



THE
MOLDOVA
PROJECT

CULTIVATING
EMPOWERMENT



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17 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

In its 17th year of activity, The Moldova Project consolidated its role as a strategic actor in the fields of child protection and community development in the Republic of Moldova, expanding both its geographical reach and the range of services provided to vulnerable families.

The Moldova Project's approach is based on an integrated support model that goes beyond isolated interventions and reactive responses. Through long-term multidisciplinary programs, we support large rural families and other groups exposed to social vulnerability by providing a coherent range of services: material assistance, educational support, legal counseling, medical services, and psycho-emotional support. The objective of these interventions is to promote sustainable social integration and reduce the cyclical nature of poverty.

A defining element of The Moldova Project's work is its mobile teams of specialists, who operate directly within communities where access to services is limited or nonexistent. Our consistent presence in the field enables us to identify risks quickly, assess the real needs of each family, and develop personalized intervention plans focused on long-term solutions. In this way, we address not only the effects of vulnerability, but also its underlying causes.

The organization's operational activity is continuous, involving daily field visits and services delivered both on-site and through remote interventions. At present, The Moldova Project runs active programs in the districts of Călărași District, Cimișlia District, Anenii Noi District, Criuleni District, Hîncești District, Orhei District, as well as in the municipality of Chișinău, reaching an increasing number of rural and peri-urban communities.





EDUCATION



REPRESENTS ONE OF THE CENTRAL PILLARS OF THE MOLDOVA PROJECT'S INTERVENTION STRATEGY.

The development of the Playroom network, a community-based alternative education service, as well as active involvement in the implementation of the National Program "Model Schools Network," reflect our commitment to creating safe, stimulating, and inclusive environments for children.

We continuously invest in the development of both children and parents through structured educational programs, training courses, preventive initiatives, and activities aimed at strengthening essential life skills.



THE PLAYROOM COMMUNITY SERVICE





The entire service system of The Moldova Project is built around a fundamental objective:

CHILD PROTECTION

AND RISK PREVENTION

All interventions aim to **reduce violence, neglect, abandonment, and the institutionalization of children from disadvantaged families.** We promote every child's right to a safe childhood, equal opportunities, access to support, and the real possibility of building a dignified future.

In addition to its social and educational dimensions, The Moldova Project places strong emphasis on the overall well-being of families, including through initiatives focused on the care of farm and domestic animals, as well as the promotion of hygiene and healthy nutrition within the household, all of which are considered essential factors for a dignified standard of living.



The Moldova Project operates within a robust ecosystem of partnerships, working closely with local and central public authorities, national and international non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and local communities. Through these alliances, we transform the fight against social inequality into a shared effort grounded in responsibility, solidarity, and measurable impact.



2025 IN NUMBERS

In 2025, The Moldova Project continued its range of activities focused on child care and strengthening social ties within the communities where we operate, guided by the belief that a fair and inclusive society is built starting with its most vulnerable members.

We have stood alongside children and families during their most vulnerable moments, expanding our interventions wherever the need was greatest. Through integrated child protection programs, rapid response mechanisms in crisis situations, and psycho-social, material, legal, educational, and health-related support services, including mental health, we have provided not only assistance, but also safety, empowerment, and progress.

We have invested in the early years of childhood, where the foundations of healthy development are laid, and have supported adolescents and young people from vulnerable families in discovering their potential and building a professional path.

Through projects implemented at local and national levels, we have consistently worked toward more cohesive, resilient communities that are better prepared to offer every child the chance of a dignified future.



195

vulnerable families with whom the team worked on a weekly basis throughout the year

70

families successfully completed The Moldova Project's support program

445

families who benefited from other support activities

6

families benefited from the Building Project

90

families benefited from the Spring Project



265

beneficiaries of the Healthcare Program



51

individuals were tested for HIV/syphilis

600

students received orthopedic backpacks with school supplies

children benefited from the Summer Project

553



220



families received vouchers for the purchase of food and hygiene products, with a nominal value of 1,000 MDL provided once every 2-3 months

children

3292



HELPED

adults

1385

86

local professionals—including social workers, educators, child protection specialists, police officers, healthcare workers, and mayors—were consulted by The Moldova Project's experts.

1414

children benefited from individual and group art therapy sessions

309

adults participated in individual and group art therapy sessions



333

children and adults participated in workshops and training sessions

1371

children benefited from group socio-educational animation sessions



112

families received firewood donations

children **362**

& adults

406

received psychological support



214

families received legal counseling services

29

National and international volunteers actively participated in the Organization's activities

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABILITY PREVENTION

- We prevented, identified, and carried out early interventions in cases of child neglect and abuse across more than **200 vulnerable families**, contributing to the reduction of risks related to violence and social exclusion.
- We provided free socio-educational services for children in **55 rural communities**, facilitating access to alternative education, emotional development, and positive social interaction.
- We implemented personal development programs for **333 adolescents**, focused on life skills development, resilience building, and the prevention of risk behaviors.
- We delivered art therapy sessions and educational-recreational activities involving more than **1,400 children and adolescents**, with a direct impact on emotional well-being and social integration.

SOCIAL SUPPORT AND ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE

- We significantly improved living conditions for **195 disadvantaged families** through material assistance, housing repairs, and integrated social interventions.
- We provided legal counseling to **214 beneficiary families**, facilitating access to social rights, legal documentation, and essential public services.
- We strengthened family autonomy through economic empowerment programs for adult beneficiaries and support for income-generating activities.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

- We ensured access to free medical services, treatments, and medication for **265 beneficiaries** from vulnerable rural families.
- We implemented community hygiene projects and promoted a healthy lifestyle in over **200 households**.
- We provided free veterinary services, contributing to public health and household food security.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- We completed an educational project within the “**Model Schools Network**” program at the “O. Ghibu” Theoretical High School in Orhei, contributing to the modernization and enhancement of the learning environment.
- We established a **community playroom in the village of Mașcăuți**—a free alternative education service offering play-based learning, reading activities, and safe recreational opportunities for children in the community.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

- We ensured the continuous professional development of The Moldova Project’s multidisciplinary team through professional training, exchange of best practices, and capacity building in social intervention.
- We strengthened collaboration with local and central public authorities to enable coordinated and sustainable interventions.
- We expanded our community of supporters at both local and international levels.

PUBLIC VISIBILITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- We amplified the organization’s mission by engaging **Sergiu Beznîțchi** as the first TMP Ambassador.
- For the first time, we organized a large-scale charitable conference featuring international parenting expert **Urania Cremene**.
- We organized and benefited from 12 fundraising events to support social programs.
- We expanded our network of media partners and strategic collaborators.

ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION NETWORKS

- We joined **The National Coalition “Life Without Violence”**, strengthening The Moldova Project’s role in preventing and combating violence against women and children.



