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## World Vision elaborates in Romania the first courses that tackle the Millennium Development Goals

World Vision Romania Foundation implements between January 2010 and January 2012 the EU funded project called „*Raising awareness for development cooperation*” whose main purpose is to develop the first curricula of courses in Romania that tackle the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The curricula will represent an educational and informational source for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge in the international development cooperation field: academia, students, nongovernmental organization representatives, public and local authorities, mass media and the general public.

As part of the European Union, Romania is now a donor country that contributes to the assistance of the developing countries. In this context, it is extremely important that the Romanian people become familiarized with the concept of international development cooperation and with the MDGs.

“World Vision Romania wishes to contribute to the efforts of promoting the MDGs and those of international solidarity through its involvement in development cooperation projects and through awareness raising campaigns. We also desire to see a larger involvement of the youth, nongovernmental organizations representatives, of local and public authorities, of academia and the great public in the debates in the field and a better collaboration among all these stakeholders” declared Daniela Buzducea - Advocacy Director World Vision Romania.

At the national level, World Vision Romanian is associated with the Economical Studies University Bucharest, but will collaborate also with other universities in the country. The international partners are: CARDET Cyprus, KOPIN Malta and Malta University, University of Piraeus Research Center from Greece.

The main activities of the project are: the development of study curricula – 8 courses of 4 ETC each on MDGs; the elaboration of informational toolkit (that will include abstracts of the courses, methodological suggestions regarding their implementation, list of resources, case studies etc) and the organization of workshops, seminars and conferences for students, teachers, student organizations, volunteer centers, NGOs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs representatives and the general public.



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The special Eurobarometre published in June 2007 by the European Commission highlights the fact that the Europeans are not familiarized with the MDGs. According to this report, 4 Europeans out of 5 have never heard of them. Only 4% of the Romanians have ever heard of the MDGs and 11% have heard of them but could not name them. People with higher education show a greater knowledge while people who have abandoned school before 16 years of age (such as house keepers, the unemployed or pensioners) show a lower knowledge of the MDGs.

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*World Vision Romania is a Christian organization which runs programs of humanitarian aid, emergency, development and advocacy programs. Our organization is focused on working with children, families and communities, aiming to overcome poverty and injustice.*

*World Vision Romania is partner of World Vision international, present in over 100 countries worldwide. Since 1990, World Vision Romania represents a constant in the child protection and in the community development field. In Romania, World Vision has offices in Bucharest and in districts such as Cluj, Constanța, Dolj, Ialomița, Iași, Vaslui and Valcea.*

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