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

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**UN review of population trends in Europe, Central Asia and North America stresses that rights and choices must underpin policy responses to societal shifts**

With the wider European region facing the impacts of several overlapping crises, including the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ripple effects of the war in Ukraine and other conflicts in the region, speakers at a high-level regional population conference in Geneva today stressed that investing in the well-being and choices of people must remain a key priority for enabling countries to address current socio-economic and demographic challenges and make the most of the opportunities that also present themselves.

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## Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights



**Doctors, policemen and psychologists, in one voice: „Set Free, we're here for you. Free yourself from sexual violence”**

Victoria Ciubotaru (obstetrician-gynecologist), Andrei Beregoi (policeman) and Daniela Dabija (psychologist) told us, in a series of videos, about the cases of sexual violence they faced during their work, about the services available and the steps a survivor of sexual violence can take to help overcome the trauma created by the abuse.

[Watch the videos here](#)



**Ekaterina, pregnant inmate, has a plan and hope: „After the release, I will start a new and happy life with my children”**

For Ekaterina, 37-week pregnant inmate, the arrival of a basic medical scale and other essential equipment meant a lot, as it was the first time her weight was measured during pregnancy. Her story is one of many within the prison's walls. UNFPA has initiated a transformation of the gynecological units at Penitentiaries No. 13 and No. 16 in Chişinău, ensuring that women, regardless of their circumstances, receive quality healthcare with dignity.

[Read her story](#)



## **Population and Demographic Resilience**





## **Pilot Census 2023: Population participation in the 2024 national census is crucial for the future of Moldova's social and development policies**

The pilot census involved approximately 22.000 households in 11 localities in the Republic of Moldova, according to the data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). 95% of respondents say that both the questions and the census process were explained to them in a clear and accessible way. These and other findings from the pilot census were presented by the NBS at an event organized as part of the project „Support to the National Bureau of Statistics in the conduct of the 2024 Population and Housing Census”, funded by the European Union and co-funded by UNFPA.

[Find out more](#)



**Seniors go to university: The „University of Third Age” has been launched for the first time in Moldova**



In the context of the International Day of Older Persons, the „University of the Third Age” has been launched in the Republic of Moldova for the first time. It is a pilot initiative launched by the UNFPA in partnership with the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, the Ministry of Education and Research, Moldova State University, and the Moldcell Foundation. The goal of the university is to promote the concept of lifelong learning and encourage older people to have an active and healthy ageing.

[Find out more](#)



**Chiril Răcilă: Becoming a student again, after 51 years, has been the best decision for my well-being**

Chiril Răcilă is listening attentively to what the professor is telling him while holding his phone, switching his attention between the interactive whiteboard and his smartphone. In today's lesson, alongside his fellow senior students, he is learning how to download and correctly use WhatsApp. Mr. Chiril is among the first to successfully complete all of the steps, so it was no surprise when the professor whispered to us that he's „*one of the best students*”.

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## Gender Equality & Ending Gender Based Violence



## **UNFPA Moldova signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Internal Affairs for 2023-2027**

Through the MoU, we will expand the collaboration to strengthen capacities of the police system in responding to cases of gender-based violence, including of sexual violence and the development of prevention and support services for survivors of violence. At the same time, the Memorandum provides for the continuation of support for the Medical Service of the MIA, in order to improve reproductive health services for employees in the internal affairs system.

[See what else includes the MoU](#)





## **UNFPA Moldova and partners bring multi-sectoral response services closer to gender based violence survivors**

Survivors of gender-based violence will receive immediate assistance, including medical, psychological, and legal support in a unique and safe space within the emergency departments of medical institutions, avoiding revictimization while in contact with forensic doctors and the police. A Network of multisectoral support units for gender-based violence survivors created under the auspices of the Ministry of Health with the support of UNFPA Moldova was launched on October 30th at Orhei District Hospital.

