

Urological infections	4	5	7	2	18
Skin infections	2	8	5	6	23
Cardiovascular diseases			18	7	25
Arthritis, discopathy	1	1	14	4	20
Eye infections	1	1	1	4	7
Parasitic intestinal diseases	1	3	7		11
Lice	2	18			20
Traumas	2	5	2	1	10
Rubeola	0	1	5	2	11
Others	2	4	11	23	66
Total	39	91	194	70	616

Number of children seen: 324; number of adults seen: 292

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Number of patients directed to specialists – children: 23; adults: 29

Total: 52

The MSF team developed and introduced a system to ensure that all the children in the neighborhood will be included in the mandatory vaccination program. Everyone subject to vaccination is informed in advance and in case they don't show up in the primary health unit, Roma NGO activists are obliged to find them and bring them in for vaccination. As a result of this nearly 100% of the children in the neighborhood have been vaccinated (several months ago a fine was introduced for general practitioners who have failed to inoculate the children they treat). Delicing campaigns were also organized among the children in the neighborhood.

Currently these activities are carried out by three family physicians who as of January 1, 2000 serve 3000 patients from the neighborhood.

Providing free medicines for the neediest patients of the primary healthcare unit in Malcho Malchev District

From the very opening of the primary healthcare unit we decided that we would provide free medicines for the neediest patients. A research conducted in the Turgovishte hospital revealed that the inhabitants of the Roma neighborhood are hospitalized twice as often compared to the rest of the populations. This was explained by the fact that patients are unable to follow the prescribed treatment even when it comes to common diseases, because they cannot afford to buy the medicines, which the doctor advised them to take. A list of lifesaving medicines, pro-