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Supporters,*



Someone wanting to go to school

For six years the SB Foundation has run the school project in Floresti. More and more Roma children have joined the project. Now the Romanian government, because of the Corona pandemic, has decided to split each class into two, so that a distance can be kept between the students, which of course is good. But that also means there are not enough classrooms and teachers to allow all children to be present. The Romanian state has solved it by offering remote learning, which has a negative affect on many, not the least on the Roma students who lack mobile telephones, tablets, technical knowledge and even an internet connection. It's unfortunate, says Dana, that Romania is not more committed to education. Despite the many discussions and meetings, the school in Floresti was obligated to follow the rules. Our project leaders Dana and Nuti were heartbroken. So, they decided, to give all their time during the transitional period, 4-5 hours Monday through Friday, exclusively to the Roma students. Dana says: *"Everybody was surprised at our decision, but the Roma society welcomed us. We created, along with the SB Foundation, the Floresti Project for these children, intended for the poorest in society – these children who are dirty, barefoot, hungry, sick and poor but are nevertheless eager to learn. This will bring us even closer to the Roma children and their families."* And Dana says: *"When it gets colder the lessons will be held in two houses in the area"*. They started the semester by distributing shoes, water bottles, crackers, paper and pens. The school-year is now in full swing.



Despite the lack of classrooms and school benches the students attend to the tasks with enthusiasm and eagerness.

Warm greetings from the SB Foundation and all of us Board members,
Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger

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