

Summary of finances for 2016: On the financial front, RoAF finished 2016 in a healthier position than at the same time last year. Leaving aside the legacy sum, income during the past year exceeded expenditure to the point where there were enough funds to finance the first lorry of 2017.

Income	2016	2015	Change
Income from donations (including sponsorship)	21,798	43,687	-50%
Fund raising events (including gift boxes)	5,506	2,086	+164%
Recycling and resale of unsuitable items	2,910	6,682	-56%
Special projects funding	12,361	11,125	+11%
Transport-specific contributions	3,802	6,200	-39%
Tax reclaim and bank interest	2,996	2,329	+29%
Total Income	49,373	72,109	-32%
Expenditure	2016	2015	Change
Transport (8 lorries funded in 2016, 8 in 2015)	21,619	18,764	+15%
Warehouse costs (including rent, materials, insurance)	8,961	10,618	-16%
Specified family support	1,615	2,686	-40%
Publicity (including postage, stationery)	33	55	-41%
Special projects	13,537	13,635	-1%
Total Expenditure	45,765	45,758	~ .
Balance of income over expenditure	3,608	51	

Notes

1. This summary includes figures from the locally-administered Swansea team account.
2. Income for 2015 includes a legacy reserved for anticipated expenditure in Romania.
3. Transport costs include local transport of goods between collection and warehouses.
4. International transport costs are dependant upon the price of fuel and to the exchange rate between the Pound and the Euro, and have increased in the latter part of the year.
5. Warehouse costs include rent, services and maintenance for all our storage facilities.
6. Special Projects includes long-term projects where the expenditure can occur in a later year than the corresponding donation.
7. The costs of maintaining the website and data backup are sponsored independently and are provided at no cost to RoAF.

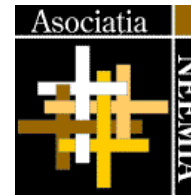
Thank you to all those who have made donations of time, goods and money to help this work continue. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on these activities.

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The Romanian Aid Foundation and Asociația Neemia Review of 2016



The Romanian Aid Foundation (RoAF) operates from two main areas; in south and west Wales and in Surrey & West Sussex. We also receive significant support from individuals and organisations in other parts of the UK. The charity's principal activities are the collection, preparation and transport of humanitarian aid for distribution to needy people in the far northeastern corner of 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 105 tons of donated aid items to Romania at a cost of some £32,000. This aid has a value of some £112,000 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.

Asociatia Neemia received goods to the value of some £112,000 from RoAF during 2016 which was supplemented with stock remaining from 2015 and goods-in-kind donations from other sources. Clothing, food and other items to the value of approximately £102,000 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.

Asociatia Neemia has a shop in Dorohoi which sells a proportion of the clothing received and which funds its 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 Asociatia Neemia's operating costs plus an additional 23% which was given as cash donations to needy households, to help with rent, fuel bills, school stationery, medical costs and other domestic emergencies; during 2016, AN made some 600 cash donations to people in need. 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, Asociatia Neemia co-operates with other charities and local organisations, sharing local knowledge and providing facilities and staff for special projects and joint ventures.

Snapshots from 2016: 12 photos that give an insight into the range of activities that Asociatia Neemia has undertaken during the past year.



January saw the installation of a donated trampoline at a village school. The same room contained a climbing frame that we installed in 1994 and which is still in everyday use.

During **February** we supplied walking frames and crutches to several people with walking difficulties. Wheelchairs can also be supplied when they are available.



Night-time temperatures in **March** can be chilly so the blankets and other knitwear are still required. Many people have reason to be thankful to those who put their knitting skills to good use.

By contrast, **April** frequently brings warmer weather and outside work becomes practical once again. Here the land at Casa Neemia is being prepared for the new growing season.



In **May** we passed on some family gift boxes to a young widow with four children. These boxes were prepared specifically for them by a family in south Wales.

During **June** we were able to distribute some bicycles which had been refurbished at Cardiff prison. Bicycles are always in great demand as they improve people's mobility and increase the opportunities for access to work.



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** we had an encouraging visit from a representative of KitAid, a UK charity which supplies us with sports kit and equipment for passing on to local teams and clubs.



The new school year begins in **September** and many families ask for help with the cost of school books and stationery. We also provided suitable items for their school uniforms.

In **October** we enjoyed the long-anticipated visit by the Johnson family, who have been long-term supporters for many of our families. It was an ideal opportunity to put faces to names and see situations first hand.



Starting in **November** we distributed the bulk quantities of oil, rice and sugar received from a charity in Wales. These items were decanted into family-sized packages before donation.

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

