonds based on sincerity and respect among institutionalized children and families with children;
- The desire of being a winner in sports competitions increases;
- Acquisition of practical skills in one sport and regular practice of physical exercises independently

3. Interethnic Cup Bucovina Suceava, Obtained results:

- increased participation each year from 50 at the first edition to 230 at the seventh edition;
- the desire, expressed by the groups of national minorities, to participate next year also;
- the desire to organize within their communities these kind of competitions - 2010 - Salina Cacica - Center of the Polish Community;
- strengthening the friendly relations between groups and exchange events between ethnic communities.

Conclusions

- These projects led to the increasing number of underprivileged people involved in "sports for all" activities.
- During these projects were identified 20 volunteers who were trained for the best deployments of sports activities.

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Titlu: Modele de bune practici privind integrarea socială a grupurilor dezavantajate prin intermediul sportului pentru toți.

Cuvinte cheie: Integrare, sportul pentru toți, grupurile dezavantajate.

Rezumat: problema de integrare a acestor grupuri dezavantajate în societate este una din provocările majore pentru mediul politic, socio - civic și cultural în România, și nu numai aici. Luând în considerare activitățile specifice desfășurate s-ar putea spune că Sportul pentru Toți poate fi aplicat pentru toate aceste grupuri dezavantajate. Federația Română Sportul pentru Toți prevede în fiecare an, în Programul Național de Competiții, acțiunile județene ale asociațiilor sportive pentru toți și alte cluburi sportive cu incidență în acest domeniu.

Titre: Modèles de bonnes pratiques concernant l'intégration sociale des groupes défavorisés à travers le sport pour toutes les activités.

Mots clés: intégration, du sport pour tous, les groupes défavorisés.

Résumé : Le problème de l'intégration de ces groupes défavorisés dans la société est l'un des défis majeurs pour la politique, socio et civique environnement culturel en Roumanie, et pas seulement ici, aujourd'hui. Prenant en considération les activités spécifiques menées, on pourrait dire que le sport pour tous peut être appliqué à tous ces groupes défavorisés. Fédération roumaine du sport pour tous stipule chaque année, dans la compétition nationale annexe, les actions des associations de comté du sport pour tous et d'autres clubs sportifs dans ce domaine.