[Find out more](#)



## **Adolescents and Youth Empowerment**



## **Nicoleta Reaboi: Today girls in Moldova have the opportunity to learn, express their opinions and lead independent lives**

On International Day of the Girl Child, celebrated annually on October 11th, we decided to introduce you to Nicoleta Reaboi, a student in the 9th grade at the „Vasile Coroban” High School in the city of Glodeni and a volunteer at the Youth Center in the same locality. She is 15 years old and is passionate about acting and journalism. She actively participates in various activities that are organized in the locality. From February 2023 until now, the young girl has managed to gather a wealth of experience and contribute to the development of her community.

[Read full story](#)



## **Youth Health Education: Global practices shared in Chişinău**



The Republic of Moldova hosted a global meeting that brought together 60 experts from civil society, the academic community, UNFPA, and the World Health Organization from 18 countries. From October 2nd to 7th, participants exchanged experiences and best practices in the field of comprehensive reproductive health education programs for left behind populations of adolescents and youth, including those with disabilities, young people living with HIV, young refugees.

[Read more](#)



## Humanitarian Response Data Insights



**958k**

arrived in Moldova  
since 24 February



**111k**

remaining in  
Moldova



**58%**

refugees are  
females



**21%**

refugees are older  
persons

**In October 2023:**



**9,513**

reached with gender based  
violence info, referral & services

*UNFPA, UNHCR, RM Government, October 2023*

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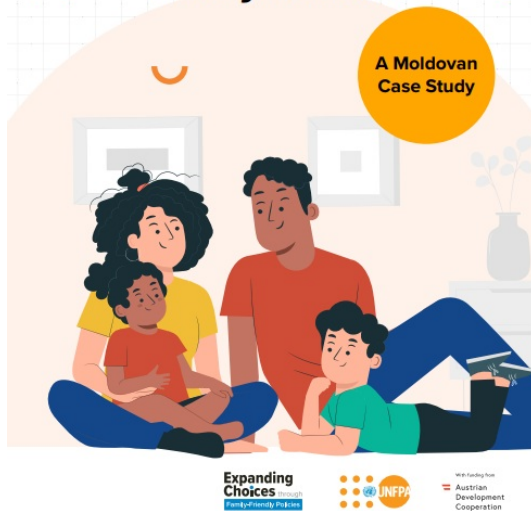


## Recent Publications

A moldovan case study:

## Empowering Parents and Caregivers through Gender-Responsive Family Policies

A Moldovan Case Study



Expanding Choices  
Family-friendly Policies

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## empowering parents and caregivers through gender-responsive family policies

In the Republic of Moldova, the unequal distribution of unpaid care work limits women's full participation in the labor force.

As of 2012, World Bank data showed that women in the Republic of Moldova were spending a fifth of their day on unpaid domestic and care work, nearly double the 11.3 percent of their day that men dedicated to these tasks.

To address this issue, the Expanding Choices project in the Republic of Moldova adopts a rights-based and gender-transformative approach.

Read full study [here](#).

## A Making all spaces safe: Technology-facilitated Gender-based Violence

As the world continues to evolve and expand in the use of technology and platforms, so too does the expansion of spaces through which violence can be perpetrated.

This paper serves as an alarm bell for the international community, digital and feminist movements, private technology companies and national Governments to act in unison to end the rising scourge of technology-facilitated gender-based violence.

Read full study [here](#).



## Our Vacancies

**Programme Analyst on Monitoring and Evaluation, Chisinau, Moldova, Fixed Term Appointment, NO-B**



Job title: Programme Analyst on Monitoring and Evaluation

Position Level: Fixed Term Appointment, NO-B

Location: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Full/Part time: Full-time

**Deadline: November 3, 2023**

**Finance and Administrative Coordinator, Chisinau, Moldova, Service Contract, SB3.4**

Job title: Finance and Administrative Coordinator

Position Level: Service Contract, SB3.4

Location: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Full/Part time: Full-time

**Deadline: November 8, 2023**

**Programme Manager on Social Protection, Chisinau, Moldova, Service Contract, SB4.3**

Job title: Programme Manager on Social Protection

Position Level: Service Contract, SB4.3

Location: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Full/Part time: Full-time

**Deadline: November 8, 2023**

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