



DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS AND HEALTHY BEHAVIORS OF STUDENTS IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (VET) & TRAINING FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND JOB READINESS

Project Fact Sheet



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The project suggests a concurrent investment in life skills-based health education, creation of safe spaces in vocational educational institutions and workplaces, as well as in empowering young people to develop healthy behavior, address gender stereotypes and prevent gender-based violence among young people. On the long term, the project will contribute to increasing the number of young people who possess relevant skills, including soft and vocational skills, that are essential for employment, decent jobs (SDG4) and ending all forms of violence against girls and women in public and in private spheres. It will contribute to ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services, including family planning, information and education for a healthy and prosperous generation (SDG3).

AT A GLANCE

Period:

January 2020 – November 2022

Budget:

700 411 Euro

Engagement:

12 VET institutions, including 4 in Chisinau and 8 in Cahul, Nisporeni, Rezina, Orhei, Edineț, Rîșcani, Bălți;
9 business companies working with the selected VET institutions within dual education.

Beneficiaries:

6000 young people (including 95 students with disabilities), parents, VET institution staff, private companies

WHAT MAKES THIS PROJECT SPECIAL?

Unlike other projects that have targeted only technical and professional development of the VET students, the project responds to various challenges faced by the young people engaged in the VET system concerning their employment or self-employment.

Limited access to information and education on such subjects as human rights, healthy lifestyle and life-skills based health education in schools and communities, has caused serious misconceptions about gender equity and generated risky health behaviors among young people. Female VET students from rural areas or vulnerable backgrounds are more likely to either drop out of school or enter the labour market later due to unplanned pregnancies or experience of gender-based violence. The statistics show that one out of three young women in Moldova has experienced at least one form of gender-based violence. Also, according to statistics, the adolescent pregnancy rate in Moldova remains high (31 cases per 1,000 girls), in particular among girls from rural areas.

