

**PROJECT TITLE:** Ophthalmological Clinic for Older People in Soroca

**OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT:** the creation and operation of an ophthalmological diagnostic clinic for the elderly in the Soroca district, which provides diagnosis, prophylaxis (with expensive eye drops and other drugs to inhibit cataracts and glaucoma), operations (cataract and glaucoma), measuring the parameters for glasses, providing glasses and treating the blind elderly with various means.

For several years, SOARTA Public Association implemented this project to increase the level of information and awareness of the population about eye diseases, the importance of knowing the behavioral risk factors that can favor the appearance of ophthalmological disorders, and the importance of timely screening examinations for the detection of ophthalmological conditions and ophthalmological examinations.

Services provided **FREE** by the Public Association FATE within this project for all beneficiaries:

- diagnosis of patients
- free investigation
- granting free medicines
- giving free glasses
- free shipping upon consultation by qualified specialists
- free cataract and glaucoma surgery
- Informing patients about protective measures and preservation of vision

Through the implementation of this project, we tried to detect and diagnose more patients who face vision problems, as well as to improve the quality of life of the elderly.

Regular check-ups are essential, even for people without apparent symptoms. Eye problems can develop slowly, and early detection is key to preventing complications. Optometry ensures optimal vision and improves overall eye health, preventing long-term problems.

During the six years of this project's activity, SOARTA Public Association helped over 3,500 people of age receive continuous treatment, distributed over 20,000 pairs of glasses, and restored sight to more than 578 older adults through operations performed in one or both eyes.