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Pathfinding partner exchange

Experience of Romania

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What we want to share?

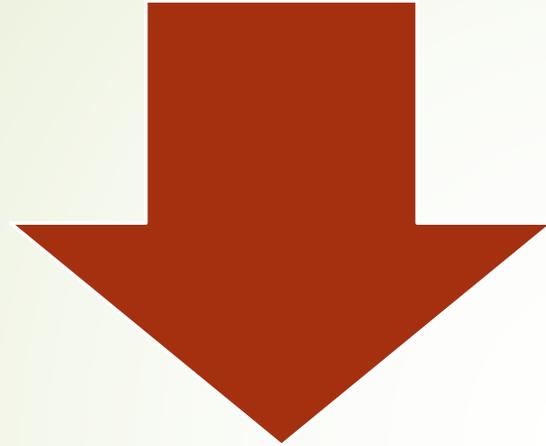
INSPIRE strategy
“Parent and
caregiver
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“Response and
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**EVAC built-in the
new integrated
approach of the
child protection
system reform**



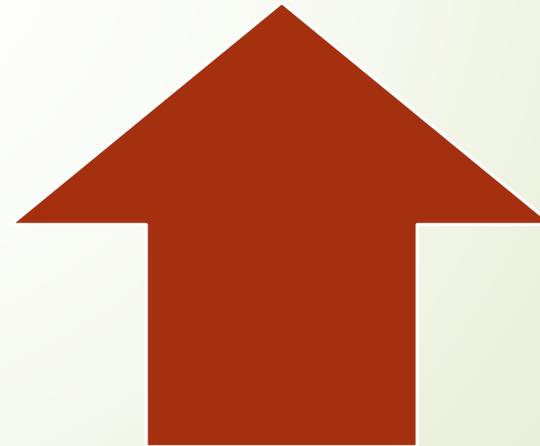
A new integrated approach:



Closing large old-style
institutions and
developing alternative,
family based services



Building-up the
prevention
capacity at
community level





Why this integrated approach is effective in preventing violence against children?

Children in institutions

- No longer geographically isolated but integrated in the community
- Easy access for the parents to visit the children
- Small number of children=better personalized care provided by the staff
- No more peer-to-peer violence

Children at risk in the communities

- Response and support services in the community prevent child abuse, neglect, exploitation or traffic
- Providing parent and caregiver support addresses the child violence risk factors



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Risk factors for child abuse and neglect = risk factors for child separation

Once violence against children is identified, reported and investigated, the child might be separated from his/her parents, if the risk evaluated during assessment is high

National context to EVAC: Efforts grown progressively to tackle violence



National legislation to ban, prevent and combat all forms of violence against children



County social services build-up in all 47 counties – children in need for state care



Local level: providing support in situations involving child risk factors for violence with the aim of strengthening the parents capacity to better care for their children



