



## Clean water - new future! Rent vann - frisk fremtid! Romania



Soroptimistclub Slatina, Romania and  
Arendal-Grimstad soroptimistclub, Norway,  
are working for 4 villages to get clean water.

Water bottles are distributed so that the youngest and weakest will  
survive.

Permanent solutions are needed in the villages for everybody to  
improve their health.

We can help!

NB! - There were no reports of infant mortality since the distribution  
of water bottles was introduced.



Purpose:

## **Clean water for everyone!**

Currently we have focus on the most vulnerable: the youngest children and their mothers.

### **Goal:**

- Long term: Clean water for 4 villages.
- Current: Distribution of water bottles.
- Information to the public about the importance of clean water.

### **Start**

President of Slatina soroptimistclub Victoria Ciucu met Christian Steel at a conference. The contact between her and Christian's mother, Mette Steel from Arendal-Grimstad soroptimistclub, led our club to want to get involved.

### **Why**

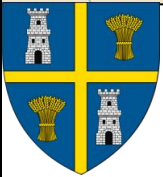
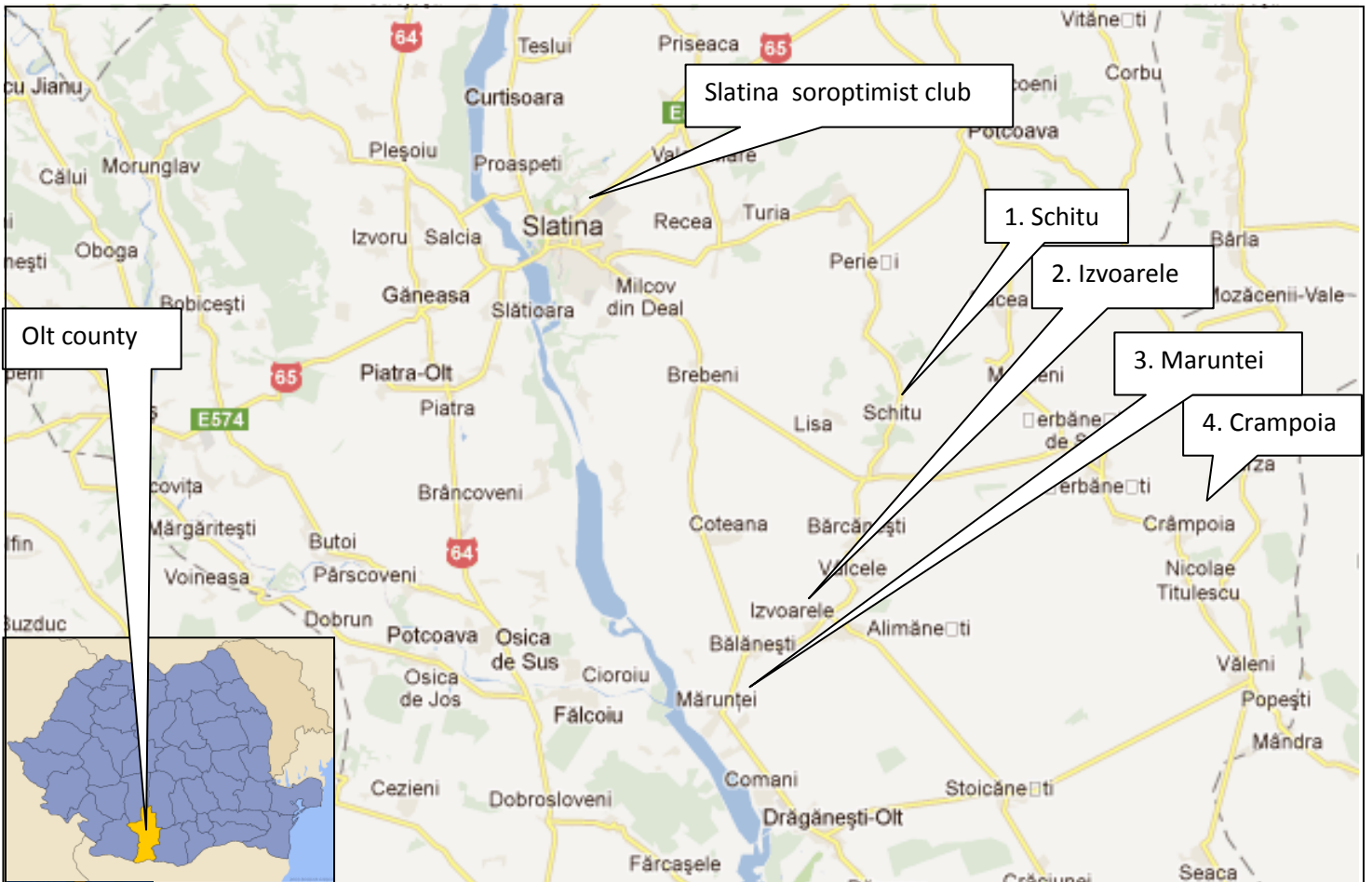
In the same county as Slatina, there are the 4 villages that are independent municipalities, Schitu, Izvarte, Maruntei and Crampoia. The inhabitants of these villages are struggling with significant health problems due to contaminated drinking water. This leads to high infant mortality, poor immune function that inhibits the development of children, various serious diseases and increased risk of cancer etc. Slatina soroptimistclub wanted to help, and needed a business partners.

### **Water sample Start 2004**

A total of 114 water samples from 89 public wells have been analyzed.

**Results:** High levels of ammonia, nitrites, nitrates, coli form bacteria and streptococci are found in the water.





Slatina and the four villages located in Olt county.



Slatina soroptimistclub and President Victoria Ciucu is our partner.

Word Slatina has Slavic origin and comes from Slam-tina, which means "land of salt" or "salt water." (Wikipedia)



- Villages:
- Schitu, 3178 inhabitants (2002)
  - Izvoarele, 3836 inhabitants (2002)
  - Maruntei, 4504 inhabitants (2002)
  - Crampoia, 3830 inhabitants (2002)



## What has been done so far?

- The Slatina soroptimist club have had contact with local health carers, doctors, nurses and social workers and political leaders in the villages and in the county of Olt.
- NB! Romania has committed itself through its membership in the EU that all rural districts will have water and sewer conditions within 2017.

## What happens next?

- Continue with the local emergency measures.
- Continue working with the SI club in Slatina, and through them, cooperate with local and central authorities.
- Provide funding for the various solutions for the 4 villages.
- Application for EU / EEA via SI club in Slatina and Christian Steel.
- Contact with our local specialist in Romania who can guide us about the requirements for a pilot.



Past President Hanne Jensbo, Soroptimist International knows Romania and Victoria. She says we must not give up. **It will be** difficult to make an implementation of the project in Romania.

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