 **THE
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ON THE MAP

HÎNCEȘTI

Stolnceni
Bobeica
Drăgușenii Noi
Ciuciuleni
Lăpușna
Anini
Secăreni
Cornești
Secărenii Noi
Negrea
Sofia
Bozieni
Mingir
Horjești
Cărpineni

ANENII NOI

Geamăna
Delacău
Chetrosu
Todirești
Bulboaca
Puhăceni
Ciobanovca

CRIULENI

Izbiște
Dubăsarii Vechi
Mașcăuți

Jevreni
Răculești
Bălțata
Cimișeni
Bălăbănești
Mălăieștii Noi

CIMIȘLIA

Bogdanovca Veche
Gura Galbenei
Hârtop
Ialpug
Gradiște
Sagaidac
Mihailovca

CĂLĂRAȘI

Sadova
Pitușca
Sipoteni
Tuzara
Seliștea Nouă
Țibirica
Schinoasa
Meleșeni
Bravicea
Vălcineț
Or. Orhei

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD



VICTORIA MOROZOV
 Founding President
 The Moldova Project

“A safe and dignified childhood is not a matter of chance. It depends directly on the ability of communities to function coherently, to respond to vulnerabilities, and to provide consistent and meaningful support to families.”

In the Republic of Moldova, social challenges remain deep-rooted and closely interconnected. Poverty, limited access to essential services, and the fragility of family environments continue to generate intergenerational cycles of vulnerability. These realities cannot be effectively addressed through isolated interventions; they require an integrated, consistent, and well-coordinated response.

The year 2025 further intensified these pressures. An unstable regional context, economic hardship, and growing social tensions have amplified existing needs, particularly in rural communities. Against this backdrop, we have reinforced our strategic direction, focusing on interventions that build long-term stability for children and families.

Our role is to contribute to strengthening community resilience—not only through direct support, but also by developing functional mechanisms that ensure continuity, predictability, and genuine access to opportunities. We are convinced that sustainable impact is achieved through sustained presence, strong institutional cooperation, and shared responsibility.

Looking ahead, our priority remains unchanged: reducing systemic vulnerabilities affecting children and supporting families in their journey toward autonomy and stability. This is long-term work that demands consistency, strong partnerships, and a deep understanding of realities on the ground.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners and supporters who make this effort possible. Their commitment enables the translation of social interventions into tangible and lasting impact.

Meaningful change is neither immediate nor simple, but it becomes possible when pursued with consistency, strategic coherence, and sustained long-term commitment.

ANDREI BĂLAN

The Moldova Project Board Member



“My collaboration with The Moldova Project throughout 2025 was highly intensive, consistently active, and marked by tangible impact at community level. It was a year defined by strong hands-on involvement, commitment, and responsibility.

In addition to my continuous engagement in project activities, I had the honor of joining the Board of The Moldova Project, where I contributed to strategic decision-making processes and the shaping of the organization’s long-term development direction.

I was directly involved in humanitarian actions, including taking on the role of Santa Claus, bringing moments of joy to children from vulnerable families. I also participated in field missions alongside the mobile team, engaging directly in interventions and activities implemented in rural communities.

A key component of my contribution was in the educational field, where I delivered an online safety seminar for children, focused on digital protection, real-world online risks, and age-appropriate safe practices.

The Moldova Project is not just an organization, but a community of committed people, and 2025 reaffirmed that real impact is built through presence, consistency, and responsibility.”

The Moldova Project is a living, dynamic team, constantly in motion, where meaningful activity is always unfolding. Even when I am not directly involved in its day-to-day operations, its work remains visible and tangible through communication outputs, reports, media coverage, and public events.

In 2025, as in previous years, I remained closely engaged with The Moldova Project’s fundraising initiatives. I have consistently responded positively to these efforts, driven not only by personal conviction, but also by direct observation of the organization’s systemic, structured, and long-term approach. Its core objective remains the interruption of intergenerational cycles of vulnerability.

This work is unquestionably demanding. However, when it produces genuine, sustainable results grounded in sustained effort, it brings a profound sense of professional and human fulfillment, stemming from the achievement of meaningful impact.

The joy of July 2025 was my appointment as **Ambassador of The Moldova Project**, an event that honored and equally deepened my sense of responsibility. This new role heightened my awareness and sensitivity to every opportunity to support and stand alongside those in need.

Thank you, The Moldova Project, for 2025!

SERGIU BEZNITCHI

The Moldova Project Ambassador



MESSAGES FROM PARTNERS



MARGARETA TÎRSÎNĂ

Child Protection and Children's Rights Specialist; Guardianship Authority for disadvantaged and at-risk families in Mingir Commune, Hîncești District.

"In the current social context, disadvantaged families and children in situations of risk face multiple challenges, including poverty, limited access to education, and insufficient healthcare services. The collaboration between The Moldova Project and the Mingir Guardianship Authority represents an essential mechanism for improving the quality of life of vulnerable individuals.

The concrete support provided by the Association—such as food, clothing, school supplies, psychological counseling, educational and recreational activities for children, free medical services for families with children in difficulty, and other forms of assistance—contributes to overcoming hardship and improving the living conditions of families with children at social risk.

Particular importance is placed on the educational and recreational activities organized by The Moldova Project for children in difficulty in Mingir locality. The support offered through these activities strengthens self-esteem and motivates personal development.

This collaboration creates a safe and stimulating environment that contributes to the formation of responsible and socially integrated future adults."

"The projects implemented in collaboration with The Moldova Project have demonstrated a high level of professionalism, efficiency, and tangible impact in the communities of Hîncești District. The activities carried out were well planned, tailored to real needs, and implemented in accordance with the established objectives.

The team at The Moldova Project demonstrated openness, responsibility, and consistent engagement, significantly contributing to the achievement of sustainable and relevant results. We consider this collaboration a success and a model of good practice in implementing projects aimed at improving the living conditions of disadvantaged families in Hîncești District.

The Hîncești Social Assistance and Child Protection Department extends its sincere appreciation to the team of The Moldova Project for the support, dedication, and professionalism demonstrated throughout the implementation of these projects.

Your contribution has had a significant positive impact and has helped achieve the set objectives, bringing real benefits to community members. We value this strong collaboration and express our desire to continue the partnership in the future in support of large and disadvantaged families."



LUCICA GUȘTIUC

Head of the Regional Social Assistance Department of Hîncești District

OLGA TATARU

**Social worker, Vălcineț village,
Călărași District**



“In my capacity as a community social worker, I can attest to a collaboration that has had a positive impact on the families involved in the The Moldova Project program. The support provided has contributed to meeting basic needs and improving living conditions, while the social and economic situation of these families has stabilized. The children now benefit from a safe environment conducive to their development.

