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## **Teenage Mothers in Romania**

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## **Project Scope Description for Projects included in the following Umbrella Project**

Name of the Umbrella Project	'Teenage Mothers in Romania' This Project shall support projects conducted by Romanian
	Soroptimist clubs aiming at helping pregnant young girls and new teenage mothers continue their school attendance and further education - as well as projects intended to initiate informative and preventative measures.
Project Background	With an average of app. 8,500 new underaged mothers each year Romania presents the second largest number of very young mothers among European countries. There is a connection between early motherhood and difficult socioeconomic conditions.
	Sex teaching is not part of the education in school and in society as a whole there is a widespread resentment against any form of sex education.
	In 2017 the Danish and Romanian Soroptimist unions established a four years' partnership on the project 'Teenage Mothers in Romania'. The aim of the project was to implement informative and preventative activities targeted at young girls from the age of 12 years in order to make them aware of their rights and introduce them to birth control. It was furthermore the intention to conduct a social effort among teenage mothers who are facing extremely difficult conditions and are often ostracized by their families.
	According to agreement with the Romanian Soroptimists the project is being prolonged - now as an umbrella project enabling the Romanian clubs to apply for financial support from the Danish Union for club projects aiming at supporting selected young mothers - as well as for projects with informative and preventative objects.

Project Purpose	The project is an umbrella project in support of the Romanian soroptimist clubs' endeavours to help deserving and needy teenage mothers thus enabling them to continue school attendance and further education and eventually make a good life for themselves and their children.
Project Target Groups	The project's target groups are very young pregnant girls and new mothers still in their teens, young vulnerable girls in the risk group of too early pregnancy, and young women who became mothers while still teenagers and who wish to continue their education and obtain better living conditions.
Applying for Means from this Umbrella Project	Romanian clubs are invited to apply for means for their projects under this umbrella. Application should be in English and should include information corresponding to this project description.
Time Schedule	The umbrella project runs for 4 years starting on xx.xx.2021. The time frame of applications from the clubs is one year, it will, however, be possible to apply for prolongation based upon a yearly evaluation and a renewed application.
Funding	The umbrella project supports projects that upon application are approved by the board of the Danish union. Danish regions, clubs, and others may continuously donate means to the project's account.
In-house Communication	Each year the project organization shall prepare an evaluation based upon the yearly evaluations from clubs which have received funding. Each year the clubs are to present an evaluation with detailed accounts. An application form as well as a report and evaluation form are to be found on the homepage of the union. Information about projects receiving support is also to be found on the homepage.

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