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

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Every woman and girl has the right to feel safe in any environment, including digital space. We have teamed up with partners for the **Bodyright campaign** to end any form of online violence both globally and in the Republic of Moldova.

Dr. Nigina Abaszada
UNFPA Moldova Resident Representative

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Interview with Nigina Abaszada: UNFPA "Bodyright" Campaign is safeguarding dignity in the digital age

Having your image taken, manipulated and shared without permission is a violation of dignity, and leaves a lasting impact just like all forms of gender-based violence. We all deserve safety in both the physical and virtual worlds. UNFPA joins the survivors of violence from all around the world who are stepping up to stop the misuse and abuse and to make technology safe for everyone. The Bodyright campaign is a global movement led by UNFPA to end digital violence, and we're proud to bring it more boldly to the Republic of Moldova.

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The power of music for social change: Nigina Abaszada meets Dara, the Ambassador of "Bodyright" campaign in Moldova

Dara, a popular artist in Moldova, and "Bodyright" campaign Ambassador, visited the UNFPA Office in Chișinău, where she met the UNFPA team members. Nigina Abaszada, the Resident Representative, appreciated Dara's support to the #bodyright campaign and her active involvement in combating digital violence. She mentioned that the song "Neiubire Virtuală" (Virtual Unlove) was appreciated not only in Moldova, but also at the international level, handling the artist a diploma of gratitude for her outstanding contribution to the fight against violence.

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2023, a year in review: UNFPA and partners review progress and acknowledges results for people's rights and choices

The results of UNFPA Moldova's work throughout the year 2023 were discussed together with implementing partners at a public event, bringing together

representatives from central authorities, civil society, and the UNFPA team. Together, we celebrated the successes achieved in promoting sexual and reproductive health, empowering young people, combating gender-based violence, and strengthening demographic resilience. UNFPA thanked all partners for their commitment and hard work during the year, while they appreciated the significant contribution of UNFPA programs to the development of the Republic of Moldova and the improvement of people's lives.

[See the results](#)



Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights



Beyond appearances: Public dialogue on the rights of sex workers in Moldova

The topic related to the rights of sex workers is not new for the Republic of Moldova. Three years ago, the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was concerned about the practices of criminalizing sex workers and the absence of programs to exit prostitution in the Republic of Moldova. The government received several recommendations for strengthening the rights of commercial sex workers, and civil society pledged to contribute to raise awareness on the issues faced by this group.

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Learning to Plan Anew: Natalia's Journey as a Ukrainian Refugee Giving Birth in Moldova

Natalia Ucreniuc, a refugee woman from Ukraine, embarked on a new chapter of her life in Moldova, leaving behind Cernăuți town, just four months ago. Together with her partner, they made the decision to bring their child into the world in Moldova, where this week, they welcomed their eagerly awaited baby boy named Adrian-David, born on St. Andrew's Day, on 13th of December, at the Mother and Child Institute in Chișinău.

[Read Natalia's story](#)



Population and Demographic Resilience



Additional support measures during the cold season for vulnerable Moldovans

The Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Alexei Buzu, presented a new package of additional support measures for the population during the cold season. Thus, 67,711 beneficiaries of four vulnerable categories will receive a one-time payment of 3,000 or 5,000 lei, depending on the category, forming a total budget of 226 million lei for these support measures. UNFPA will prioritize the specific needs of pregnant women, those who have given birth and have children aged 0-13 months, as well as the older persons facing various levels of vulnerability.

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UNFPA in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has informed the private sector about family-friendly policies at the workplace

"Be informed, know your choices" is the theme of an information campaign in the private sector carried out throughout December in five companies in Moldova by the

Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the support of UNFPA and in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection. Over 200 employees of Bucuria S.A., Eximbank Moldova, Moldcell, Ionel, and Viorica-Cosmetic were informed in December about their rights in accordance with the new legislative provisions regarding family-friendly policies.