This community-level collaboration is particularly welcome and necessary for supporting families with children in situations of vulnerability. Through its activities, The Moldova Project has demonstrated responsibility, professionalism, and empathy, generating a real and positive impact on beneficiaries' lives.

On behalf of the local public administration and the entire community, I extend sincere thanks to The Moldova Project for its valuable contribution and consistent involvement. We appreciate the openness, dedication, and constructive partnership, which represent a model of good practice and an important resource for our community.

We express our gratitude for the efforts made and look forward to continuing this beneficial collaboration in the future.”

“The cooperation between the Regional Social Assistance Department of Cimișlia and The Moldova Project represents an essential element in ensuring an integrated, efficient intervention oriented towards the real needs of children at risk and their families. Through this partnership, children included in the program benefit from complementary services of counseling, guidance, and psychosocial support, tailored to the individual needs identified through specialized assessments.

The involvement of the NGO significantly contributes to strengthening families' capacity to overcome social, emotional, and economic difficulties, promoting their autonomy and empowerment. At the same time, the financial and material support provided reduces immediate vulnerabilities and prevents the worsening of risk situations, having a direct impact on children's well-being. Within the project, 7 vulnerable families from Sagaidac village and 9 families from Mihailovca village were included in active monitoring. Post-intervention monitoring includes 2 families from Gradiște village, 1 family from Bogdanovca Veche village, 3 families from Gura Galbenei village, and 4 families from Ialpug village, with interventions carried out according to identified needs.

In this context, the Territorial Social Assistance Structure of Cimișlia District expresses its appreciation for the collaboration with The Moldova Project and its openness and readiness to continue this partnership in order to ensure sustainable support and promote the best interests of the child.”

MARIA BAHOVA

**Head of the Regional Social
Assistance Department
of Cimișlia District**



STELIANA IPATI

**Family Physician, Delacău
Family Doctors' Office,
Health Clinic Speia, Anenii
Noi District**

“As a family physician, I have had the opportunity to work alongside the team of The Moldova Project (TMP) for several years, supporting families facing difficult circumstances.

I have been deeply impressed by the level of commitment, dedication, and genuine human warmth demonstrated by every member of the TMP team in their work with each individual family. Through sustained efforts, they contribute not only to addressing the health-related needs of children and parents, but also to resolving the everyday challenges these families encounter.

At the same time, I highly appreciate the initiatives undertaken to combat poverty and to create meaningful moments for children—celebrations that bring them joy, smiles, and a sense of safety and belonging.

I sincerely hope we will continue this collaboration and, through our joint efforts, bring security and meaningful change to the life of every family.”



“In 2025, I had the privilege of addressing and responding to a wide range of community requests together with the staff of The Moldova Project. Within the multidisciplinary commissions in the villages of Puhăceni and Delacău, we conducted preventive discussions with parents demonstrating limited parenting skills, with minors who did not regularly attend school, with children registered as being at risk, and with parents who failed to fulfill their responsibilities regarding the care, education, and upbringing of their children.

Together with The Moldova Project, we visited socially vulnerable families and children in situations of risk, with the purpose of monitoring cases and implementing preventive measures aimed at reducing vulnerabilities.

I can confidently state that 2025 was a year marked by meaningful interventions and effective collaboration with the team of The Moldova Project, directly benefiting the community.”

SVETLANA NICOARA

**Senior Community Police
Officer, Police Sector of
Șerpeni, Anenii Noi District**

CHILD PROTECTION AND RISK PREVENTION



In working with vulnerable families, The Moldova Project specialists frequently encounter situations in which serious medical conditions, undiagnosed disabilities, or severe forms of violence remain unnoticed for long periods by formal social protection systems. Children with insufficiently treated medical conditions, parents with officially unrecognized disabilities, as well as mothers and children who are victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse, often live in environments where vulnerability accumulates and is passed on across generations, while the lack of early intervention further intensifies the risks to which they are exposed.

In these contexts, the role of the mobile teams of The Moldova Project has extended far beyond the delivery of individual support services. Their interventions relied on sustained community presence and an integrated approach that included mediation between families and institutions, advocacy for the protection of fundamental rights, and facilitation of access to social, educational, medical, and legal services. As a result, situations initially perceived as hopeless were transformed into manageable intervention processes, supported by coordinated actions and realistic prospects for stabilization and recovery.



Throughout field activities, the team identified and managed cases of extreme risk, including attempted **sexual abuse** and three confirmed cases of child sexual abuse. In all such situations, direct support was provided to the victims and their families, while the cases were reported and referred to district-level specialists in accordance with legal procedures and the best interests of the child.



At the same time, **legal and cadastral issues** that often hindered families' access to basic rights and services were frequently identified. These cases were taken over and addressed by the legal specialist of The Moldova Project, contributing to the clarification of families' legal status and the reduction of social exclusion risks.

Another major issue identified at community level is **juvenile delinquency** and its impact on adolescent behaviour and social cohesion. The lack of early intervention, exposure to violence, and the absence of positive role models increase the risk of deviant behaviour, underscoring the need for preventive and educational interventions implemented in collaboration with local specialists.



The intervention of the mobile teams has, in numerous cases, played a key role in emotional stabilization, particularly for children, as well as in providing immediate support during acute crisis situations. Consistent presence, an empathetic approach, and continuity of intervention have contributed to reducing anxiety, restoring a sense of safety, and, where possible, preventing the separation of children from their families.

One of the most persistent barriers in working with families facing hardship is the internalization of a sense of helplessness.

Parents come to believe that they “do not deserve more,” children become accustomed to the idea that their needs do not matter, and shame becomes a major barrier to seeking help.

In this context, the interventions of The Moldova Project have demonstrated that the way support is delivered is just as important as the support itself.

In many cases, the restoration of personal and family dignity has become the starting point for sustainable change. Through approaches centred on respect, trust, and the recognition of existing family resources, these interventions have created the conditions for active parental engagement and stronger, more sustainable protection of children in the medium and long term.



Complementing its direct interventions, The Moldova Project organized **40 information workshops for rural professionals**, including social workers, child protection specialists, medical staff, and police officers. The aim was to strengthen early identification of at-risk cases, improve inter-institutional collaboration, and ensure a coordinated response in situations of extreme vulnerability.



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ANASTASIA'S STORY*

"I come from a family of six children. I was the youngest. Life in our family was difficult, especially for my older siblings. My father struggled with alcohol use. At 16, I used to go to Chişinău and work at the Central Market. There was a woman from my village, older than me, who was officially employed, and I would assist her. In the evenings, I had to walk back home—almost an hour on foot to my village.

On a late autumn evening, although it was still warm, darkness had already fallen. On the road, a neighbour, approximately 15 years older than me, suddenly jumped in front of me. He grabbed me with his strong hands and told me that he had been following me for a long time, since the disco. He sexually assaulted me, even though I was begging him to stop. I had the courage to call the police. He was arrested and spent approximately four years in prison.