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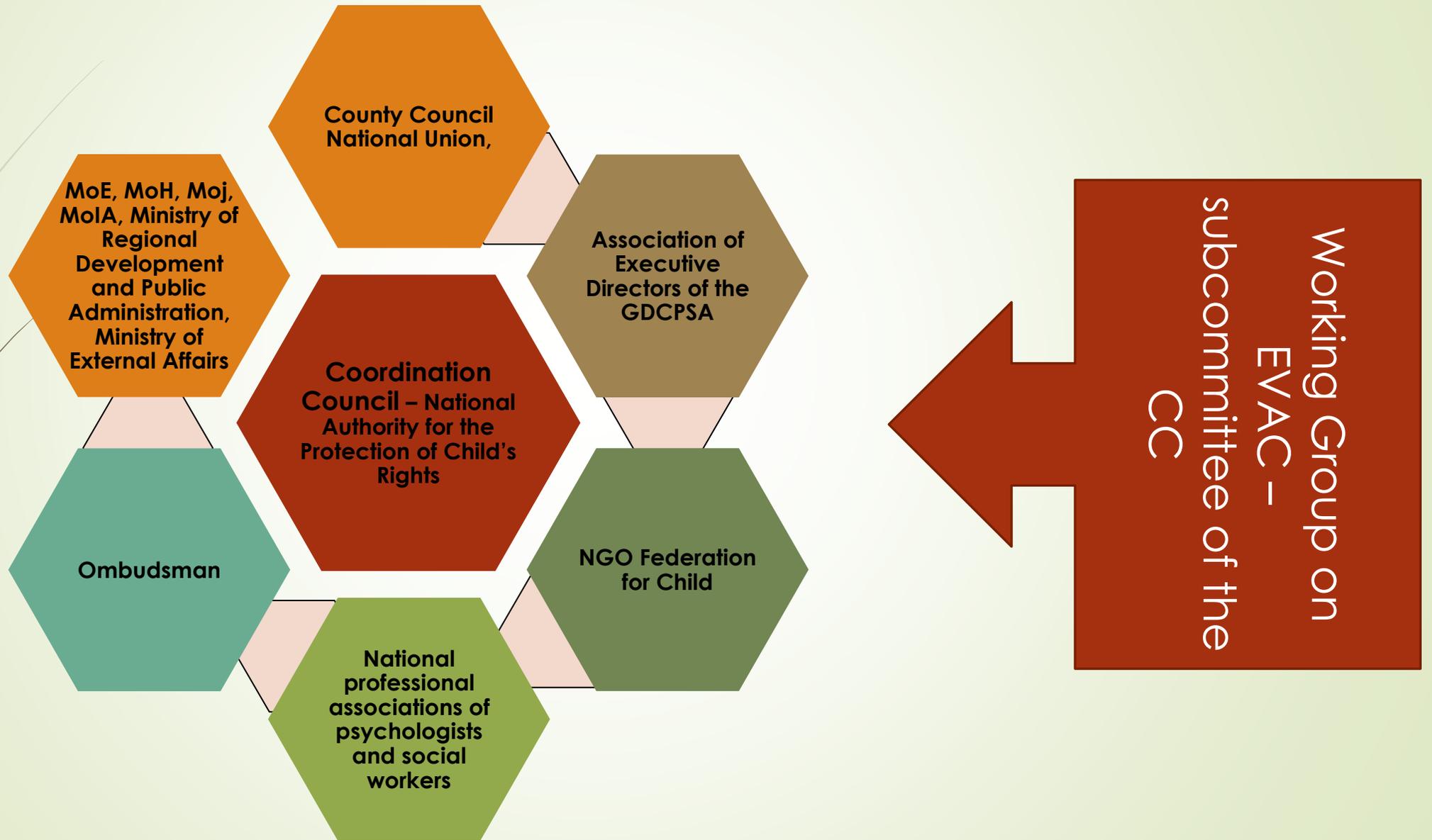


Informed by high quality data, sectoral **National Strategy** was adopted for 2014-2020 **in the area of Child Right's Protection**, concentrating in one of its core four pillars the objectives and measures targeting specifically VAC



National Health and Social Inclusion Strategies approved to support the development of an **integrated community approach** and delivering of a **minimum package of services** aimed to address prevention and combating VAC at grass root level

Consultation and coordination:



Romania became pathfinding country – high level launching event

- To confirm the high profile on political agenda, the GPEVAC was launched nationally in March 2017, in the presence of the Prime Minister, key ministries and civil society



Romania became pathfinding country – information and awareness campaign

- UNICEF in partnership with the Romanian Government launched the fourth year of a multi-annual campaign raising awareness on the forms and consequences of violence against children



Situation at national level:

