

UNDP Economic, Social and Environmental Resilience Programme for the Republic of Moldova

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The Republic of Moldova is affected by the war in Ukraine in multiple ways, political, economic, social, and environmental. The influx of refugees has been substantial. More than 450,000 refugees, mostly women and children, have fled to Moldova since the onset of the war. This is equivalent of 15 percent of Moldova's population.

In addition, the country is facing a compound crisis of energy and food security, curtailed economic growth, limited institutional capacities and divisions in the society which threaten its resilience to external challenges. Early UNDP projections suggest that more than 30 percent of the population in Moldova could be living below the poverty line, and 54 percent of individuals could face high risks of falling into poverty within the next twelve months as a result of the war in Ukraine.

These complex humanitarian, development and peace challenges underscore the importance of programming that responds to the multiple dimensions of the crisis and strengthens the resilience of institutions and society to cope with multiple and mutually reinforcing shocks and uncertainties.

The UNDP Economic, Social and Environmental Resilience Programme for Moldova is grounded in partnership with sister UN entities and capitalizes on UNDP's integrator role within the UN Development System, working with the UN Country Team and supporting the Government in national strategies and development initiatives that are geared to respond to complex multidimensional challenges.

UNDP is also fully integrated within the UN humanitarian architecture, including the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP). UNDP co-chairs, together with the State Chancellery, the working group on Livelihoods and Inclusion, and is a member of RRP working groups.

COUNTRY NEEDS AND CHALLENGES



INCREASED POVERTY



UNPRECEDENTED REFUGEE INFLUX AND RETURN MIGRATION



STRAINED PUBLIC SERVICES



DEEP ENERGY CRISIS



UNFOLDING FOOD SECURITY CRISIS



ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION

UNDP STRENGTHS AND STRATEGY



EXTENSIVE NATIONWIDE PRESENCE



TRUSTED PARTNERSHIPS AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING IN THE TRANSNISTRIAN REGION AND GAGAUZIA



STRONG PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS



MULTIDIMENSIONAL AND SYSTEMS APPROACH TO COMPOUND CRISIS



TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EXPERTISE



LEAD ON CLIMATE CHANGE, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

FOUR PILLARS OF SUPPORT

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE

- Strengthen capacities at national and local levels for evidence-based and participative policy formulation and built socio-economic resilience.
- Support the design and implementation of social and economic reforms for tackling key socio-economic vulnerabilities generated by the compounded crisis.
- Enhance productive capacities and competitiveness of MSMEs, whilst promoting formal and decent work, and a transition towards a more digital and greener economy.

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LIVELIHOODS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION

- Improve access to public services for refugees, return migrants and host communities
- Provide gender-responsive livelihoods and income-generating solutions for refugees, return migrants and host communities
- Support national and local governments in creating an enabling environment for the socio-economic inclusion of refugees, return migrants and vulnerable host communities, with the active engagement of the private sector, the diaspora and other relevant stakeholders.
- Strengthen social bonds through community-based initiatives and ensure safe and equal access to justice for all.

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ENERGY, FOOD SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

- Enhance capacities to tackle the current energy crisis and energy poverty, while addressing systemic elements in the energy sector to cope with potential future shocks
- Promote sustainable agriculture-related livelihoods through improved food production, food security and income opportunities.
- Promote green solutions and practices in key sustainable development sectors of Moldova.

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GOVERNANCE, RULE OF LAW AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

- Strengthen capacities to deliver core government functions, develop and implement evidence-based policies, focusing on the needs of the most vulnerable groups.
- Enhance rule of law, access to justice and human security, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable groups
- Promote transparency and participatory processes for public finance management at central and local levels

UNDP is helping increase the resilience of the Republic of Moldova and mitigate further shocks in the region by acting now.