At 17, I married the father of my children. He was not violent. We moved into a new house, and I was happy, but that happiness did not last long. One evening, I went to my godmother's house, and when I returned home I found that he had taken his own life. It was very difficult and painful for me for a long time, until I met another man. Last night he beat me and kicked me in the head. My face is very swollen and my back hurts. I called the police, but I don't know how much it helped: restraining measures were applied, but he came back. I am now asking for your help to get a divorce.

Anastasia received comprehensive social, legal, and medical assistance. She and her children are now safe. 

*The name has been altered to protect personal identity.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The social interventions of The Moldova Project are designed as a coherent, phased process aimed at child protection, family stabilization, and risk prevention.



1 IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING

a stage carried out in direct collaboration with local public authorities

2 COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

of the child's situation, parental capacity, living conditions, health status, intra-family relationships, and access to public services

3 DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALIZED INTERVENTION PLAN

clear objectives, concrete measures and realistic timelines

4 INTEGRATED INTERVENTION

mobile teams provide direct support, facilitate access to services, and intervene in crisis situations, ensuring the immediate protection of the child and the stabilization of the family

5 MONITORING AND ADJUSTMENT

Cases are continuously monitored, and intervention plans are adjusted according to the evolution of the situation. Monitoring focuses both on the child's progress and on strengthening parental capacities and reducing risks.

The intervention model is flexible and tailored to each situation, following a clear logic of action





At the same time, The Moldova Project acts as a **mediator between families and institutions**, supporting the rights of children and parents.

Administrative barriers, lack of information, and discrimination are addressed to ensure effective access to services and legal benefits. As the situation stabilizes, the focus shifts to preventing relapse and strengthening family autonomy.

The intervention aims to

ensure the sustainable integration of the child within the family and community

reducing dependence on external support, and maintaining a safe environment.



MATERIAL ASSISTANCE



ESSENTIAL NECESSITIES

In 2025, the material assistance provided by The Moldova Project represented far more than the distribution of goods. It brought warmth to cold homes, a schoolbag that enabled a child to attend school, and a table around which a family could once again gather together. It meant timely intervention wherever deprivation threatened health, education, and human dignity.

Throughout the year, the support provided focused on meeting the basic needs of vulnerable families, with particular emphasis on preventing the risks associated with extreme poverty and on creating a minimum level of stability in the lives of children.



Winter, one of the harshest periods for families living in rural communities, brought with it one of the most extensive interventions. Hundreds of cubic meters of firewood were distributed to 112 vulnerable families, ensuring adequate heating in precarious homes. For some families, the firewood arrived before the cold season had fully set in, at a time when the burden of winter was already beginning to weigh heavily upon them. For others, the support came at a critical moment, when their last reserves had been exhausted. The year 2025 demonstrated once again that solidarity translated into concrete action can transform harsh realities and prevent situations that pose serious risks to health and life.

Education remained a fundamental priority. More than **600 backpacks** fully equipped with school supplies were provided to beneficiary children, reducing the financial burden on families and facilitating children’s access to education. For many of them, this support represented continuity, a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to remain within the educational system.

At the same time, household furniture and essential domestic equipment were provided, including **beds, tables, chairs, wardrobes, stoves, and household appliances**, in situations where the absence of such items directly affected the safety and basic functioning of the home. Each intervention aimed to create a living environment that was more organized, safer, and better suited to raising children.

Throughout the year, seasonal distributions of **clothing and footwear** provided protection against cold, dampness, and extreme weather conditions for both children and adults, contributing to the reduction of health risks and illness.

Food insecurity was addressed through the distribution of **food vouchers** to 220 families for the purchase of essential food products, with support and guidance provided by the The Moldova Project team. Throughout the year, in periods when food vouchers were unavailable, assistance also included the distribution of basic **food packages** containing flour, oil, sugar, rice, as well as fresh produce and canned goods. This consistent support proved vital in maintaining a minimum level of nutritional balance for vulnerable families.

Equally important was hygiene, a factor directly linked to health and prevention. Essential **hygiene items** were distributed on a monthly basis, including soap, detergents, diapers, and personal care products. In addition, during 2025, the Association received and distributed tons of essential goods from the United States of America, covering critical needs within the communities it serves.

During the Easter and Christmas periods, all beneficiaries received generous **gifts** consisting of extensive packages of food and hygiene products.



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The provision of assistance was carried out through both regular donations and emergency interventions, in response to the needs identified in the field. In most cases, the The Moldova Project team conducted direct assessments of each family's circumstances, enabling timely, targeted, and context-sensitive interventions tailored to their specific needs.

The impact of this support was reflected directly in the reduction of health risks, the continued inclusion of children in the educational system, and the strengthening of safety and stability within vulnerable families.

BUILDING PROJECT

PROCUREMENT AND REHABILITATION OF HOUSING



Housing construction, repair, and rehabilitation interventions carried out by the The Moldova Project have played a key role in reducing structural risks and ensuring minimum conditions of safety and stability for children and families living in extreme vulnerability.

The Building Project, implemented annually by the Organization, is based on a multidisciplinary assessment of risks and needs identified in the field, with the clear objective of improving housing safety and living conditions for socially vulnerable families in rural areas of the Republic of Moldova.



The project was implemented between August and October 2025 and focused on 6 households in critical condition, identified through the case management system of the The Moldova Project.



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The interventions included:

- structural rehabilitation works;
- improvements to thermal efficiency;
- installation of safe heating systems;
- repairs to flooring and other essential safety elements;
- the construction of auxiliary facilities necessary to support daily living.

All required materials, as well as the technical coordination of the works, were fully provided by the The Moldova Project, while beneficiary families actively participated through their own labor, thereby reinforcing a sense of responsibility, self-reliance, and dignity.



“Now we have a little more space, we can cook, we can keep warm, and we can live in decent conditions. Thank you for standing by us. I will take care of this home as if it were gold, because for us it means everything.”

MARIA, a mother of four, beneficiary of a newly constructed heating stove.



“I cannot find the right words to express what this support means to us. When we no longer had food, strength, or direction, you came and reminded us that we are not alone. For a mother, that means everything.”

ELENA, mother of five, beneficiary of a livestock shelter.



“There were nights when the children could not sleep because of the cold, and I would cry in silence, not knowing what else I could do.”

IRINA, a single mother of three, beneficiary of a new heating stove.



“Living with a disability has never been easy, but giving up was never an option. I have always fought for my children, and now, seeing each of them in their warm room, I finally feel that all my efforts were worth it.”

ANA, a single mother of two living with a disability, beneficiary of a new heating stove and floorings.



