



Preventive dental care for the school-children of Romania – a Rotary initiative

“Beautiful teeth – healthy children”



Project history

It all began **in the mid-1990s** when the Swedish Church set up a preventive dental project at a school in Arad after bad oral health had been observed among local children.



In 2002-03 the project was taken over by Mölndal Rotary Club, Sweden.

Teams of Swedish dental staff were sent to Arad on a regular basis to deliver the preventive program.

In 2010 the project was expanded to include some 15 Romanian cities.

VGR enters the project

In 2010 the odontological administration of **Västra Götalandsregionen (VGR)** in western Sweden, which has an international reputation in this field, became involved.

The Project today

There are now pilot projects in 44 Romanian cities, helping more than 70,000 children benefit from healthier teeth. Local dentists and odontological faculties in Romania have become involved, providing treatment and receiving practical training in preventive dentistry.

Project financing

The project is organized as a foundation, enabling official funding agencies to support it financially. It has also had support from companies that make dental products, which have provided tooth brushes, fluoride toothpaste and other essential items.

A Registration program

The project has developed a computerized registration and follow-up program – adapted to Romanian conditions – to ensure that children continue to receive the treatment they need. This has delivered remarkable improvements in oral health.



The Project vision

The vision is of a **universal dental preventive program for all the schoolchildren of Romania**, run by their government.

The Romanian Ministry of Health is regularly informed and consulted, as is the Swedish government.

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