The child protection system

~ 19,000 in foster care

~ 19,000 children in residential care

~ 19,000 children in family care

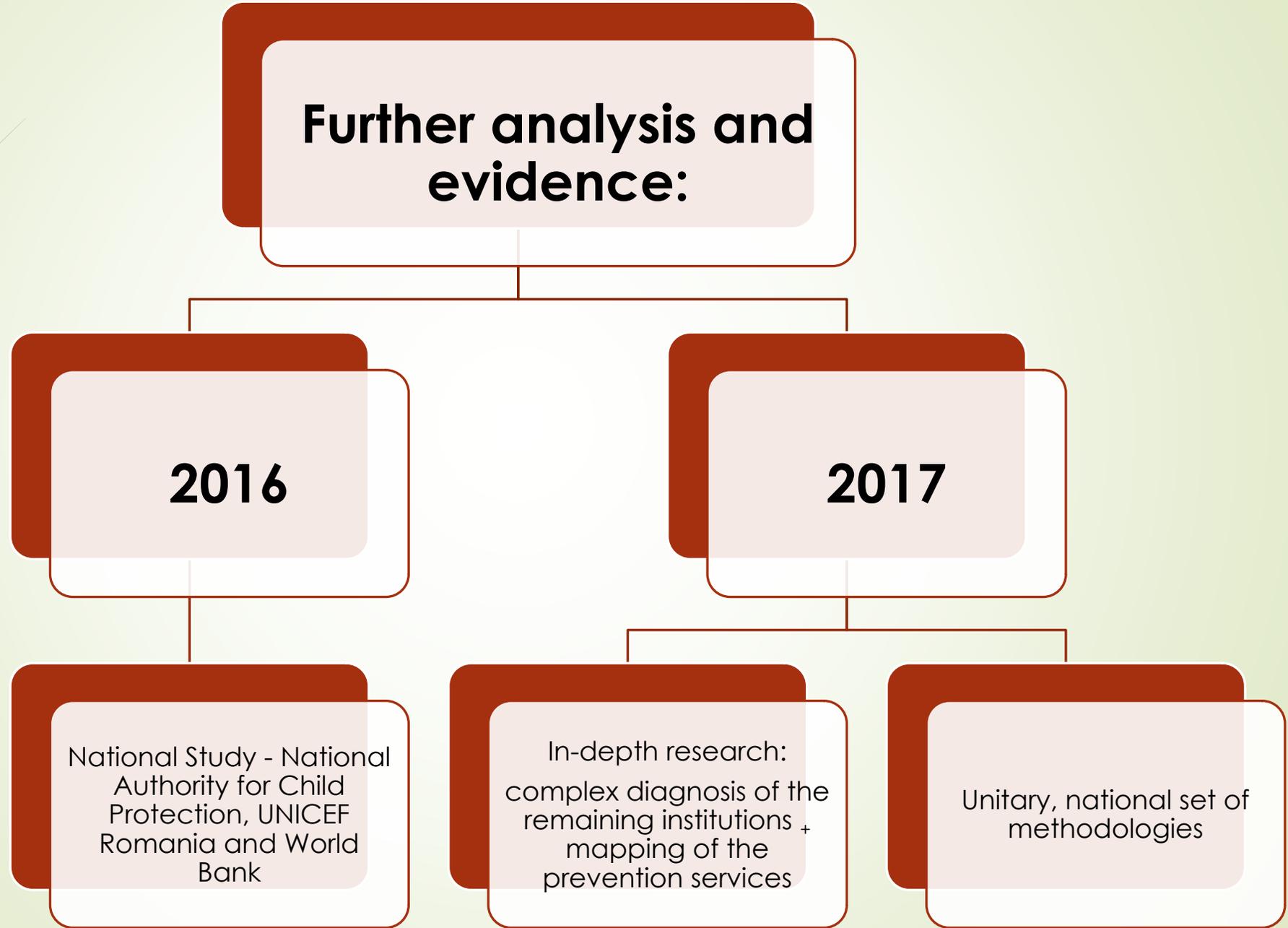
3.698.878 children in Romania



10.000 new entries/year



Further analysis and evidence:



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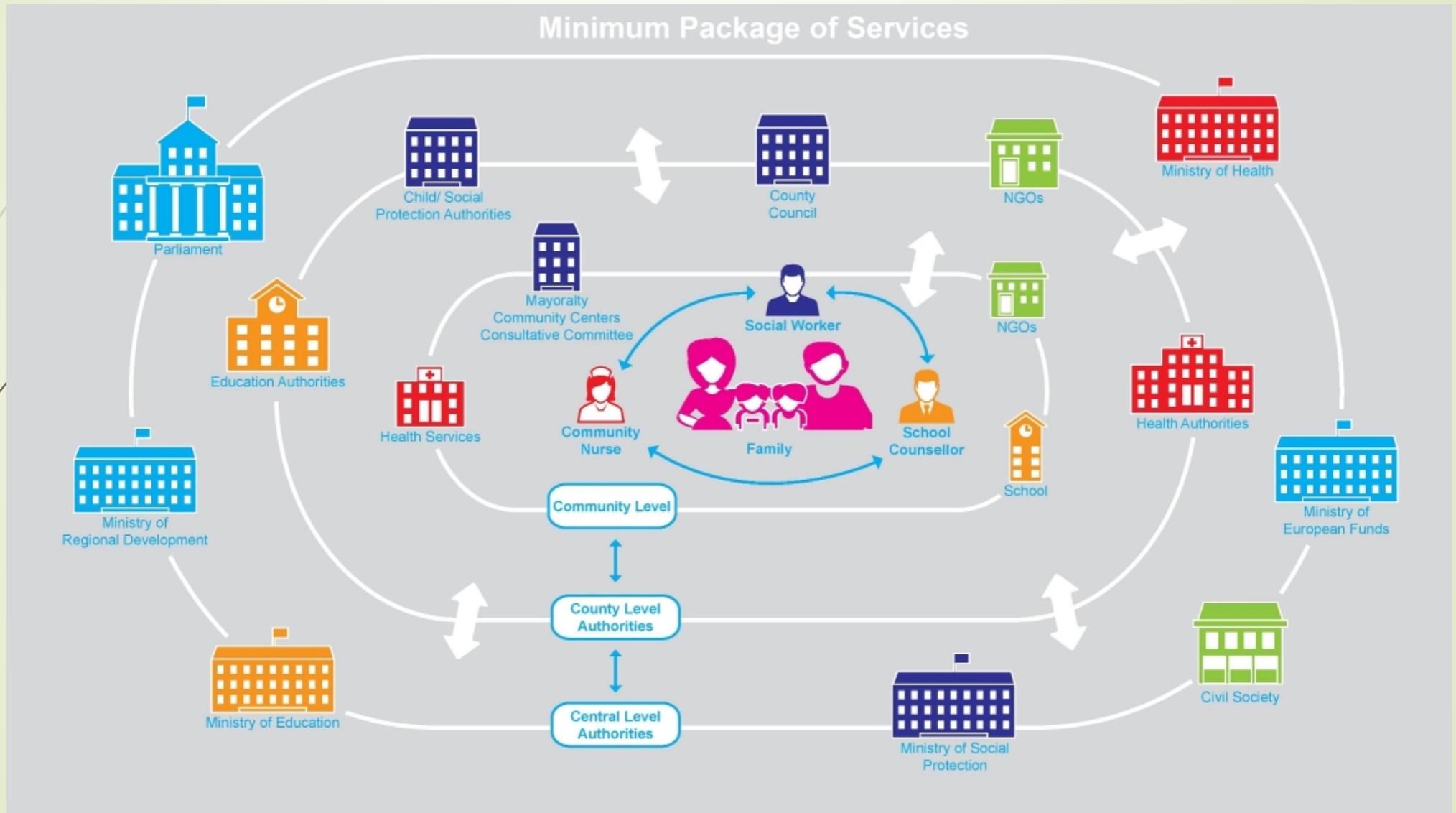
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Unitary, national set of methodologies

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AURORA – an intelligent on-line application

- assuring unitary methodology for identification of vulnerabilities for all children by all community professionals – social workers, community nurses, etc
- facilitating the generation of an integrated services plan for children and their families to be provided by or with support from the community professionals.



Evidence from strategic projects: UNICEF Romania

The Minimum Social Services Package



Evidence from strategic projects: UNICEF Romania

Main results*



93% of the children identified as having no identity documents have now birth certificates and identity cards;



97% of the children who had not been registered with the health insurance system are now registered with a family doctor;



100% of the children identified at risk of family separation continue to live with their families and benefit from the support of the community team and other community members.

* Data available on the 30th of April 2018

Next steps:

- **Drafting, submitting and evaluating projects** for closure of institutions and development of preventive services;
- Considering a **second round of project submission**, should the first one not provide the all the expected planning for closure of all old-style institutions;
- Operationalization of the **minimum package of services** and transferring into practice by hiring at least one social worker in every administration at local level;

Next steps:

- Design a **child monitoring and tracking system** in order to have a clear evidence of both children at risk in the communities and those entering the child protection system;

- **Strengthening the human resources capacity at local level** to properly implement the minimum package of services, do the needs assessment and screening of vulnerabilities, as well as the planning of support services for the vulnerable families.