“I can keep the water warm, the tea ready, and the soup always hot, and this helps keep my children healthy.”

LIDIA, a mother of five, beneficiary of a heating stove, new doors, and flooring materials.



Drawings created by children supported by The Moldova Project, during art therapy sessions.

HOUSING STABILITY FOR A LARGE FAMILY.

Case documented during the 2025 Building Project.

Through the mobilization of the community and its partners, the The Moldova Project succeeded in transforming one of the most precarious housing situations into a story of stability and continuity, providing a permanent home for a family with six children from the Criuleni district.

The Popescu* family is a young, large family who, until the time of the intervention, had never owned a home. Both parents come from vulnerable backgrounds, having grown up in deprivation and without meaningful family support, yet they remained committed to a fundamental goal: to provide their children with a safer life than the one they themselves had known.

At the time the case was identified, eight individuals were sharing a space of only 36 m², a modest dwelling provided temporarily and rent-free. Although the home was maintained, the living conditions were unsuitable for such a large family, and the owners had already announced that the property would need to be vacated. The threat of losing their only shelter constantly weighed over the family, generating insecurity and fear for the children's future.

Life unfolded within a single room and a small kitchen: sleeping, eating, playing, doing homework, worries, and hopes all coexisted in the same limited space. The children completed their schoolwork on the bed or on the floor, while the parents faced the daily struggle of hardship without losing their dignity or determination to move forward.

In order to provide genuine housing stability, the necessary resources were mobilized to purchase a home that became, officially and permanently, the family's residence. Within just one month, they moved into their new house, benefiting from significantly improved living conditions and a level of security they had never previously experienced.

A key element of the intervention was keeping the family within the same locality, which enabled rapid adaptation and the uninterrupted continuation of the children's education, while avoiding additional trauma and social disruption.

*The family's name has been altered to safeguard the privacy of the beneficiaries.



For this family, the home represented far more than walls and a roof. It provided, for the first time, the certainty that they would no longer have to move, and that simple things - a bed for each child, a table for schoolwork, warmth, and peace - could become part of their everyday life.

This intervention stands as a powerful testament to the fact that community solidarity, when properly organized and directed, can transform lives and restore to children a fundamental right: the right to a safe and secure home.



On the steps of the house that has become "home".

SPRING PROJECT

EMPOWERMENT FOR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND RESILIENCE

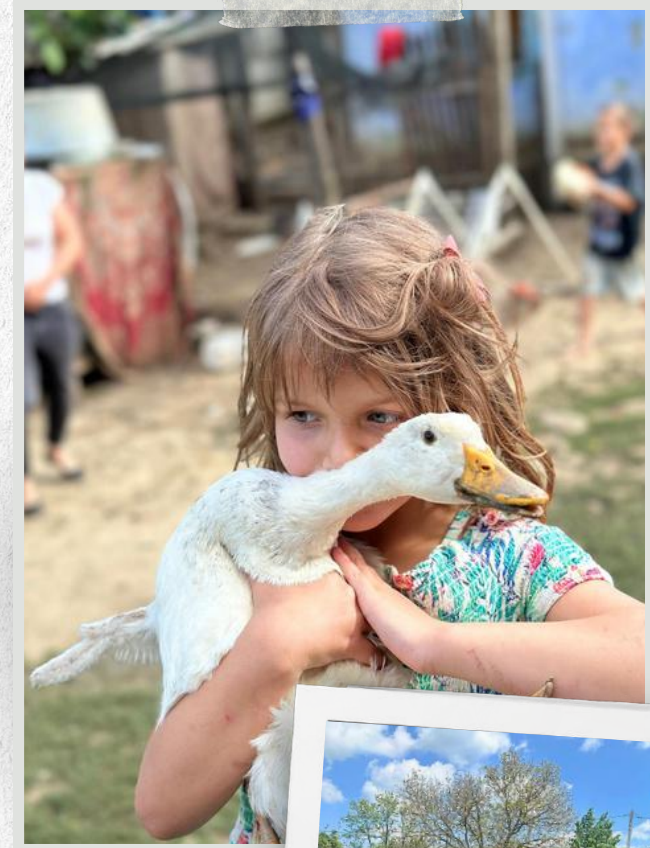
The Spring Project is a traditional initiative of The Moldova Project that, year after year, reinforces the positive impact of support provided to vulnerable families through concrete actions aimed at fostering autonomy, responsibility, and economic stability. In 2025, the project continued to strengthen the capacity of beneficiary families to build a safe and sustainable livelihood, moving beyond reliance on immediate assistance.

Over the course of the year, **90** families received direct support through the Spring Project, including:

- **skills development**
- **livestock donations**
- **donations of agricultural materials and tools**

All supported families include at least two minor children, which amplifies the impact of the interventions on the children's well-being and their long-term prospects.

The interventions went beyond addressing immediate needs and were designed as investments in the families' capacity for self-sufficiency, providing parents and caregivers with the opportunity to regain confidence, take control of their lives, and restore a sense of dignity.



A central component of the Spring Project focused on supporting rural households through the development of agricultural activities.

One family received 27 fruit trees and 30 shrubs, transforming their yard into a sustainable source of food. Additionally, two families were provided with materials to construct greenhouses, aimed at increasing agricultural productivity and resilience during the cold season. The assembly of the structures was carried out by the beneficiaries themselves, representing their personal contribution and ownership of the intervention.

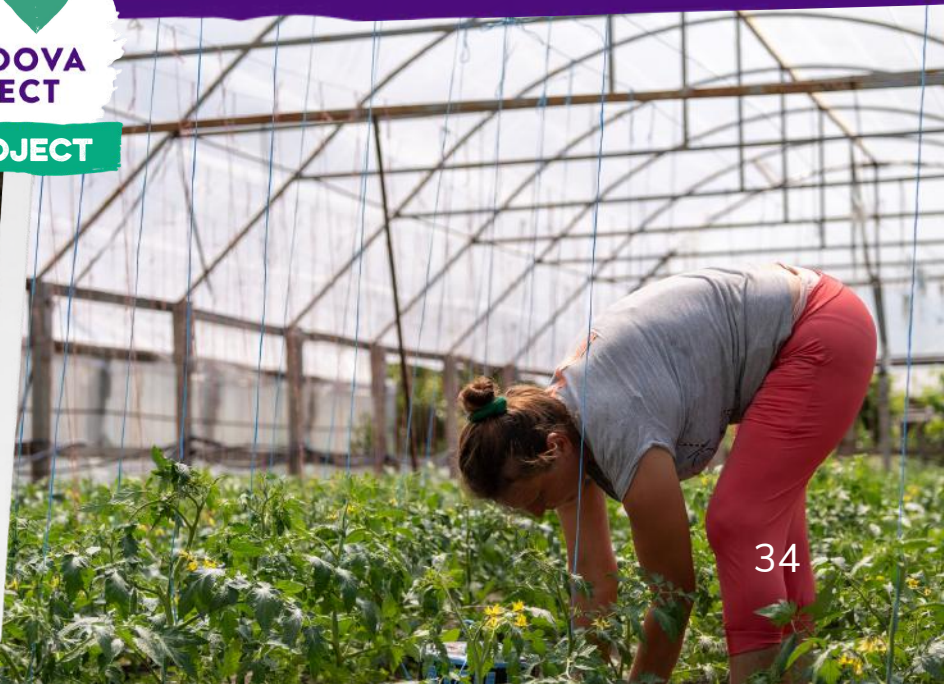
In the case of fruit tree and shrub donations, the support provided by The Moldova Project went beyond the mere delivery of materials. The organization's mobile team was present in the field, conducting hands-on workshops in which beneficiary families were guided step by step on soil preparation, proper planting, and tree care.

