

Medical Centre: Viscri, Romania



Basic restoration and re-development of building, which is then to be stocked with basic but modern medical equipment.

A venue for regular, frequently offered medical care and training to villagers.

Beneficiaries: Inhabitants of Viscri and nearby villages of Transylvania and passing tourists if and when the need arises.

Project Implementation: The Medical Trust & Mihai Eminescu Trust

Co-implementer: Local council (Bunesti)

Timespan: Immediate implementation over 1 year.

Estimated Cost: £20,000

Partners: Local council of Bunesti, The Mihai Eminescu Trust Filiala Viscri

Origin: Originated from the need of rural healthcare in Romania (which is one of the objectives of The Medical Trust).

1. Title of the Project

The 'Gabriel Lambescu' Medical Centre, Viscri.

2. Location of the Project and Area of Coverage

The village of Viscri and the South-central part of Transylvania, Romania. In a naturally coherent area, with a network of interlaced narrow valleys: it is a dense cultural landscape with a large number of small Saxon villages in which the World Heritage sites of 'Sighisoara and the Saxon Villages with fortified churches' lie. Basically, it resembles a pre-enclosure England.

2. Justification

- There is not any kind of medical centre or hospital for about 20 miles.
- Medical care for villagers and holidaymakers in the area is non-existent. The Doctor has refused to come regularly, due to transport cost and lack of a venue/facilities. For non-employees of a company there is no such thing as an (even visiting) General Practitioner
- The project, if successfully completed and running, is replicable in other villages of Transylvania, should they wish it.

4. Activities of the Project

- Establishment of a medical centre.
- Modern basic medical equipment stocked.
- Caretaker / receptionist employed to be in situ: to guard the property and the supplies of 'stock'.
- TMT to organize long-term lease (or purchase?) of the building and MET to oversee it's renovation.
- Regular visits by a qualified doctor.
- Training and certification: to run a programme of certification and training for villagers in First Aid and child care.
- To then ask the villagers, after a year of operation, some questions – should it continue? How could it be improved? What sources of sustainable income could be used?

5. Inputs

- 1 part-time doctor / 1 caretaker & receptionist / 1 part-time project manager UK / at least one local village councillor to oversee.
- TMT Financial / MET Materials.
- An historic building in the village of Viscri (presently owned by the council). It has been unused for about 20 years.

6. Requirements from outside the project

- Finance
- MET-trained building restoration personnel
- Trained medical staff, TMT finance and time