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Gender Equality & Ending Gender Based Violence



UNFPA transfers ten GBV outreach vehicles to the newly launched Territorial Agencies for Social Assistance

This initiative, supported by UNFPA with the financial backing of the UK Government, contributes to the significant milestone in strengthening gender-based violence (GBV) services in the Republic of Moldova within the framework of the RESTART Reform. The establishment of 10 Territorial Agencies for Social Assistance under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection will bring GBV services closer to women and girls. The agencies are regionally organized, strategically covering all rayons of the country.

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National commitments to adjust legislation and combat digital violence in the Republic of Moldova

At the launch event of the global "Bodyright" campaign in the Republic of Moldova, decision-makers, civil society and international partners recognized the seriousness of online violence, taking firm actions to improve the legislative framework and combat digital violence: „The law on combating and preventing violence against women requires changes on the dimension of digital violence. We need to create a working group to adjust the regulatory framework and come up with clear implementation mechanisms”, stated Doina Gherman, Deputy in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova.

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Adolescents and Youth Empowerment



Young people solve problems at the local level: 17 initiatives implemented by youth in their communities were awarded in Chișinău

Gender stereotypes and discrimination, environmental crisis, lack of recreational spaces for youth, vocational orientation - these are just a few of the issues identified by young people across the country in the 'YouCreate' program, held from September to November 2023 in the Republic of Moldova. As part of the program initiated by Terre des hommes Moldova with the support of the UNFPA and the Swiss Government, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Research and the National Youth Agency, 17 teams of young people, adults, and teachers from 15 districts worked together and found creative solutions to problems.

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Young people take a stand against digital violence: "Without My Consent, It's Not Your Content!"

In order to amplify the messages of the #bodyright campaign in the Republic of Moldova, several young volunteers from Youth Centers, the Peer Educators Network in technical vocational education, and the UN Youth Advisory Panel became active promoters of the campaign. Alongside Cătălin Lungu, an influencer and content creator, young people participated in a photo session dedicated to the #bodyright movement and continued to spread the messages among their peers.

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Young people need more role models and worthy examples to succeed.

Ala Roșcovanu

Director of the Ustia Youth Center



Ala Roșcovanu, Director of the Ustia/Dubăsari Youth Center: "Young people need more role models and worthy examples to succeed"

From numbers and accounting reports to pedagogy and then to leading a Youth Center. This is the professional journey that Ala Roșcovanu, the director of the Youth Center in the village of Ustia, Dubăsari district, is slowly but confidently navigating. She says she has always enjoyed being surrounded by young people, and alongside them, she feels very well. "I have always tried to be friends with young people, to understand their needs, to encourage them, to make them feel important, regardless of family situation, grades, or talent. I try to discover everything beautiful in them", our heroine emphasizes.

[Read Ala's story](#)



Separated by War: A Refugee Family's Holidays Apart

Once a close-knit Ukrainian family, Svetlana, Ruslan, and their two boys now find themselves spending the holidays apart due to the war that tore their country apart. Before the war, their family lived in a cozy bedroom community in Odesa. Svetlana worked as a speech therapist, Ruslan worked in manufacturing, and the children went to school. They had wonderful plans for the future, and they were to be realized. The war forced them to separate, with Svetlana taking their two sons, Mark and Oleg, first to Zatoka and then to neighboring Moldova, while Ruslan remained in Odesa.

[Read their story](#)

Dear Partners and Friends,

As I reach the end of my mission in the Republic of Moldova, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the collaboration and hard work we have shared over the years.

I look forward to crossing paths in the future and witnessing the continued positive outcomes of our partnership for the people of Moldova.

Thank you and happy holidays!

Sincerely yours,



Nigina Abaszada,
UNFPA Resident Representative in Moldova



The Resident Representative of UNFPA in Moldova, Nigina Abaszada, has concluded her mandate în Chişinău

The Resident Representative of UNFPA in Moldova, Nigina Abaszada, has concluded her mandate în Chişinău. Over the course of four years, alongside the UNFPA team, Nigina Abaszada made tremendous efforts to support the Republic of Moldova in overcoming humanitarian crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of the war in Ukraine. We thank Nigina Abaszada for her unique dedication and commitment and wish her success in her new mission!

[Read Nigina's farewell message](#)

UNFPA Moldova wishes you joyful holidays and a Happy New Year!

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