These activities were designed not merely as technical interventions, but as opportunities for hands-on learning and community building. The planting process became an exercise in cooperation, knowledge-sharing, and accountability, where parents and children participated together, fostering a deeper connection both to their household and to the initiative as a whole.

Through this practical support, the donations gained long-term value. Families received not only resources but also knowledge, confidence, and the assurance that they are not alone in their efforts to build a safer and more secure livelihood.

To strengthen food security and diversify sources of income, the project team distributed livestock and agricultural resources to beneficiary families.

In total, **1,540 chicks, 390 ducks, 750 hens, 10 sheep, 7 goats, 9 pigs, and 4 cows were provided, along with 45 incubators,** supporting the development of household farms and the creation of stable sources of food and income.



The vocational training component focused on creating genuine alternative sources of income.

Five mothers were enrolled in a nail technician course, three of whom successfully completed the program and obtained official certification upon passing the final exams. To support their transition to independent work, each participant received a complete set of professional tools needed to provide services from home.

For these women, the course meant more than just a qualification. One participant shared:

“This course gave me far more than knowledge and skills. It boosted my confidence and gave me the courage to move forward.”



Another mother was supported by enrolling in a three-month barbering course and received a complete set of professional tools and equipment, essential for practicing the trade and earning her own income.

As part of the project, a high-potential adolescent from a vulnerable background, with limited access to educational resources, benefited from an IT training program, gaining access to a specialized educational database. The support provided enables him to take three **CERTIPORT** certification exams, which will automatically secure his passing of the Information and Communication Technology exam at the high school graduation level. He is now planning to pursue higher education in IT with a clarity and confidence that previously seemed out of reach.





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Key Indicators of Spring Project 2025

Goods / Services	Cantitate
Greenhouses covered with film	2
Sheep	10
Goats	7
Fruit trees and shrubs	57
Pigs	9
Chicks	1.540
Hens	750
Seedlings	580
Ducks	390
Cows	4
Egg incubators	45
Youth participants in IT training (CERTIPORT)	1
Mothers enrolled in nail technician courses	5
Professional nail technician kits	5
Mothers enrolled in barbering courses	1
Professional barber kits	1

Spring Project 2025 demonstrated that autonomy-focused interventions can drive meaningful and lasting change. By combining skills development with strategically targeted material support, the project helped reduce economic vulnerability, strengthen family stability, and create safer, more promising opportunities for children.



VETERINARY SERVICES

ANIMAL CARE AND VACCINATION – A TOOL FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION.

Throughout 2025, beneficiary families of The Moldova Project received free veterinary services, along with hands-on training in animal husbandry and care provided by the project's veterinarian. The interventions targeted not only the livestock and poultry provided through the support programs but also household pets, contributing to the health and well-being of the entire family and community ecosystem.

The activities included:

- Vaccination, deworming, and sterilization for dogs and cats
- Training on daily care, proper nutrition, controlled breeding, and disease prevention for both livestock and pets
- Regular veterinary consultations

The knowledge gained directly contributed to maintaining animal health and productivity, reducing sanitary risks, and improving living conditions within households. Families were encouraged to view their agricultural and livestock activities not merely as survival strategies, but as economically viable endeavors capable of supporting medium- and long-term autonomy.

In October, a dedicated food collection campaign was conducted, securing essential reserves for the cold season. Additionally, the mobile team continuously monitors the condition of animals in the field, providing emergency feed whenever urgent needs are identified.



Access to free services eased the financial burden on households and enabled the adoption of proper preventive and care practices that were previously difficult to maintain with their own resources.

Through vaccination, deworming, and sterilization, communicable diseases were prevented, uncontrolled breeding was limited, and the risk of veterinary emergencies was reduced.

In the long term, these interventions contributed to:

- Reducing the incidence of disease among livestock and pets
- Controlling the population of dogs and cats, preventing abandonment and overburdening of households
- Lowering families' medical expenses for costly treatments
- Increasing sanitary safety within households and the wider community
- Fostering a culture of responsibility toward animals, passed on to children as well



SOCIAL & EDUCATIONAL INCLUSION



The social and educational integration of children in vulnerable situations is a complex process that requires cooperation between families, communities, educational institutions, and civil society organizations. Within this ecosystem, The Moldova Project complements the efforts of the national system through flexible interventions tailored to the individual needs of children and their families, providing additional, personalized support wherever it is needed.



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Many rural families face persistent socio-economic challenges, health issues, or limited access to specialized services—factors that can affect children’s educational progress and emotional development. In this context, The Moldova Project adopts an integrated approach aimed at strengthening the capacities of both children and their families, preventing school dropout, and ensuring that children remain in their familial and educational environments.

Throughout 2025, the TMP team worked with children and adolescents experiencing behavioral or school adaptation difficulties that had previously gone unrecognized at the local level. Through careful assessments and collaboration with parents and educators, four children were identified and received individualized support. One particularly complex case, involving hearing impairment, required a multidisciplinary approach, providing the child with educational assistance and facilitating access to specialized services at a pace that respected their needs.

A notable example of best practice is the support provided to a child with Down syndrome, who was assisted in integrating into the school system and participating in Ludoteca activities. Through tailored educational activities and learning through play, the child was encouraged to develop autonomy and independence in a safe and inclusive environment.



Special attention was given to graduating students for whom the transition to vocational education represents a critical milestone. Support continued throughout the summer, including guidance, mentoring, and educational assistance. As a result, all 20 adolescent beneficiaries were admitted to vocational institutions in their districts and in Chişinău, strengthening their educational and professional pathways.



Afterschool programs played a key role in keeping children engaged in education and reducing absenteeism by providing a structured environment for learning, addressing gaps, and strengthening essential skills. In some cases, children also received online educational consultations to further support their progress.

