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Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights

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VICTORIA BORDEA

Victoria Bordea: "I am grateful to my mother who convinced me to take the pap smear test. I owe her my life twice"

Victoria Bordea from Chişinău will never forget that day in her life. It was the day when, with tears in her eyes, she left her three-year-old daughter in the care of a friend and went to the hospital for an intervention to treat a precancerous lesion of the cervix. She never believed that something like this could happen to her. She knew about the preventive pap smear test for cervical cancer, but why should she take it? She had never experienced any symptoms. She could think of anything but a precancerous lesion.

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Refugee escapes the war to deliver safely in Chisinau hospital: "I am still getting used to the sound of peace"

In a bright room at the Gheorghe Palade Perinatal Center No. 1 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, we meet Camila, a young mother from Ukraine, who welcomed a healthy baby girl into the world this morning. Camila's journey to Moldova began in August 2023, after nearly two years of war in Ukraine. When asked why she didn't leave her homeland earlier, she shares that she did not want to leave her parents alone. However, her pregnancy eventually pushed her to leave Ukraine.

[Read Camila's full story](#)



Population and Demographic Resilience



The population and housing census will take place between April 8th and July 7th, 2024

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the Government decision establishing the reference date for the Population and Housing Census (RPL) in the year 2024 and the period for data collection. Thus, the RPL will take place between April 8th and July 7th, 2024. The reference moment for the Census will be at 00:00 on April 8, 2024. For the first time, the Census will be conducted using tablets, applying new methods of data collection, representing a modern alternative to the traditional paper-based statistical data collection. The National Bureau of Statistics with the support of local authorities, UNFPA and other partners, is set to hire over 4,000 enumerators nationwide, who will undergo training in the population enumeration process.

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Family friendly environment at Moldova State University: a daycare center for students' and employees' children will be opened with the support of UNFPA

The daycare center for the children of employees and students at the State

University of Moldova (USM) will be opened this spring with the support of UNFPA Moldova. The space is arranged in the first block of the university and will have two rooms, one for breastfeeding and another for children up to 3 years old. "Taking into consideration that there are not enough daycare centers, creating this space within the university, an alternative childcare service, provides the opportunity for both teachers and students to come to the university and have a place to leave their child up to the age of three. We want families, couples to harmoniously combine their professional and family life at the same time," mentioned Natalia Plugaru, Deputy Representative of UNFPA Moldova.

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Gender Equality & Ending Gender Based Violence



A campaign about boys' education for parents and kindergarten staff was launched for the first time in Moldova

How much love should we show boys? Why do they mature later than girls? How should we react when they cry or shout? Early education up to the age of 7 is crucial in shaping social skills and behavior. The lack of intervention or healthy education principles can impact the development of the future adult's personality. The campaign "Raising a Man, but Remembering He's a Child," the first of its kind in the Republic of Moldova, will provide parents and early education institution (EEI) staff with valuable information and specific recommendations from specialists in the field on the most sensitive needs and challenges in the education of preschool-aged boys.

[Read more about the campaign](#)



Virtual flashmob on the International Day of Nonviolence in Schools: young people say "NO" to digital violence

A group of teenagers and young people, aged between 13 and 31, from various localities across the country – volunteers from Youth Centers, the Peer-to-Peer Educators Network in technical and vocational education, and the UN Advisory Committee of Youth and Adolescents in Moldova, mobilized and organized a virtual flash mob, marking the International Day of Non-Violence in Schools. More than just a virtual event, this initiative marks the beginning of a series of awareness events about digital violence scheduled to take place in February and March in several cities across the Republic of Moldova, as part of the #Bodyright campaign.

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Adolescents and Youth Empowerment



12 dormitories in vocational schools in Moldova have been modernized with the support of UNFPA and Austria

In 12 dormitories across colleges, vocational schools, and Centers of Excellence in Chisinau and the districts of Cahul, Nisporeni, Orhei, Rezina, Râșcani, and the city of Bălți, living rooms for students and teachers have been modernized. These spaces have been completely renovated and equipped with modern furniture, transforming them into multifunctional areas for leisure. The modernization and arrangement of dormitory living rooms took place with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Austrian Development Agency, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova, as part of a joint program to develop life skills for youth in technical vocational education and prepare them for employment.

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Vasile Cocîrla, volunteer at the Youth Center in Anenii Noi: „Young people are the present and their potential must be harnessed now”

Vasile, originally from Anenii Noi, is 17 years old and a student in the 11th grade at the Republican Theoretical High School "Aristotel". He is passionate about traveling, enjoys exploring new places and cultures, and, as he puts it, is a "lover of theater." He joined the Anenii Noi Youth Center in 2021, invited by the former volunteer coordinator to attend the first meeting of that year. Speaking about his motivation to engage in the Center's activities, Vasile mentions that it stemmed from a personal desire to find a place where he felt safe and connected with people around him.

[Read Vasile's full story](#)



Recent Publications



Temporary protection - a right to medical services for refugees from Ukraine

Refugees from Ukraine, who benefit from temporary protection or are in the process of obtaining it, have the right to pre-hospital, emergency hospital, primary and specialized outpatient medical assistance (medical examination for reasons of public health; emergency dental and services of dialysis), in the public medical and sanitary institutions of the Republic of Moldova, according to the normative acts developed by the Ministry of Health.

Read full factsheet [here](#) (available in Romanian, Ukrainian and Russian languages).

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