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Program SAVE School Anti-Violence Ecosystem

Country: Romania

**Implemented by: World Vision
Romania Foundation**

Period: 36 months

1st of February 2024 – 31st of January 2027

*How to catch
children's attention?*



WORLD VISION ROMANIA FOUNDATION GRANT ADMINISTRATOR TRANSFER AND MULTIPLICATION OF EXPERTISE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL



For 30 years, World Vision Romania Foundation (WVR) has been active in the field of education and child protection at the national level, in rural areas and in other disadvantaged environments.

Dozens of projects have been implemented in schools and in cooperation with them, and other public and private, local and national partners.

Through SAVE, WVR provides financial support through grants and operational support through training and coaching to NGOs active in the field of child protection and education, aiming to:

- **address violence against children** with local solutions, ideas, resources and expertise;
- **increase local NGOs' capacity** to prevent and combat violence against children.

SAVE - OBJECTIVES and INTERVENTIONS



The objective is to prevent and combat violence against children in the school ecosystem, by awarding **55 grants** to local NGOs, active at the grassroots level in the field of child protection and education, for the development of projects including:

- **awareness raising campaigns** with 60,000 students and 30,000 parents;
- **training activities** with 8,000 teachers and school staff;
- **exchange of good practices, networking and advocacy** with 2,000 experts from civil society and from the education and child protection systems.

General topics: European and national legislation, institutions, mechanisms and services available for the protection of children against violence in the school environment, innovative activities.

SAVE - School Anti-Violence Ecosystem

World Vision Romania Foundation

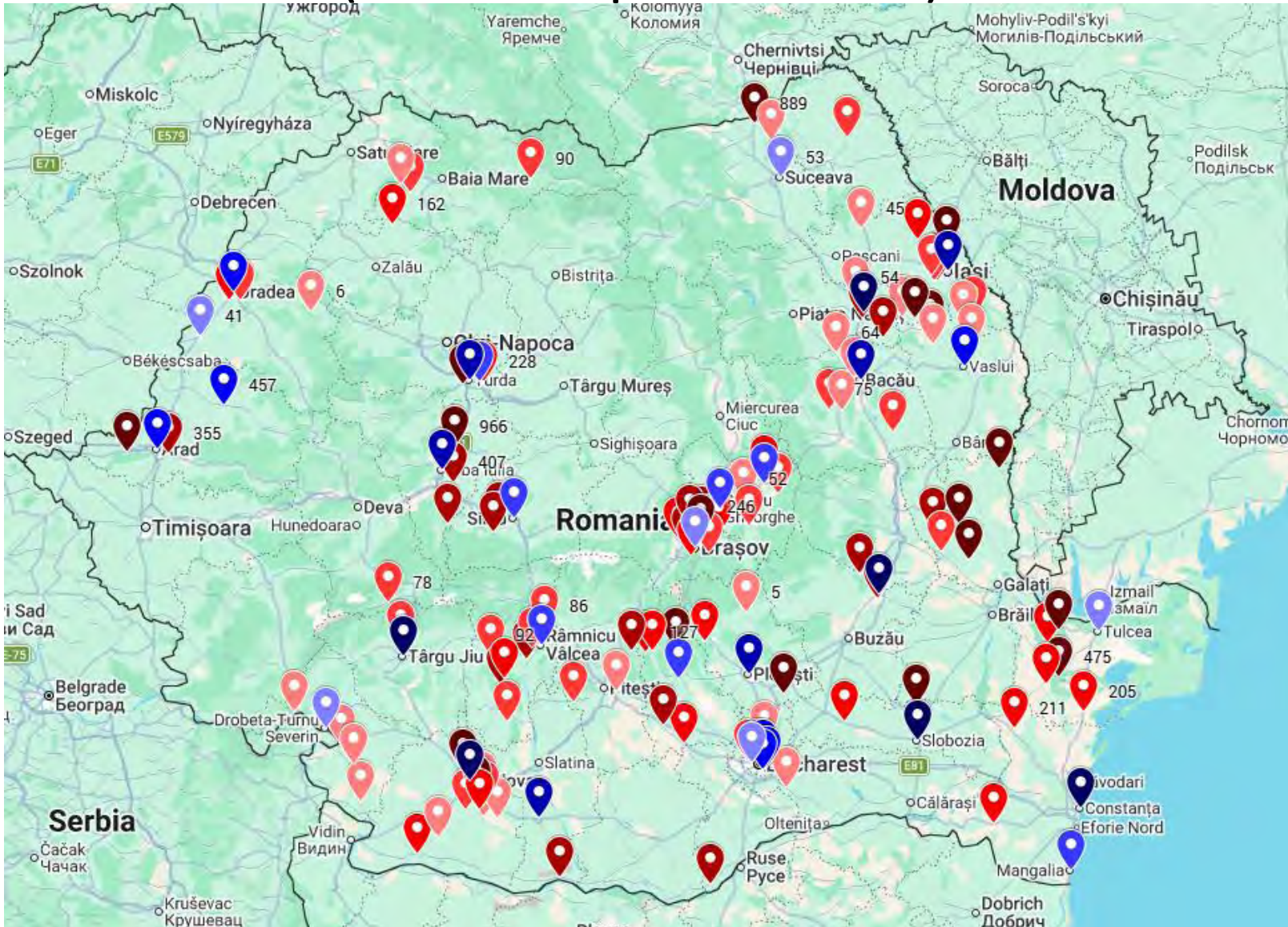
- Funded by the **European Union through CERV-2023-DAPHNE Program;**
Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV);
- **Budget:** 1530000 Eur: 1055000 Eur grants(69%) + 475000 Eur monitoring&capacity building;
- **Period:** 36 months: 1st of February 2024 – 31st of January 2027;
- **Country:** Romania, no partner involved;
- **3 types of grants awarded through 3 calls for proposals (2024-2025-2026):**
 - **23 Large grants (30,000 Eur)** for projects (6-18 months), 3,000 final beneficiaries;
 - **9 Medium grants (15,000 Eur)** for projects (3-9 months), 1,500 final beneficiaries;
 - **13+10 Small grants (10,000 Eur)** for projects (2-6 months), 1,000 final beneficiaries;
- **Target group: 100,000 participants, from kindergarten to high school**
(60,000 children + 30,000 parents + 8,000 teachers + 2,000 experts)