Simultaneously, socio-educational workshops were offered to both children and adults, covering practical and relevant topics such as health education, addiction prevention, financial literacy, parenting, healthy nutrition, infectious disease prevention, recognizing and preventing neglect and abuse, and online safety. These initiatives helped enhance family knowledge, foster responsibility, and actively involve parents and caregivers in supporting their children's growth and development.

Through these interventions, The Moldova Project strengthened the social and educational integration of beneficiary children, supported a stable educational trajectory, and fostered constructive relationships between children, their families, and the wider community.



THE PLAYROOM COMMUNITY SERVICE

In many rural communities in the Republic of Moldova, opportunities for participation in extracurricular activities remain limited, particularly for children from low-income families. While there are occasional initiatives, consistent access to spaces for informal learning, play, and social interaction is often insufficient, reducing children's chances to benefit from educational experiences that complement the formal school curriculum.

The lack of structured extracurricular activities affects children's emotional and social development, limiting opportunities for exploration, self-expression, and positive interaction. In this context, creating accessible educational alternatives tailored to local realities becomes essential for supporting children's educational progress and for fostering life skills from an early age.



The Playrooms developed by The Moldova Project address this need by providing a **community-based alternative education service** founded on principles of **inclusion, participation, and mutual respect.**

In these spaces, education is offered free of charge through **play, creative activities, and guided interaction**, promoting tolerance, cooperation, acceptance of diversity, and the prevention of stereotypes or any form of discrimination.

Through the Playrooms, the Organization directly contributes to:

- Promoting social inclusion
- Reducing developmental inequalities among children in rural areas
- Protecting and upholding the child's right to play, as enshrined in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Over the years, the Playroom has emerged as a functional and sustainable model, with a visible impact on both the children it serves and the communities in which it operates. The consistent interest shown by children and adolescents up to the age of 15 underscores the relevance of this type of service and the need for its expansion. For some children, the Playroom has provided the first safe and predictable space where they could engage in play, learning, and receive ongoing support.

It is important to note that for students living in conditions of extreme poverty, without electricity, or lacking an adequate space for study, the Playrooms have become essential resources. Access to the internet, educational equipment, and individualized support has significantly reduced the risk of educational exclusion and helped increase children's confidence in their own abilities.



In 2025, the PLAYROOM Project continued to provide safe spaces for play, learning, and socialization for children through nine active playrooms across five districts of the Republic of Moldova. The network was restructured following the closure of playrooms previously located within or near refugee accommodation centers for Ukrainian families, as the specific needs related to that context decreased.

Each Playroom served between **35** and **75 children** daily, becoming a vital hub for educational and emotional support within the community. Over the reporting year, the Playrooms managed by The Moldova Project recorded **35,403 visits**, reflecting a high level of utilization and the significant relevance of the services provided for children in vulnerable communities.

During the year, new initiatives were introduced to diversify the educational content of the Playrooms, such as the “Green Corner,” focused on environmental education and responsibility, as well as themed sessions led by specialists, including the project’s veterinarian. These activities contributed to the development of children’s empathy, sense of responsibility, and essential life skills.

Beyond their educational role, the Playrooms have become **community hubs**, fostering dialogue between children, parents, and specialists, and helping to build a climate of trust and engagement. Through ongoing efforts and strategic collaborations with local authorities and partners, The Moldova Project has expanded the PLAYROOM Project, strengthening it as a relevant community service that provides equitable access to alternative education, personal development, and social inclusion.



PLAYROOM

PLANETARIUM

The launch of the “Planetarium” Playroom in Mașcăuți Village, Criuleni District

In 2025, The Moldova Project expanded its network of community-based alternative education services with the opening of the “Planetarium” Playroom in Mașcăuți Village, Criuleni District. This new space for play and reading was created in direct response to community needs, providing children and adolescents with free access to educational, recreational, and personal development activities in a safe, welcoming, and stimulating environment.

The “Planetarium” Playroom is a multifunctional space covering 112 square meters, designed to meet the learning and exploration needs of children across different age groups. Renovation and setup took place between February and May 2025, creating infrastructure that supports a wide range of activities, including creative workshops, educational sessions, recreational activities, and thematic trainings. Through this community service, over 1,000 children and young people in Criuleni District will benefit annually from free activities tailored to their developmental needs.

A library of books, games, and toys catering to different age groups.

Supplies, tools, and other resources for creative activities.

Space for hosting creative or educational workshops for children and adults.

Space equipped with a TV and computers.

Games and resources for teenagers.

Sports equipment

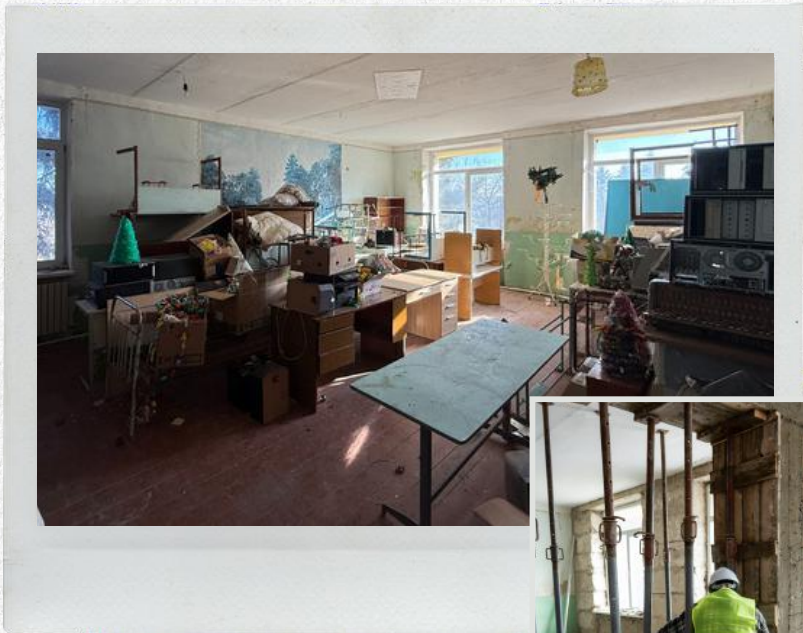
Play area

Extensive collection of toys for the youngest visitors

FURNISHED FOR *children* EQUIPPED FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.



The educational project in Mașcăuți village was made possible through the charity campaign “**Being Santa Claus is Easy**”, held at the end of 2024 in a Kaufland store in Chișinău. The campaign raised a total of **406,000 MDL**, collected through purchases made at special checkout counters, where artists, public officials, diplomats, journalists, as well as representatives from the business sector and international organizations, symbolically took on the role of cashiers. The event, held on **December 21, 2024**, had a nationwide impact, highlighting the power of solidarity and collective involvement in supporting children.



