



CONFERENCE: "INEQUITY IN EDUCATION FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.
SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES AMIDST THE MULTIPLE CRISIS."





In year 2022
CONCORDIA
supported
over
13.000 people
in
in need.

What we do

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) serves as the basis for our daily work and our vision.

CONCORDIA works with children and young people with special protection needs. The best interests of the child are at the centre of all activities and decisions.



Child Protection Policy

Child-friendly version



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY KINDERSCHUTZRICHTLINIE

„WER EIN LEBEN RETTET,
RETTET DIE GANZE WELT!“



EDUCATION

“For me, education is very important. Without education you are nobody. Education provides both employment opportunities and the freedom to choose the jobs you desire. Education is the basis to start a family”, (Bajramsha, 16 years, Kosovo)

EDUCATION



- We are committed to ensuring that **all children and young people** can go to school **every day**.
- We bring together **parents** and teachers, partner organisations and decision-makers to ensure respectful and encouraging environment at school.
- We create **bridges of collaboration** between **the education system** and the **social service system** and provide examples of tailored education and vocational training.
- **Educational opportunities** give children and youth in need a perspective and help to **fight the cycle of poverty** in a sustainable way.



In year 2021, 4849 children and young people took part in CONCORDIA education programmes.



**Early Childhood
Development**

**Remedial
Education**

School for Life

Basic Education

**Vocational
Education & Job
Coaching**

**CONCORDIA
Academia**

Access to Quality Education



17 CONCORDIA Day-Centres in Austria (1), Bulgaria (2), Kosovo (1), Moldova (10) and Romania (3)

DAY CENTRES' OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Supporting families for the educational integration of their children and school success / prevention of school dropout.
- ✓ Acquiring life skills for children in the day center to support their educational and social integration.
- ✓ Consolidation and development of the activity of the mobile team in the community for advising families, activating and involving them, improving collaboration with local institutions through the "School for parents".

CONCORDIA Day Centre Model

01. Social

- A hot meal for the children in the center
- Housing support
- Food packages for families
- Support to obtain documents
- Support accessing social assistance facilities or rights

02. Educational

- Early education support
- Remedial education
- After school programs
- Artistic activities
- Sport activities
- Other recreational activities

04. Family

- Integrated approach based on identified needs
- Daily presence in the community
- School for Parents

03. Vocational

- Professional training for parents
- Support the access to basic education for parents and other adults in the community (**Second Chance** programs)
- Vocational counseling for children
- Vocational counseling for parents
- Placement on the labor market and job-coaching



Psychological / Speech therapy

- Counseling parents
- Counseling children



Medico-Sanitary

- Children's health education
- Parent health education
- Health monitoring
- Information campaigns



Community

- Support kindergartens and schools
- Partnerships with local authorities in the social field
- Mobile teams to identify needs

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SOCIAL PROJECTS

CONCORDIA Edu-Campus - Primary School

- ❖ First inclusive school in Romania (since September, 2020).
- ❖ Multidisciplinary team of educators, psychologists and social workers.
- ❖ Five classes of 20 pupils each, children from all social backgrounds
- ❖ Regular work with the parents.

CONCORDIA Edu-Campus – Vocational School

- ❖ Inclusive vocational training.
- ❖ Career guidance opportunities.
- ❖ 4 directions of specialisation.
- ❖ 'Scholl for life'.



Cross-cutting issue: Advocacy and Education on Children's Rights and Child Protection



Education in emergencies

CONCORDIA acknowledges the protective role that education plays in the context of emergencies: Education contributes to the overall well-being of children and youth, it enforces gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and by providing hope, stability and predictability it contributes to the physical, psychosocial and cognitive protection of children and youth. Access to education in emergencies means access to an essential service which can also contribute to peacebuilding and conflict-resolution efforts.

In CONCORDIA, schools and other educational settings provide a safe space not only for protection but also for psychosocial activities, a place for warm meals, health support and space for leisure and play. CONCORDIA encourages the placement of refugee children in national education systems and, where this is not possible, supports their learning needs through the facilitation of online learning, language courses, supervised online learning, etc. CONCORDIA also supports the capacity building of teachers and other caregivers to support children's and youth's continuous learning.

Cross-cutting issues





We educate the potential to do good.

- Centre for **excellence** in training and professional development under the **umbrella** of CONCORDIA Social Projects.
- **Certified** training courses for practitioners, managers and supervisors.
- Consultancy, coaching and supervision for **social service professionals**.

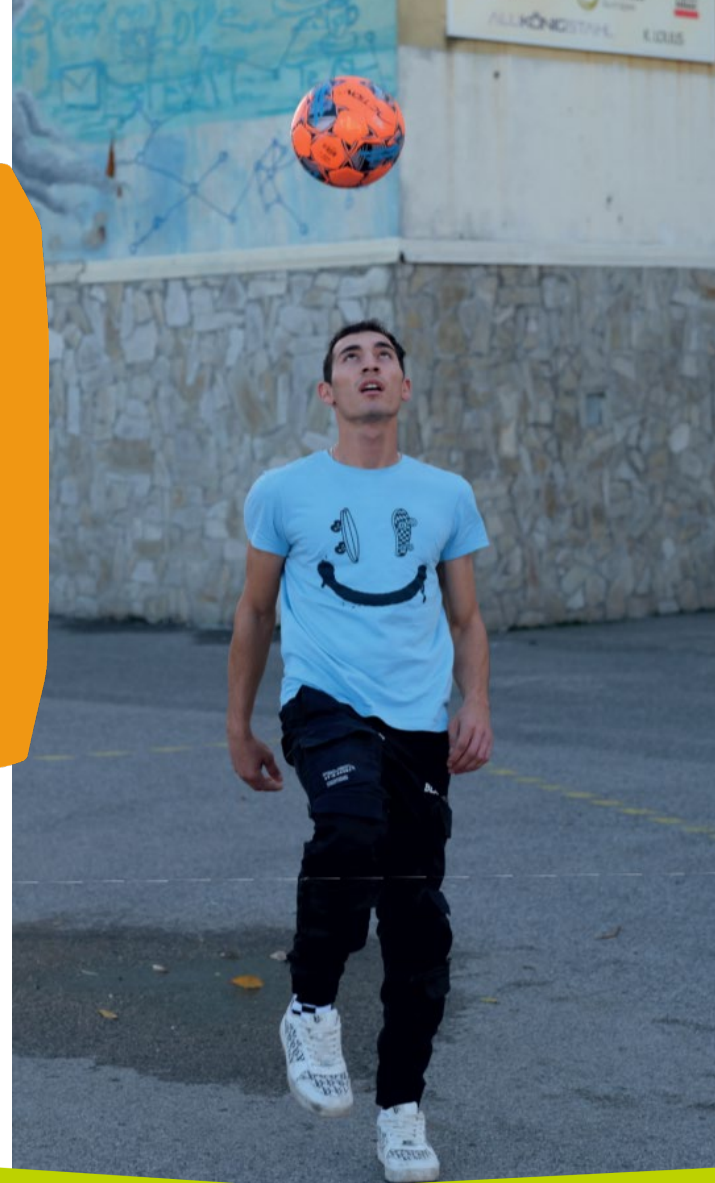
❖ All people in need can benefit from **adapted, high quality and sustainable support** from social service professionals in order to live an **independent meaningful life**.



Challenges specific to education:

- Discrimination
- Poverty
- Segregation
- Romn*ja
- Covid/Mental health
- Emergency crisis/Migration
- Lack of adequate state support

Currently in Moldova are living **35 000** left-behind children



Challenges



Education



Thank you!

