

<u>The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</u> 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 June and July 2023.

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Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights



A unit of the Forensic Medicine Center in Chișinău has been renovated and equipped with the support of UNFPA Moldova

The inauguration ceremony of the renovated unit for medico-legal examination of survivors of physical and sexual violence took place at the Forensic Medicine Center. The unit has been renovated and equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment. As a result of the renovation, beneficiaries will be examined in spaces equipped according to international standards.

Find out more details



Soroca Maternal Hospital continues to ensure safe births to Ukrainian and Moldovan women

More than 5,000 refugee women delivered safely or received reproductive health services at the district hospitals supported by UNFPA since the start of the war. The scale and urgency of this crisis have placed significant burden on healthcare systems and institutions, such as the Perinatal Center in Soroca in the Republic of Moldova.

Despite these challenges, the hospital has stepped up to provide essential care and support to refugee women.

Read full story



Population and Demographic Resilience



World Population Day: 4 national objectives for an active and healthy ageing

On World Population Day, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Moldova launched the National Program on active and healthy aging for the years 2023-2027. The document contains 4 national objectives and provides a multisectoral approach to the aging phenomenon, which implies the involvement of all state institutions in creating a favorable environment for the active and healthy aging of people.

Read more about the program



Developing childcare services: an opportunity for economic growth, advancing gender equality and realizing reproductive rights

In the Republic of Moldova, childcare is a complex challenge, and many parents encounter difficulties in accessing quality services to ensure adequate care for their children. The insufficiency of childcare services has a significant impact on women's participation in the labor market and generates economic and social inequalities. To address this problem, an event dedicated to the consolidation of childcare services was organized.



UNFPA Moldova shatters stereotypes of sexual violence at the largest women's rights conference "Women Deliver"

More than 6,000 participants from all around the world – human rights activists, youth, state officials, diplomats, UN representatives, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, gathered in Kigali, Rwanda, from July 17-20, for the eighth edition of the "Women Deliver" conference. This high-level reunion is a unique platform for discussion and exchange of experience between countries to advance gender equality, promote sexual and reproductive rights and eliminate gender-based violence.



Cash assistance is a lifeline for survivors of gender-based violence in the Republic of Moldova

For survivors of abuse and those at risk in the Republic of Moldova, cash assistance has become a lifeline, helping them break free from cycles of violence and build a new life for themselves. For women like Elena* and Alina*, it has proved vital in securing food, shelter and medical care for themselves and their families.

Read their stories



Adolescents and Youth Empowerment



A new UNFPA non-formal education program will help girls and boys in Moldova become more informed about their reproductive health

The Programme on Out-of-School Reproductive Health Education for adolescents and young people, implemented in 2023 and 2024, is part of a global UNFPA program supported by the Government of Norway in 12 countries worldwide, including the Republic of Moldova. The program will focus in particular on supporting civil society organizations to build their capacity in sexual and reproductive health and to conduct information activities in this area.

Read more about the program



Building Bridges: "Know the Country that Hosts You" deepens connection between Ukrainian refugees and Moldovan youth

The program kicked off with great enthusiasm as a group of 25 young Ukrainian refugees and Moldovan volunteers embarked on an excursion to Orheiul Vechi. This tour marks the beginning of a series of tours that will cover different regions of Moldova throughout this summer. The program's main objective is to connect the refugees with the local youth and services at Safe Spaces, enhance their resilience, empower them to fulfill their potential even during challenging times.

Find out more about the trip



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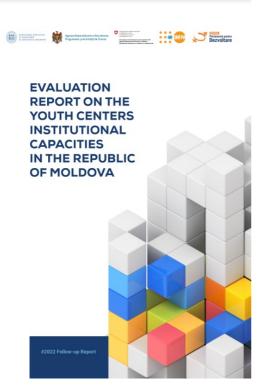


UNFPA Moldova Humanitarian Snapshot #15

In the context of the ongoing humanitarian crisis, UNFPA continues to make sure that both Ukrainian and Moldovan women, youth and older persons can receive life-saving care to stay healthy and safe.

Read the latest Snapshot of Humanitarian Response in the Republic of Moldova <u>here</u>.

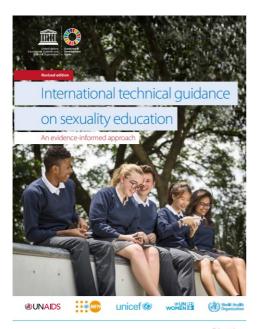
Evaluation Report on the Youth



Centers Institutional Capacities in the Republic of Moldova

Youth Centers are institutions that offer a wide range of services and programs, with equal access for every young person. These refer to information, guidance, counseling, education, empowerment and organization of leisure activities for young people, with the aim of preparing them for the social and professional transition to adulthood. Currently, the Ministry of Education and Research (MER) supports the activity of 44 Youth Centers throughout the country (of which 26 are district/municipal centers, and the rest – their subsidiaries).

Read the full study <u>here</u>.



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International technical guidance on sexuality education

Comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) plays a central role in the preparation of young people for a safe, productive, fulfilling life in a world where HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), unintended pregnancies, genderbased violence (GBV), and gender inequality still pose serious risks to their well-being. However, despite clear and compelling evidence for the benefits of high-quality, curriculum-based CSE, few children and young people receive preparation for their lives that empowers them to take control and make informed decisions about their sexuality and relationships freely and responsibly.

Read the full study <u>here</u>.



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