SAVE statistics – half way reporting

**3 calls for proposals (2024-2025-2026) / 209 projects submitted & evaluated
55 projects selected and contracted / 43 NGOs funded and supported**

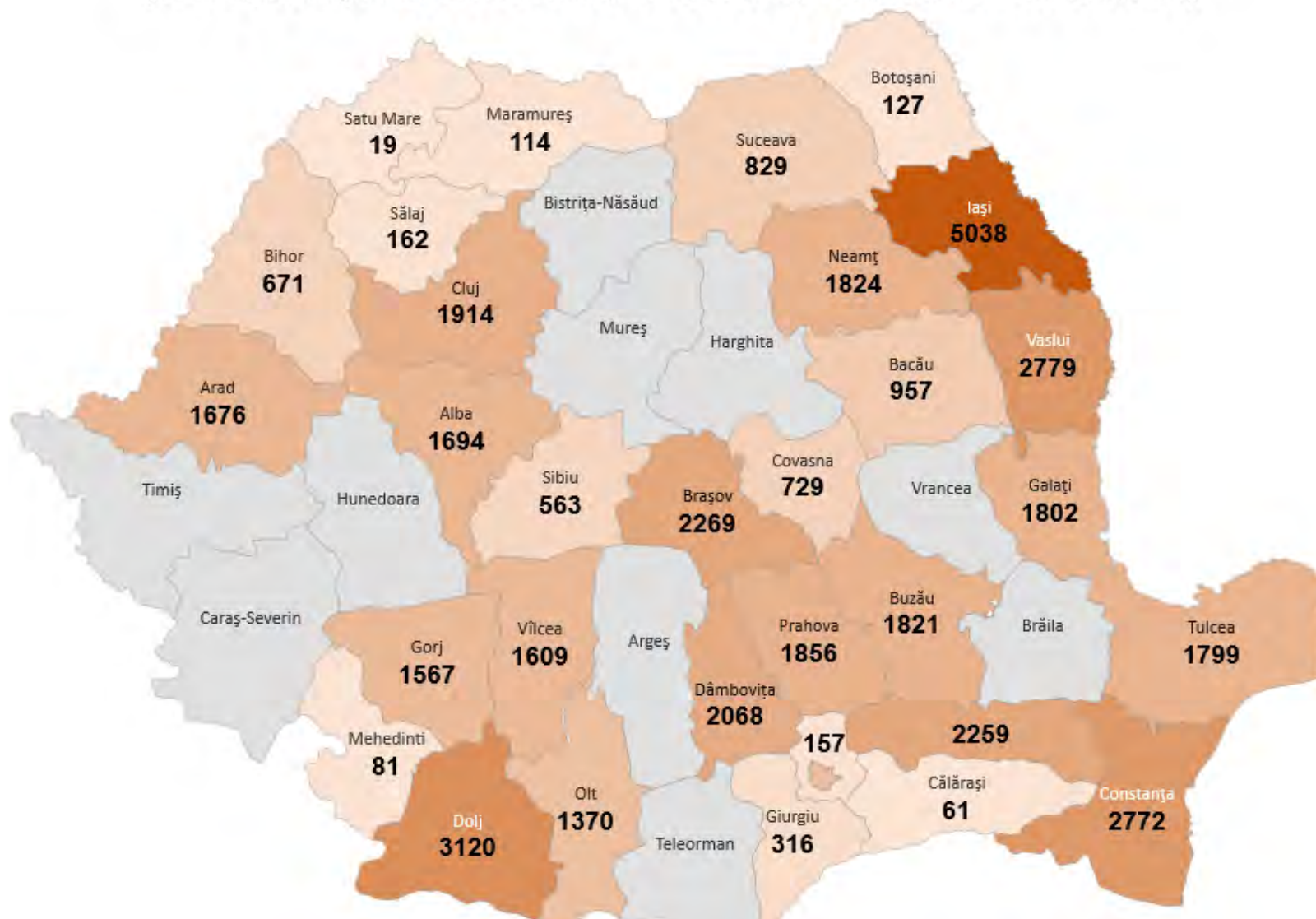
	Intended	Reported 01.06.2026	Percent reported %
No. participants	100000	46840	47%
Children	60000	30820	51%
Parents	30000	10087	34%
Teachers	8000	4726	59%
Experts	2000	1207	60%
No. events		1845	events
No. school units		193	schools
No. localities		144	localities
No. collaboration protocols	20	84	420%
No. advocacy campaigns	20	7	35%

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01.06.2026 - SAVE intervention map - partial report
(46840 participants, 1845 events, 193 schools, 144 localities, 31 counties)



UN-usual lessons, classes, workshops



“The coolest class I ever had! When do you come back?”



“S.E.E.D. - We Sow Empathy for Equity in Diversity” (3.57 min. detailed video presentation through link)
(Association Center for Personal Development and Combating Risk Behaviors)



