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The Ministry of Health has assigned an amount of ROL 18 billion for the year 2004 for the Improvement of the Structures and Services of Neonatology Program (RoNeoNat).

This program unreels since 2002, when the Romanian Government and the Swiss Government signed a co-operation protocol which is implemented in two areas: Mures and Iasi, respectively the counties Mures, Harghita and Iasi, Vaslui, Neamt.

The authors of the programs have as objective the rehabilitation of the infrastructures inside of the obstetrics-gynecology and newborns' departments, the personnel training in the framework of neonatology, obstetrics-gynecology and pediatric surgery departments and the procurement of the useful equipments needed for the adjustment at the international quality standards in the field of specialty health service.

Also, for increasing the quality of neonatology services, it was proposed the creation of guidelines and protocols, the implementation of a follow-up program for newborns after NICU treatment, the implementation of public information campaigns, as well as for the specialists in the field, regarding the access to these services; the creation of a database related information system and the establishment of a transport system appropriate to neonatology emergency need.

The Ministry of Health, together with the World’s Bank, intend unreeling a similar program at the national level.

The Health Minister, dr. Ovidiu Brinzan, engaged himself that during the short period till the mandate end, he will start the improvement program for the standards of the maternity, women and children care in the whole country services.

« We would like to have as many healthy children as possible, which should have the chance of a beautiful life inside the natural family. We also want to decrease the number of abandoned children and to the one in the institutions we want to offer them the opportunity of growing up in a healthy environment through familial emplacement » dr. Ovidiu Brinzan, Health minister, has announced.
PART OF THE MoH ORDER REGARDING THE NATIONAL PROGRAM no 3 „MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH”, APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE:

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INTERVENTION NO 17: REHABILITATION OF OBSTETRICAL CARE AND NEW BORN CARE.

OBJECTIVE 1. REHABILITATION OF OBSTETRICAL FACILITIES AND NEW BORN FACILITIES. OBJECTIVE 2. REHABILITATION OF THE FACILITIES INCLUDED INTO THE RONeonat PROGRAM

Activities
♦ Infrastructure rehabilitation: compartments, electricity, medical gases, heating etc., newborn intensive care units, surgical rooms, delivery rooms and related rooms.
♦ Instruments and equipment procurement; needed materials for activities above; ambulances procurement for each regional centers, Iasi and Tg-Mures
♦ Development of rooming-in system
♦ Organizing emergency neonatal transport
♦ Continuing education for personnel within the newborns units
♦ Others activities which are the romanian part responsibility within the RoNeonat Program

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