

# Helping Dezvoltarea Popoarelor Foundation Develop



After 14 years of activity, Dezvoltarea Popoarelor Foundation is still going strong, working towards its mission to offer social and educational opportunities and professional integration to marginalized populations, especially children

and youth. The organization's successful programs prove how realistic its vision is that every person should have the right to capitalize on his or her talents.

Expanding the organization's capacity led to establishing three separate offices for the foundation, which are corresponding with its three areas of activity in the country. This is how the Dambovită office of Dezvoltarea Popoarelor Foundation was established in 2008, though the activity in the area had begun 10 years earlier, with the services provided to HIV-infected or disabled children from the village of Cojasca. In 2002, the organization extended its activity to kindergartens and schools, facilitating access to education and creating new educational opportunities. Since 2006, it has accreditation as information, counselling, and professional orientation center.

The beneficiaries are pre-school and school children from rural areas at risk of truancy; Roma families with social inclusion issues and low levels of education; adolescents from rural areas that seek employment; and teachers, parents, and private and public organizations that play a part in education and social inclusion.

The foundation needed an IT upgrade to help it keep up with its recent growth (which doubled the number of employees and bigger budgets). It was "an issue of higher efficiency," as Ioana Stere, program coordinator, put it. "Our activity has improved; the programs are running better and faster now that we have the proper software." Changing the server brought "more safety in terms of not losing important data like it happened in the past." The foundation is already planning for the next software and hardware upgrade through TechSoup.

## **Who are they?**

Dezvoltarea Popoarelor Foundation, Dambovită office

## **Where are they?**

Dambovită, Romania

## **What do they do?**

Assistance in community development and social economy, also seed funding

## **How big are they?**

16 full-time employees

## **What did they receive?**

Windows Server 2008  
Enterprise Edition 32-Bit/x64 X  
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Office Multi-Language Pack  
2007 X 5  
Office Professional Plus 2007  
X 5  
Windows XP Professional  
English/Multilanguage  
Upgrade X 5

## **The outcome?**

Increased organizational efficiency and data safety

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