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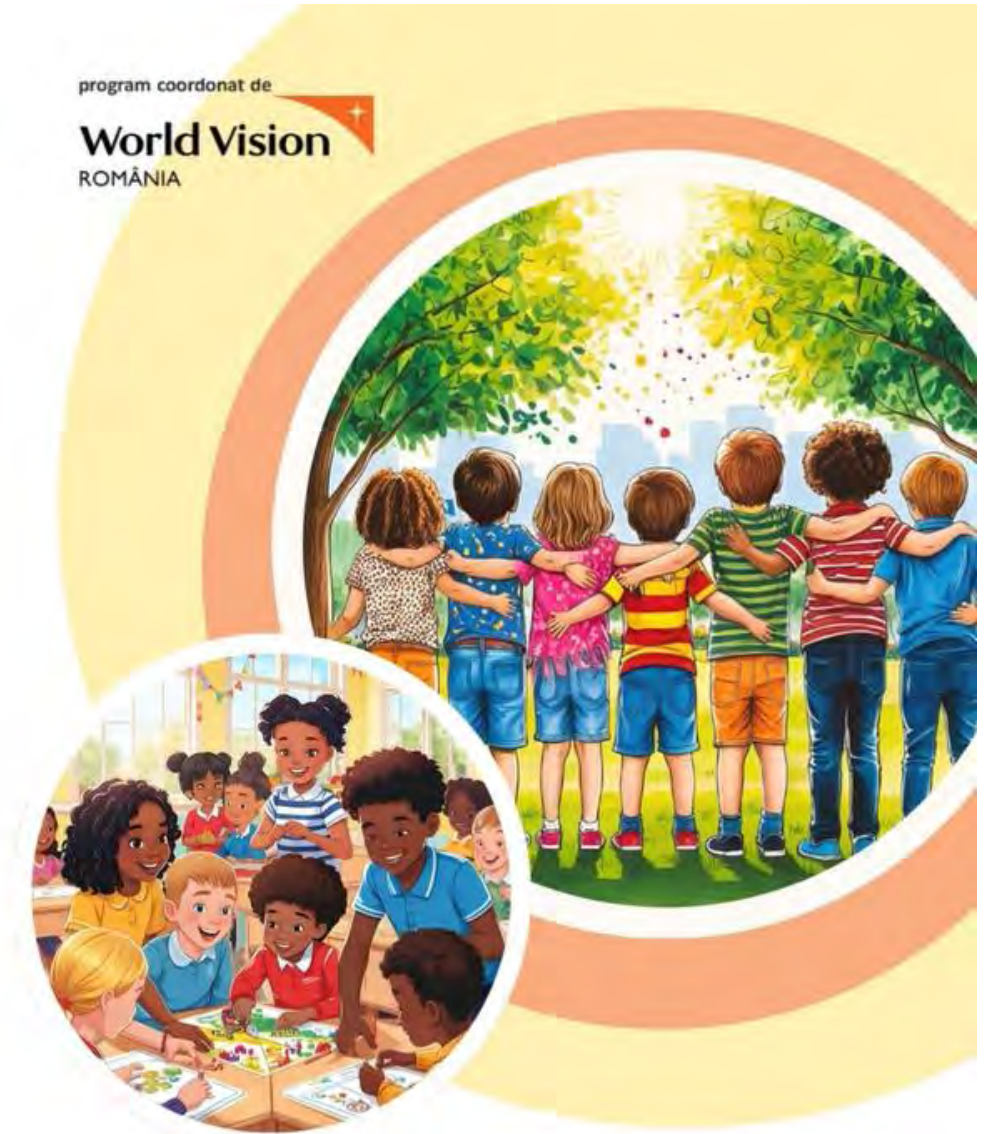
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SAVE – most successful practices

- **Social and Forum Theatre**, inspired by real stories and performed by children or professional artists.
- **Pictures, photos, videos, animations**, created by children and displayed in schools and online.
- **Artistic and sports events and festivals** theatre, music, dance, martial arts.
- **Large public marches** involving hundreds of pupils on the streets.
- **“Mystery case files”** with children investigating simulated “crime scenes”; card and board games.
- **Card games** in which children resolve conflict scenarios or to “investigate them”.
- **Storybooks and glove puppet performances**, presenting characters in conflict situations.

Social and Forum theatre in SAVE



Social theatre is a form of theatre that focuses on social issues, community experiences, and public dialogue.

It uses performance to explore topics such as inequality, discrimination, poverty, human rights or community concerns.

Forum theatre is a participatory form of social theatre. In forum theatre, actors first perform a short play that presents a social problem—such as bullying, discrimination and others social issues. After the play, spect-actors are invited o the stage to test different / positive ends of the story.

“School without violence” (Association for Social Responsibility Plan B)



**Educația are nevoie de un
plan B**

The tool used was social theater (forum), by creating games to collaborate and strengthen the group's friendship. At the end, a story inspired by the reality of the adolescents was staged, which contained elements of bullying (verbal, physical, cyberbullying), adapted to the age of the participants.

It was an opportunity to discuss each role and understand the emotions experienced, but also the consequences of conflicts on the aggressor, the victim and the witness.

“PROTECT” (AVATAR Association)



*The most successful activity so far is the creation of the **forum theatre play**, because it is the work of children and young people who dedicated themselves to this project and who showed the world a problem that is so common among students: bullying.*



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“Inclusive Empathetic Ecosystems” (interactive video material through link)
(Entuziart Association)

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The Forum Theatre was the core of our intervention, activating the audience not only as spectators, but also as active participants in the process of social change. The participants actively intervened on stage.

