



## Humanitarian missions in Romania



**Availability :** Available all year. The project always starts on the first and third Monday of the month. Your arrival should therefore take place on the Sunday before

**Project Start & End Days :** Sundays

**Project Work Days :** Monday to Fridays (weekends are free)

**Age Requirement :** Must be 16 years or over

**Nearest Airport :** Bucharest-Henri-Coandă airport

**Support Provided :** When you arrive in Bucharest, you will either be picked up from the airport or you can take the shuttle bus to your accommodation location, where a coordinator will be waiting for you. Whether you use one or the other driver service depends on what time you arrive. If the waiting time for the next shuttle is longer than two hours, you will be picked up privately (by a team member). The journey takes about four to five hours. If you arrive by bus, you can arrange a meeting point with the local team

**Location of Projects :** Our projects location in Romania is in the eastern part of the Transylvania region.

**Meals Provided :** Project only includes lunch for the day, excluding breakfast and dinner.

**Background to this Program:** Through our wildlife and educational projects, you have the opportunity to actively participate in making a difference in the lives of homeless dogs and socially disadvantaged children.

Explore our "Animal Project", where your direct involvement educates, cares for and accompanies dogs in search of loving homes, increasing their chances of adoption. Similarly, our "Environmental Project" invites you to immerse yourself in ecological agriculture within a community garden, contributing to a sustainable initiative and strengthening ties with the local community.

Discover also our "Educational Projects" aimed at providing better opportunities for socially disadvantaged children in Romania. By taking part in the "School Project", you'll help prepare English courses and organize summer camps, creating unforgettable educational experiences. As part of the "School Support Project" in Transylvania, your valuable commitment will provide crucial assistance to the children, fostering their personal development through moments of play and academic support.

## **What our Volunteers do on projects :**

- **Dog Project :**

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting the socialization of puppies and young dogs in numerous kennels. Spending at least 15 minutes with each puppy helps them become familiar with human contact and builds trust. Tasks include caring for the dogs, feeding, grooming, occasional walks, cleaning kennels, and assisting with shelter maintenance. The challenging weather from October to February requires suitable footwear. Depending on skills and interests, volunteers may also engage in marketing, photographing dogs, and supporting immunization campaigns or construction projects. Working hours are typically from 10:00 a.m. to 14:30 p.m., and up to six volunteers can participate simultaneously.

- **Agricultural Project :**

In this farming project, volunteers engage in various garden maintenance tasks, including planting seeds, using solar panels, crafting eggshell powder, and collecting rainwater. Responsibilities extend to weeding herb and vegetable gardens, mowing the lawn, and planting and harvesting fruits and vegetables. Additionally, volunteers may assist local environmental organizations in conservation efforts such as river cleanups and protection of endangered flora and fauna.

Work schedules are flexible, adapting to the prevailing season and individual preferences. During hot weather, many start early in the morning, taking a long afternoon break to avoid midday heat. In mild winters, work begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m., with volunteers expected to work 3-6 hours a day. Tasks are weather-dependent; for instance, on a rainy day, work may shift to greenhouses and storage rooms, while pleasant weather allows outdoor activities like cultivating soil and maintaining irrigation systems.

- **School Project :**

This social volunteering project involves a variety of tasks focused on preparing lessons and activities for children aged 6 to 16. Volunteers use creative methods such as index cards, songs and crosswords to make learning English attractive and enjoyable.

During the summer vacations (July to September), volunteers set up a summer camp and organize sports, arts and crafts, team games and study hours. Study hours generally run from 8 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., with the rest of the time devoted to lesson preparation.

- **Afterschool Project :**

In the After School Support volunteer role, you assist children with homework, engage in teamwork-building activities, and boost their self-esteem. Language learning, particularly in simple English through songs and activities, is emphasized, with Hungarian translations provided if needed. Additionally, you organize enjoyable activities such as painting, crafts, and movement games, fostering a sense of order through post-play cleanup. Assistance with meal preparation and cleaning is also welcomed.

Typically, you work Monday to Friday from 12 noon to 6 p.m., starting at the After School Club after lunch. You assist smaller children with homework or play games, while older children join later to complete their assignments before participating in your prepared activities. The number of children usually ranges from 12 to 30.

If possible, bringing a laptop is advisable for convenient lesson preparation, document handling, and printing.