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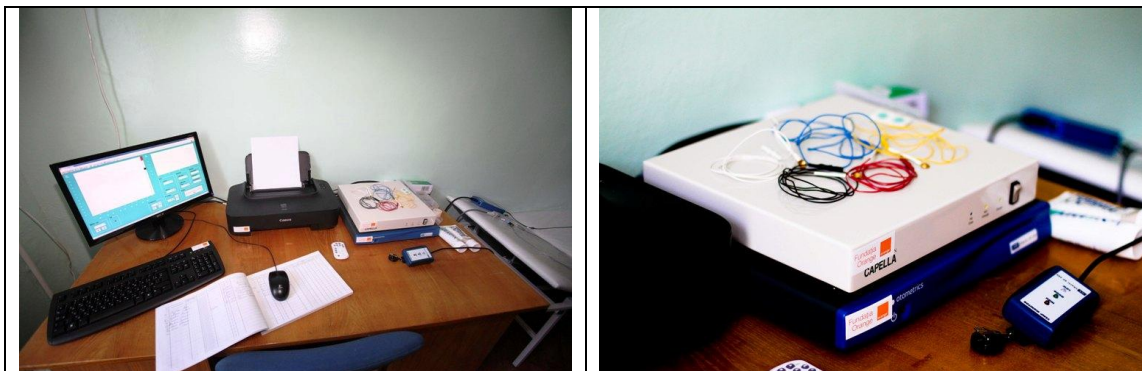
On the “Medical equipment donation to the Republican Centre of Audiology” project

Period of implementation: 2010 – July 2011

People who can see, hear, speak, do rather seldom think, - or maybe at all – how does it feels to be deprived of the senses. Whether they got sick in course of time, whether they were born this way, there are people who can not enjoy the daylight, can not listen to birdsong or, who, however they would like, fail to give a simple "I miss." Even if we do not notice them, they live among us, they have feelings, dreams and ... the hope that one day will recover via the new technologies that allow the detection, treatment and, most importantly, prevention of various diseases.

There are 12 thousand children in Moldova, suffering of hearing problems, of which 2000 require prothesis. Thus, for them, the new technologies do not mean a caprice, but a hope that they will hear again. And the institution which is identified with the hope – is Republican Centre of Audiology: the parents whose children have hearing problems come here to find a solution. Each of them has an impressive story, which they are happy to share with you. Doina from Anenii Noi, was diagnosed with hearing impairment at the age of a year and a half and is wearing since than a hearing aid. The girl wants to know more and more about the world, read, a lot, is registering good results at school. Her mother says with emotions that she will never forget the first words of her daughter: "Mom, I can hear birds singing ...". I had tears of happiness than. It is very important that doctors determine the deafness in time, to be able to intervene timely by applying an appropriate treatment. Thus, children with hearing problems have a chance to hear again".

Since July 2011, the early detection of hearing problems becomes possible in the Republic of Moldova due to Orange Moldova Foundation, which donated to the Republican Centre of Audiology a system for objective audiometry. The equipment - which allows to early and accurate diagnosis the deafness at adults and children (even during the first days of live) - is unique in our country and represents a major purchase for local audiology domain. The new project which was drafted by Orange Foundation is comes, thus to support the audiology domain in Republic of Moldova.



In 2011, the equipment has already been tested by apr. 300 patients. The equipment has the capacity to examine 600 patients annually.



The doctors state that the new equipment does facilitate much their work; but most important is, that children who have hearing problems can be diagnosed correctly and treated properly – which is essential in terms of reducing the number of people with such problems. The specialists at the Centre claim that, upon the receipt of the system for objective audiometry, their responsibilities will increase. But this fact makes them happy, since they will be able to make happy as many parents and their children.

The donation ceremony took place on July 19th 2011. There were present at the donation ceremony the Deputy Minister of Health, Mr. Gheorghe Turcanu, the rector of the SUMP "N. Testemitanu", Mr. Ion Ababii, the Chairman of the Orange Foundation Council, Mr. Michael Faure, as well as many parents whose children were examined by applying the objective audiometry equipment.



Mrs. Angela Chiaburu, the director of the Republican Centre of Audiology: "The equipment donated by the Orange Moldova Foundation is the only of its kind in the country and has many advantages – it is harmless and implies no health threat to the health of the children, being easy to use and allowing the diagnosis of the patient in only 5 - 15 minutes."

Mr. Michael Faure: "It is an honour for us to contribute to the development of the medical system in the Republic of Moldova, by donating this audiological equipment, of which there have already benefited 40 children. We are glad that we can help those who face such problems. The Orange Moldova Foundation will further support the Republic of Moldova health system by facilitating the access of the public to medical equipment of new generation.