



**Arab Orthodox Christian Community
Romania**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR CHILDREN
(DPAC)**

ACTIVITY REPORT

"Ion Heliade Rădulescu" School, Bucharest

21 November, 2012

Theme: *"Stop Violence Against Children"*

Venue: "Ion Heliade Radulescu" School, Bucharest

Date: 21 November, 2012

Participants:

- 1) 24 children (12 years old, 13 girls and 11 boys), grade VI
- 2) 4 adults (one teacher and three facilitators)

Facilitators:

1. Ramona Lupu
2. Diana Zotea
3. Georgiana-Simona State

Activities:

1. Short film on a School Child Behavior;
2. DPAC Presentation;
3. Role plays;
4. Identification of violence causes and solutions;
5. Questionnaires;
6. Prayer.

Activity description

On November 21th 2012 the Arab Orthodox Community in Romania celebrated the "World Day of Prayer and Action for Children" together with the students of the 6th grade from "Ion Heliade Radulescu" School in Bucharest.

The activities were based on the theme "Stop violence against children" and were carried out by 24 children (12 years old) and focused on the following aspects:

- violence in schools;
- violence on playgrounds;
- violence in family;
- physical and psychological abuses against children.

The celebration started with a short film on different cases of violence which the children can meet with in their daily life. One of the facilitators presented a power point on the "World Day of Prayer and Action for Children". During the activity scrolling slideshow has been used representing pictures of different violence victims. Later on, the children received posters and flyers which describe the significance of this important Day.

After that, the children "transformed" themselves into little actors who played different situations from their own life experience. Therefore, they were divided into four groups in order to show different cases of school and playground violence. Through that they drew attention to different cases of violence. Finally, one of the facilitators and the children identified together some causes and solutions to violence which could help us to avoid different situations.

At the end the participants and the facilitators prayed together, lighted candles and kept a short moment of silence for children from around the world, victims of violence.

Outcomes

A. Participants

The children responded to the evaluation questionnaires and expressed their interest to participate in such activities in the future. They would like to take part in activities implying role plays, discussions on different subjects. Some of them are interested in ecology, sports, antidrug campaigns, and in different social and civic activities.

B. Facilitators

As a result of the performed activities, the children acquired a more profound knowledge about different forms of violence and became more aware of their rights and responsibilities within the communities they belong to.