The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the lead United Nations agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

This newsletter reflects the activity of the UNFPA Moldova Office during the month of August 2023.

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**Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights**
UNFPA Moldova signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health for 2023-2027

The memorandum focuses on strengthening cooperation in ensuring universal access to quality sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning, information and education, as well as the implementation of the policy framework in this area. Thus, the document provides for the collaboration of the parties in order to intensify measures to improve access and quality of services regarding family planning, prevention of cervical cancer, prophylaxis of HIV infection in groups of population with increased risk of infection, clinical management of cases of sexual violence.

Find out more details

Life-Saving equipment donated by UNFPA Moldova to the National Center for Prehospital Emergency Medical Assistance

These devices empower medical personnel to swiftly and efficiently administer first aid to individuals facing cardio-respiratory arrest, regardless of whether they are adults or children. Defibrillators are also crucial for patients with severe cardiac arrhythmias, as their application enables the restoration of normal heart rhythm and the prevention of fatal outcomes.

Read more
The global „AccessAbility Innovation Challenge” competition announced its winners. A participant from the Republic of Moldova is among them.

Infonet Alliance from the Republic of Moldova is one of the four winning organizations globally, which received a grant from UNFPA in a competition on the rights and reproductive health of people with disabilities. The organization applied and obtained funding for the continuous development of the podcast „Overcoming Prejudices” created by the journalist Mariana Țibuleac, who dispells misinformation about disability conditions and associated challenges.

More details

Population and Demographic Resilience
The National Bureau of Statistics launches the pilot Census in 11 localities of Moldova, with the support of the European Union and UNFPA

Starting from August 28, the PILOT Census of the population and housing (CPH) will be conducted in 11 localities in the Republic of Moldova. For the first time, the census will be carried out using tablets, applying modern methods of data collection. The Pilot Census will be conducted till October 10 2023, and represents an important stage in the preparation process for the national population and housing census planned for the year 2024, which will be conducted with the financial and technical support of the European Union and UNFPA.

Find out more about the pilot census
The second wave of the Generations & Gender Survey will begin in the fall of the current year

Approximately 9,000 people were invited to participate repeatedly in the second wave of the Generations & Gender study, which is to take place in the fall of 2023 to monitor demographic changes, such as the realization of the population's reproductive intentions, emigration intentions, satisfaction with own life, etc.

Learn more

Gender Equality & Ending Gender Based Violence

A comprehensive review of response services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence will be conducted in the Republic of Moldova

This is the first step in developing an integrated package of violence response services in line with the country's national programs and international commitments, which aim to reduce cases of violence to zero. For the first time, the document will also contain the perspective of survivors of violence, refugees from Ukraine, but also how accessible the response services are and how they react in crisis situations.

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Joint campaign „Break the Silence. We Stand by You” concludes, reaching women and refugees all around the country

The campaign spread a clear message of zero tolerance of all forms of gender based violence and raised awareness of the refugee and host communities on the existing prevention and response services to gender-based violence in the Republic of Moldova. Through a series of community outreach events, media partnerships and social media engagement, the partners built on the ongoing dialogue about the issue, invited service-providers and communities to create a supportive environment and raised awareness about the existing services.

Adolescents and Youth Empowerment
UNFPA strengthens partnership with the Ministry of Education and Research to empower young people through school and out of school education

The UNFPA Resident Representative to the Republic of Moldova, Nigina Abaszada, discussed with the Minister of Education and Research, Dan Perciun, the priorities of the education system, and UNFPA's assistance in the context of the Country Program 2023-2027. UNFPA reiterated its support for the continuation of the systemic interventions to empower adolescents and young people in the Republic of Moldova through formal education and out-of-school activities.

Find out other areas of support

The „Train of Youth“ gathered young people from all over the country in Ungheni to celebrate the International Youth Day
A special train run with the destination Chișinău-Ungheni was launched on August 12, for one day, to symbolically mark the International Youth Day (ZIT) 2023. The „Train of Youth” gathered over 200 young people and representatives of organizations of youth from several districts of the country and set off for Ungheni - Youth Capital 2023, where the national event celebrating young people, with the generic „Explore your potential” took place. During the trip, the young people participated in interactive activities, including quizzes, board games, team activities.

UNFPA embraces femtech to boost period awareness in the Republic of Moldova

In June of 2022, the UNFPA London office initiated a partnership with UK-based femtech (a category of products and services that use technology often to focus on women’s health) start-up IMMI to provide 250 girls and young women aged between 13 and 25 years old with smart watches to track their menstrual cycles. The six-month trial took place in the Republic of Moldova and Burkina Faso, and is linked to UNFPA’s work with governments to implement comprehensive sexuality education in schools and through community-based training and outreach.

Recent Publications

Study on assessing the fiscal and employment benefits on gender equality through institutionalized childcare services in the Republic of Moldova
The primary purpose of the study is to provide data and evidence on the costs and benefits of institutionalizing childcare services within the Republic of Moldova to support the development and implementation of the National Programme on childcare for children under 3 years old and policy and legal amendments on family-friendly arrangements in public and private sectors.

Read the full study [here](https://example.com).