

Summary of finances for 2015: RoAF's expenditure during 2015 closely matched its income from regular sources. Whilst superficially a satisfactory outcome, the lack of carry-forward funds may have an adverse effect on the timing of next year's activities.

Income	2015	2014	Change
Income from donations (including sponsorship)	17,387	25,275	-31%
Fund raising events (including gift boxes)	2,086	2,240	-7%
Recycling and resale of unsuitable items	6,682	8,296	-19%
Special projects funding	11,125	23,856	-53%
Transport-specific contributions	6,200	2,625	136%
Tax reclaim and bank interest	2,329	3,947	-41%
Total Income	45,809	66,239	-31%
Expenditure	2015	2014	Change
Transport (8 lorries funded in 2015, 8 in 2014)	18,764	22,327	-16%
Warehouse costs (including rent, materials, insurance)	10,618	12,762	-17%
Specified family support	2,686	2,720	-1%
Publicity (including postage, stationery)	55	39	41%
Special projects	13,635	27,121	-50%
Total Expenditure	45,758	64,969	-30%
Balance of income over expenditure	51	1,270	

Notes

1. This summary includes figures from the locally-administered Swansea team account but does not include a recent legacy reserved for anticipated expenditure in Romania.
2. Transport costs include local transport of goods between collection and warehouses.
3. International transport costs are linked to the price of fuel and to the exchange rate between the pound and the euro.
4. Warehouse costs include rent, services and maintenance for all our storage facilities.
5. Special Projects includes long-term projects where the expenditure can occur in a later year than the corresponding donation.
6. The costs of maintaining the website and data backup are sponsored independently and are provided at no cost to RoAF.

Thank you to all those who have made donations of time, goods and money to help this work continue. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on these activities.

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The Romanian Aid Foundation and Asociația Neemia Review of 2015



The Romanian Aid Foundation (RoAF) operates from two main areas in the UK; in south Wales and in Surrey & West Sussex. We also receive significant support from individuals and organisations in other parts of England and Scotland. The charity's principal activities are the collection, preparation and transport of humanitarian aid for distribution to needy people in northeastern Romania.

The work in the UK is undertaken exclusively by volunteers who give of their time and, often, underwrite their expenses personally. The process of sending aid includes sorting and packing donated items, disposing of unsuitable things and loading for transport. Essential supporting activities include fund raising, accounting, liaison with donors, publicity and feedback, and prayer support. There is plenty to be done and more volunteers are always welcome!

During the past year the RoAF teams have sent over 89 tons of donated aid items to Romania at a cost of some £32,000. This aid has a value of some £103,000 and a report of how it was used can be found overleaf. In addition to the general aid, RoAF supporters have sponsored several special projects including a children's summer camp and a home for young men who have grown up in the orphanage system, together with designated support for specific people with particular needs.



As a Christian charity, we thank God for the way in which the past year has unfolded; the amount of aid sent to Romania has again exceeded expectations, and we look forward to the new year with confidence.

The Romanian Aid Foundation and Asociația Neemia

Working with Romanian people to bring help to the needy,

Hope through the Christian message and co-operation through joint ventures

UK Registered Charity 1060828

Achievements in Romania

The Romanian Aid Foundation works closely with its Romanian partner charity, Asociatia Umanitara Neemia (AN), which acts as its principal agent in the distribution of aid in the Dorohoi area of north-eastern Romania. AN operates year round using the local knowledge of its Romanian staff to distribute aid where it is most effective.

AN received goods to the value of some £103,000 from RoAF during 2015 which was supplemented with stock remaining from 2014 and goods-in-kind donations from other sources. Clothing, food and other items to the value of approximately £83,000 were given to some 1,200 households asking for help. AN has the services of a qualified social worker who keeps in contact with our beneficiaries and is able to give information and advice as appropriate.

AN has a shop in Dorohoi which sells a proportion of the clothing received and which funds AN's activities, including warehousing, vehicle costs and staff salaries. In this way the aid distribution operation in Romania is not normally dependent upon direct funding from the UK. In accordance with the charity's constitution, goods to 15% of the value of the available stock were transferred to the shop. Certain types of item such as hand-knits, sportswear, gift boxes and school equipment are not sold but are donated directly. The same applies to any item whose donor has specified direct donation.

The shop raised sufficient income to cover AN's operating costs plus an additional 25 % towards the construction of the new boys' house and a further 15% which was given as cash donations to needy households, to help with rent, fuel bills, medical costs and similar domestic emergencies; some 1,100 households received cash help of this type. Without the shop, AN's operating expenses would be lower but it would still be necessary to raise an additional £30,000 pa from outside sources in order to maintain a comparable level of help to local people.

In addition to the distribution of aid from RoAF, AN co-operates with other charities and local organisations, sharing local knowledge and providing facilities and staff for special projects and joint ventures.

Snapshots from 2015: 12 photos that give an insight into the range of activities that Asociatia Neemia has undertaken during the past year.



In **January**, winter conditions can be harsh with temperatures down to -30C. AN provides food and firewood as well as warm clothing, bedding and household items.

In **February**, a serious house fire deprived a family of most of their possessions. AN was able to supply emergency help with clothing, bedding and other essentials.



Late **March** saw the breaking of ground for the new boys' house; the first stage was the sinking of a well which then allowed the construction work to begin.

April: In conjunction with "KitAid", AN was able to distribute sports kit to many local school and village teams. Good quality kit enhances team awareness and helps to raise the self-esteem of the players



May saw the arrival of another lorry load of aid items from our teams in the UK. AN's ability to help needy people depends upon these loads and there are always plenty of eager hands to help unload each lorry.

AN co-operates with other aid charities when appropriate. In **June** we were able to pass on some sewing machines refurbished by "Tools with a Mission".



July: Special sponsorship enabled some 30 children from beneficiary families to attend a camp in the mountains. Funding has already been offered for this year's camp.

In **August** AN distributed designated boxes prepared by donors in the UK. AN can manage special donations and financial arrangements for nominated beneficiaries and provides feedback to the sponsors as required.



Despite poor rainfall this year, in **September** we obtained a good crop of sunflowers from the land around AN's warehouse. Around 200 litres of oil was donated to our beneficiaries.

October saw substantial completion of the structure of the new boys' house, including windows and external doors. The building is now weather-tight for the coming winter.



Some 3 tons of food was sent in **November**; we will be able to distribute this food to needy families during the winter months.

A major activity in **December** is the giftbox distribution, when several thousand boxes are given out each year. Normal aid activities continue, with cold weather increasing the requests for clothing, food and firewood.

