

Information to the Questionnaire
on recent adjustments of public expenditure and the impact
on those living in extreme poverty

Question 3:

In the view of increasing the efficiency and better distribution of non-contributive social benefits (cash benefits), has been decided to frozen the entrance and the indexation of the quota of the "nominal compensations" (a category based social benefit). Thus, by Law nr.135-XVIII of 29 December 2009 the Parliament adopted amendments to the Law on special social protection of some categories of population nr. 933-XIV of 14 April 2000, according to which, starting 1st January 2010, has been stopped the registration of new beneficiaries to the system and frozen the quota of nominal compensations. This brought to cease of payments of about 20 thousand new beneficiaries.

Question 7:

For diminishing the impact of the crisis the government decided to increase the minimum guaranteed income to the extreme poverty level, forecasted for year 2010 (530 lei). This level is fixed up to 4% for 2010, taking into account the rate of population under extreme poverty threshold. About 59 thousand disadvantaged families have benefitted in 2010 of at least one social assistance aid, and the costs for payment of this benefit from the State Budget constituted about 284mln. lei.

Question 10:

In the view of supporting the population in the cold season of the year 2010, has been adopted the Law nr.15-XVIII of 26 February 2010 on Social compensations for the cold period of year 2010, by which have been provided social assistance compensations to disadvantaged persons and families, in the quota of 130 lei.

During *January - February* 2010 about 170 thousand persons (of which 112 thousand pensioners, 28.2 thousand employees with small salaries of categories I-VII) benefitted of social aid. The total costs constituted 114mln. lei. During *November-December* period of year 2010 benefitted about 500 thousand pensioners. beneficiaries of social allowances, invalidity pensions smaller than 900 lei, the total value of this has been estimated to 190mln. lei.