

**PRECISE ANALYSIS WITH NEW APARATUS PROVIDED BY USAID & CHF**



*Dr Milenkovic and his colleague standing next to "Imo light" provided by USAID and CHF*



*New analysis show that Anita Nikolic from Vladicin Han will have health baby*

NIS, JUNE 2004: Anita Nikolic from Vladicin Han is in early 30's years. In Public Health Institutes in Nis and Vranje she had tocseoplasmic analysis done. The diagnosis said that she has virus presence in organism. At that time Anita was in early period of her pregnancy. The tests were run three times and each time the results were positive. This is why Anita had an abortion. But, her wish to become a mother brought her to a private clinic *Gineka Lab* in Vranje.

People of U.S.A. trough US Agency for International Development (USAID) and partner organization CHF International provided this laboratory with *Imo Light* device. This apparatus have made possible for people from Pcinja region to do precise hormonal analyses, necessary for sterility therapy, tumor marker tests and tocseoplasmic test for virus detection in organism. This piece of equipment, one of the latest technical achievements in this field, arrived in Vranje in January 2004, and it has created a possibility for faster and more precise health controls for pregnant women.

Dr Aleksandar Milenkovic expert and the owner of the *Gineka Lab* clinic says that the causes of sterility are easier to be detected with new equipment. "It was not unusual during first six months of this year that couples that have been trying for more than 10 years to have a child finally succeed and women became pregnant".

For purchase of this device, Dr Milenkovic collected 1/3 of necessary funds. According to contract with CHF, it was agreed that Health Centers from remote municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac, Trgoviste, Bosilegrad and Surdulica are allowed to use services of *Gineka Lab* clinic free of charge in total value of 25% of device's cost.

"Bosilegrad is very far from Vranje. We would like to create a possibility that our patients should not have to go to Vranje, but to take their analysis's samples here which would be sent to *Gineka Lab*" – said Dr Dragan Angelov from Bosilegrad Health Care Center.

More than 100 analyses have been done so far. Citizens of Vranje claim that costs of these analyses are lower than in other private laboratories.

After visit to *Gineka Lab* Anita Nikolic received completely different results. The tests were negative which means that the diagnosis was complete absence of viruses in organism. Conclusion was that unnecessary abortion had been done!

These and similar situations are not consequences of medical professional's ignorance, but laboratory analysis devices which are 10 to 15 years old.

In order to avoid mistakes, people of Pcinja district have where to go now! By purchasing Imo Light, values proclaimed in USAID/CHF's CRDA Reproductive Health program slogan seem more reachable: "It is easy now when we know how!"