



# Call results

## COPE Sub-granting scheme 2024 Game with Mum & Dad

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GAME WITH  
MUM & DAD

## Selected beneficiaries

<b>Legal name of organisation</b>	<b>Alternative Sociale Association</b>
EU Member State of establishment	Romania
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad (GWMD)
Description of project	<p>The project aims to pilot the proposed COPE initiative within the Iasi Maximum Security Prison (with a view to be further extended to more children and other prisons).</p> <p>The objectives of the pilot are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To promote GWMD as an effective approach to to maintaining and strengthening trust, love and bonding between children and their parents in prison while maximising direct support for children.</li> <li>- To test/demonstrate the feasibility of the action within the Romanian prison system;</li> <li>- To promote the interest of the children of prisoners with relevant stakeholders, in cooperation with the National College of Social Workers in Romania (NCSW): children, social workers, prison staff, inmates etc.</li> <li>- To further develop the cooperation between Alternative Sociale and the Iasi MSP;</li> </ul> <p>Main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint preparation of activities with Iasi MSP (selection of games – with a view to include boys and girls, guidelines for the organization of the activity, preparation of joint visibility activities for the event);</li> <li>- Selection of 20 children (boys and girls) and of their incarcerated parents – participants in the GWMD activities;</li> <li>- Preparation of the children and parents for the participation in the activity (by AAS social workers);</li> <li>- Campaign design and implementation (TV, radio, social media) – for the promotion of the activity and of the situation of children of prisoners;</li> <li>- Organization of an event in partnership with the National College of Social Workers in Romania (NCSW) for increasing the visibility of the children of prisoners and for discussing barriers and opportunities in the assistance of these children.</li> </ul>
Requested budget ( <i>maximum 9,000 euros</i> )	9,000

<b>Legal name of organisation</b>	<b>Mezinárodní vězeňské společenství, z. s.</b>
EU Member State of establishment	Czechia
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad (GWMD)
Description of project	<p>The "Game with Mum and Dad" project, spearheaded by our organization, aims to strengthen family bonds between incarcerated parents and their children while promoting social inclusion and awareness of the challenges faced by families affected by parental incarceration. Building on our extensive experience in supporting children with imprisoned parents, we will organize a series of impactful activities centered around a football game held within prison walls.</p> <p>This project draws inspiration from our successful "Day with my Child" events, where families are given the opportunity to spend quality time together in a supportive and nurturing environment. In addition to our regular activities such as family lunches and creative games, the "Game with Mum and Dad" project will feature a special football match, bringing together imprisoned parents, their children, and caregivers for a day of fun and bonding.</p> <p>To ensure gender equality and diversity, we will invite both male and female professional football players to lead training sessions and act as referees during the match. This inclusive approach not only promotes gender balance but also provides role models for children of all backgrounds.</p> <p>Furthermore, we will document the event through photographs, capturing the perspectives of children with incarcerated parents. These photographs will be presented at the cross-sectoral event and they will serve as a powerful tool for raising awareness and understanding of the unique challenges faced by these families, amplifying their voices and experiences. Some of the photographs taken will be also distributed to the families and prisoners as a reminder of the time spent together.</p> <p>Following the football game, we will host a cross-sectoral event to showcase the outcomes and discuss the broader implications of our work. This event will bring together stakeholders from various sectors, including government agencies, civil society organizations, and the media, to foster dialogue and collaboration in addressing the needs of children with incarcerated parents.</p> <p>Through these activities, the "Game with Mum and Dad" project aims to create a supportive and inclusive environment for families affected by parental incarceration, while also advocating for their rights and promoting social change on a broader scale.</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	9,000

