

**The Front behind the Front.
Health Care, Women and Children in World War I**
(Abstract)

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The home front was an important part of the war effort of the Romanian state during the First World War. Behind the front there were real struggles to survive the wounded under the close coordination of Queen Maria. Under the auspices of the Red Cross, the National Society of Orthodox Women and Research, the work of helping orphans, the needy and injured in hospitals has had beneficial effects on the optimism of soldiers on the front and the civilian population.

Iași and surrounding areas have undergone a complete process of transformation, as most of the city's schools and monasteries have been converted into hospitals. In these rooms, poorly equipped for such sanitary facilities, hygiene conditions were precarious and food and medication insufficient. The high society ladies who acted as volunteers in Iași hospitals played an important role in maintaining the optimism of the injured.

In the new capital of the country, several charity actions were organized to raise funds to help refugees and war orphans. The money received from the Royal House, government, and private individuals were used to build orphanages and canteens for the needy. Thanks to these actions, the refugee population in Iași managed to survive and believe in the realization of the national ideal.

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