

## REPORT

### on communal pharmaceutical waste collecting

2020

The most important factor which influenced our activity during 2020 was the COVID pandemic.

Starting in April the quantity of the collected waste has dramatically decreased as a consequence of the strict general lockdown. The people who stood in line at the pharmacies were simply not in the mood to take back the expired medicines to the collecting points.

As a consequence, in the second quarter of 2020 the total quantity of an entire month was missing. However, by midsummer life returned to normal and the quantity of collected pharmaceutical waste started to increase rapidly. In the summer our turnover has grown dramatically so by the end of the year we finally reached our target.

This hectic movement put a strain on our collecting, transport and treatment system and network, but they successfully handled the 30-40 per cent higher quantities of the autumn months as well.

Quantities of pharmaceutical waste during the past years:

Business year	Quantity/kg	Monthly average/kg
2008	173.939	14.495
2009	175.327	14.611
2010	196.205	16.350
2011	205.725	17.144
2012	222.660	18.555
2013	237.392	19.783
2014	244.600	20.383
2015	264.150	22.012
2016	275.812	22.984
2017	281.587	23.465
2018	305.566	25.464
2019	340.624	28.385
2020	338.399	28.200

Our collection system, which is based on pharmacies and wholesalers remained unchanged in the last year. We collected communal pharmaceutical waste at 4000 collecting points – mainly in pharmacies.

In 2020 our budget was HUF 259,9 million, from which 209 million covered the direct costs of the collection and the rest financed the overhead costs of Recyclomed and the promotion costs as well.

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