<b>Legal name of organisation</b>	<b>Exodus Netherlands Foundation</b>
EU Member State of establishment	Netherlands
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad by FC Emmen and FC Utrecht
Description of project	<p>The 'Game with Mum &amp; Dad' is part of the regular autumn camp for children with parents in prison organised at Veenhuizen and Nieuwegein prisons. This ensures that this game becomes a regular part of the programme. The aforementioned prisons have been working with the professional football clubs FC Emmen and FC Utrecht for years. They will provide trainers, role models and match outfits for this project to take its impact to a much higher level. Well-known street footballer Edward van Gils will also play a role. He is known to children as a 'figure' in the PS4 game FIFA. The children who will participate in the autumn camp will be involved in the organisation of the competition. Together with the experienced trainers of the football clubs and Edward van Gils, they will not only determine the rules of the competition, but also the further details surrounding this competition. This includes participation in the football clinic before the match, the role of the football club's mascot, which snacks and drinks are desired and what role the children and fathers will play on that day. The 'FC Emmen' and 'FC Utrecht' brand will play a big role on the day of the match. All children and dads will receive a football kit from these clubs and around the pitch there will be flags and banners of the clubs, 'game with mum and dad' and 'Europe'. Before the match, football clinics will be held by the trainers and Edward van Gils to prepare everyone for the match. Once the match starts, the children and fathers will feel proud as they enter the field in FC Emmen/FC Utrecht attire and are cheered on by invitees and prison staff. The children may also invite one or more 'outside supporters' (such as grandparents or a boyfriend/girlfriend). This match will forever leave an indelible impression on children and fathers alike!</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	9,000

<b>Legal name of organisation</b>	<b>Hoppenbank e.V.</b>
EU Member State of establishment	Germany
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad
Description of project	<p>Hoppenbank e.V. is an organisation for assistance for prisoners from Bremen. We work locally and with local organisations and the city department. We want to carry out the "GWMD" project in cooperation with the prison in Bremen. Social workers, prison staff as well as sports officials and volunteers will work together. We want to offer 4 events in the prison during the project period for 25 people each - families, incarcerated fathers with children and mothers. The events take place in the prison, in the sports hall and possibly in an outdoor area on the prison grounds so that the family can play undisturbed. During the individual events there are ball sports tournaments with mixed teams of fathers and children. The ball sport is football, but for children who cannot or do not want to play football, there is badminton or a netball game as an alternative. All children are included - regardless of their language, gender and health - so that every child can experience a wonderful day with their parents. At the same time the mothers can go into an exchange to other partners of prisoners, take a break and get advice. In addition, a football book will be read aloud and there will be snacks and a football quiz during the breaks.</p> <p>Afterwards there will be an evaluation of the events and a presentation at a network meeting of the prisoner support system of the state of Bremen. The prison management, representatives of the departments, the justice department, NGOs, other authorities such as the probation service are present. We want to pass on the importance and effectiveness of this work to the decision-makers to appeal to a systematization of the event. This means that the event can be pursued sustainably and carried out even after the project period has expired. During the event, the children can actively participate in the games, choose the divisions of the teams, and choose activities during breaks to enjoy with their parents.</p> <p>We want to create a press report about the events and to show a broad public what family-related help for parents in prison can be.</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	8,716 €



<b>Legal name of organisation</b>	<b>Małopolskie Stowarzyszenie Probacja – Probacja Association</b>
EU Member State of establishment	Poland
Title of the project	Game with Mum & Dad
Description of project	<p>Probacja Association is a local NGO which aims to protect the rights of children whose parents are serving sentences of imprisonment in Poland. As a member organisation of Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE), it stays actively in line with COPE's vision "every child should be guaranteed fair, impartial treatment, protection of their rights and equal opportunities regardless of their social, economic or cultural heritage". Probacja Association has for many years been active in improving the situation of children of prisoners and integrating families affected by penitentiary isolation, conducting various family programmes in penitentiary units of the Krakow district and working with children and families in their local communities.</p> <p>Last year we ran a pilot program "Game with Mum &amp; Dad" in one prison in Kraków and it was a great success, however the financing of the project was the biggest issue. A film was produced to show the outcomes of the project and it was shown in the Regional Prison Service among all directors from all 10 prisons in the region. With the financial help from the sub – granting this year we are planning to expand the project to 3 other prisons, 4 in total would take part in the game, 2 half open prisons with games outside the prisons and 2 higher security prisons with games taking place on the prison grounds. The participants are both imprisoned fathers and mothers who will play together with their daughters and sons. We will ensure that the game is also welcoming children with special needs and of minority backgrounds. We believe that all children have the same rights.</p> <p>The outcomes of this project will be presented in the National Prison Service and the Ministry of Justice with a presence of Child Ombudsperson. The main actors of this meeting will be representatives of children who took part in the games, so their voice can be heard. The aim of the meeting is to raise awareness of the rights of the children affected by parental imprisonment and to promote the project so it can be implemented in other prisons around Poland in the near future.</p>
Requested budget (maximum 9,000 euros)	9,000 €