One of the most powerful statements came from a young deaf woman: “It is important not to be afraid to make our voice heard, even if it will not always be heard.”

WebXR – interactive experiences / Capoeira workshops / Art therapy



Capoeira workshops offered an alternative learning space, where movement, rhythm and play were means of developing empathy, collaboration and mutual respect. Children were supported to become aware of their bodies, emotions and personal limits in an accessible and playful way.



Art therapy was particularly relevant for raising children's awareness of their peers with SEN. Empathy and artistic expression exercises helped them understand what it means to "be different" and how they can respond positively to their peers' unusual behaviors. The children's artwork reflected profound changes in perspective.

“Violence in school. From emotional problem to legal solution.” (Clar Academy Association)



As a psychologist, I used various real stories from psychotherapy sessions to create typical cases and to include them in theatre plays in schools, made with professional artists.

Many students expressed surprise and gratitude that, for the first time, "someone was listening to them without judging them."



“Violence in school. From Emotional Wounds to Legal Solution.”

(2.06 min. detailed video presentation through link) **(Clar Academy Association)**



Violence in Schools: From Emotional Wounds to Legal Solutions

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Drawing pictures / making video

[Winning video within school competition](#) (2.04 min.), within the project:

“ANTIdot to VIOLENCE” (Formal and Non-Formal Education Training Association “Vasile Sav”)



“Safer school environment for children” (Association for community development Vaslui)
Drawing workshops, with products displayed in schools – traffic lights against violence



“ANTIdot to VIOLENCE” (Formal and Non-Formal Education Training Association “Vasile Sav”)
[Padlet with children pictures](#) (all drawings accessible through link) / **School exhibition / Winning video**



“S.E.E.D. - We Sow Empathy for Equity in Diversity” – Photo-Voice Competition (photos & text)
(Association Center for Personal Development and Combating Risk Behaviors)



“IMPULSE (together we fight for a safe place)” (ELASTIC Association)

Music and handmade workshops



[“The Gallery of Broken Hearts” + “Animascotele”](#) (3.18 min. detailed video presentation through link)
(Association for Social Mobility and Democratic Education)



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Galeria Inimilor Frânte & Animascotele

„Galeria Inimilor Frânte” and „Animascotele” project, implemented by Asociația pentru Mobilitate Socială și Educație Democratică within SAVE Program („School Anti-Violence Ecosystem”) coordinated by World Vision Romania Foundation and funded by the European Union.

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Large events (marches, theatre, music, dance)



“PROTECT” (Parents' Association of the "Petru Musat" School) - Street march



“PROTECT” (Parents' Association of the "Petru Musat" School) - Launching events



***“Education, Awareness, Joint Initiative for Children”
(Integrated Services Center Association – ACSI) – 2 street marches***



“JUST SAVE KIDS” (Justice and Youth Association – JUST) – Friendship Festival



“Attention! Digital danger!” (8.11 min. detailed video presentation through link)
(MASCA Association) – large events (debates & martial arts)



“Without barriers in a world without borders” (Pro Diaconissa Association) – Start event



It was a special show: professional actors and children came together on stage to openly discuss violence in schools and how they can react to difficult situations

The children were not only spectators, but also actors! They took over the stage and continued the play, exactly as they felt was best.



“Harmony - The future begins with respect” (Together for the Future Association Constanta)
Harmony Festival (2.33 min. video from festival event)



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“Mystery case files” (The DaVinci System Association)

“WebDetectives” + “Media Lab” - (3.17 min. detailed video presentation through link)



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WEBTECTIVII



„Webtectivii” & MediaLab projects, implemented by Asociația The Da Vinci System within SAVE Program („School Anti-Violence Ecosystem”) coordinated by World Vision Romania Foundation and funded by the European Union.

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“Legal card game”

“Justițiarii” - (Aries Civic Association) (2.18 min. detailed video presentation through link)



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Storybooks and glove puppets performances

“Put Bullying in a sock” and “Behind the Masks”

(4.18 min. detailed video presentation through link) **Together for Miroslava Association**



Debate topics?

How far do we go?

Courage or restraint? Creativity or control?

How much good we do, before we do harm?



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