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The Mașcăuți Playroom is a safe and welcoming space for children in the community, where free time is spent in creative and constructive ways. Carefully designed and equipped with modern, high-quality materials tailored to different ages and educational needs, the Playroom provides an engaging environment for learning and play. Its impact extends beyond the children, strengthening connections between students, parents, and teachers. With resources such as captivating books, encyclopedias, project materials, tablets, and laptops, the Playroom supports non-formal education, complements formal schooling, and has become a vital pillar of community life.



In this environment, play, reading, and educational activities are seamlessly integrated, fostering the development of communication, collaboration, and rule-following skills. In the short to medium term, there has been a noticeable decrease in wandering behaviors and a visible increase in positive conduct among children. Activities in the Playroom are led by social educators and trained facilitators, who use educational, interactive, and recreational games as tools for support and observation. Learning through play and therapeutic activities help identify behavioral patterns, emotions, and individual needs, promoting the development of socio-emotional skills, self-expression, and overall well-being.



“For many children, the ‘Bumblebees’ Playroom is the place where they discover the joy of learning in new ways. The activities help them become more confident, creative, and engaged. For the community, the playroom provides real support, helps prevent school dropout, and strengthens the connections between children, parents, and school.”

**Elena Tașcă, Teacher,
Ciuciuleni village, Hîncești District**

“At ‘Galaxy’ Playroom, every child is free to choose how they spend their time: reading, creating, doing homework, or simply playing. Here, everyone is equal, regardless of age, abilities, or background. It’s a safe, welcoming, and vibrant space where play, creativity, and social interaction go hand in hand.”

**Elena Adam, Playroom Coordinator,
Șipoteni Village, Călărași District**

“The playroom has become an important space for the village children. They come here to play, create, and interact with each other in a safe environment. For us as parents, it is reassuring to know that their free time is spent meaningfully. It is a place where they can grow both emotionally and intellectually.”

**Parent, Logănești village,
Hîncești District**

“For me, the Playroom is the place I can come to after school without worrying about bothering anyone. Here, I read, play, and learn new things. I have friends, and I feel really happy.”

**5th-grade Student, Mașcăuți village,
Criuleni District**

TRAININGS

AND SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS.



The training sessions organized in 2025 strengthened parental, social, and digital skills among children and adults in rural communities. These interventions aimed to raise awareness, prevent social and digital risks, and enhance the capacity of families and local specialists to support child development and protection.



SESSIONS ON ABUSE PREVENTION AND ONLINE SAFETY

A total of 333 children and adults participated in informational workshops held across six rural communities. These activities were designed to address the heightened risks associated with digital exposure, particularly among vulnerable families with limited digital literacy.

The topics covered included:

- **Personal data protection**
- **Safe use of digital devices**
- **Recognition of online abuse**
- **The importance of family supervision and communication**



To ensure accessibility, the team developed and used simplified educational materials, tailored for participants with limited digital skills or low literacy levels. The focus was on understanding the basic principles necessary to protect both children and adults from online threats and various forms of abuse.

During the workshops, significant gaps were identified regarding awareness of online safety risks and responsible technology use, as confirmed by participants' own testimonies:

"I didn't know that my password could be used against my child. I thought that if someone was helping me, it was safe."

Participating Parent

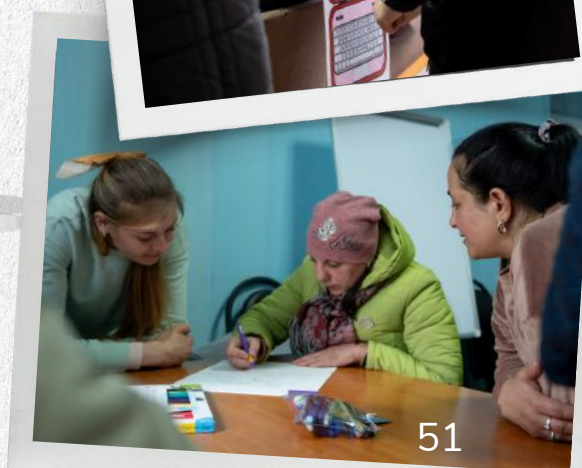
"The workshop helped us understand how vulnerable the beneficiaries are and how important it is to intervene preventively, not just after a case arises."

Social worker

"We use the phone every day, but no one has ever explained the risks to us. They just seem like colorful buttons and pictures."

Caretaker

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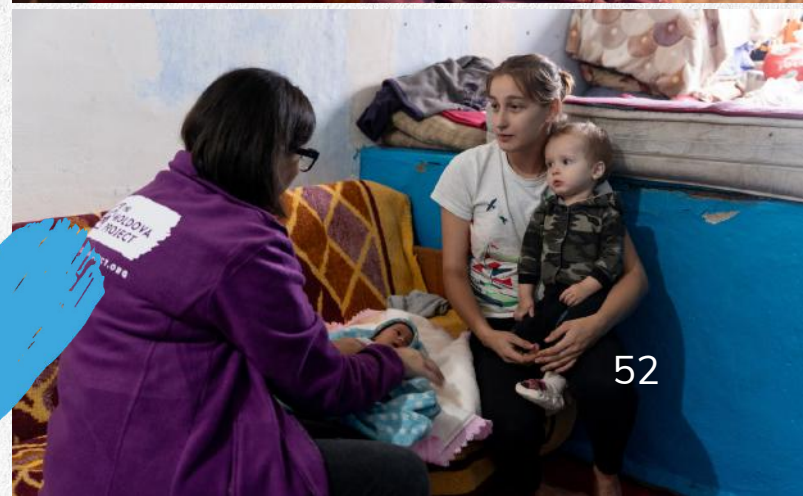


PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT

To maximize the impact of educational interventions on children, the Mobile Team of The Moldova Project conducted information and counseling sessions for parents and caregivers. These activities aimed to strengthen the role of the family in supporting the child's educational journey, emphasizing the importance of regular school attendance, maintaining motivation, and creating a learning-friendly environment.

During the back-to-school preparation period in August 2025, beneficiary families received donations of ergonomic backpacks and essential school supplies, in line with the official requirements set by the Ministry of Education. This intervention aimed to remove material barriers that could hinder children's participation in education, prevent absenteeism, and ensure equitable access to learning opportunities, particularly for children from vulnerable families.

By combining material support with parental guidance activities, the intervention fostered greater parental responsibility and promoted a functional partnership between families, schools, and the community, yielding direct positive effects on school attendance and children's engagement in educational activities.



EXPERT CONSULTATIONS

During the reporting year, **86 local specialists** (social workers, teachers, community workers, educators, child protection specialists, police officers, medical assistants, social pedagogues) received specialized consulting from The Moldova Project team experts to strengthen professional skills, ensure early identification of at-risk situations, and implement informed, preventive approaches when working with vulnerable children and families.



INVESTMENTS IN RESILIENCE

AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



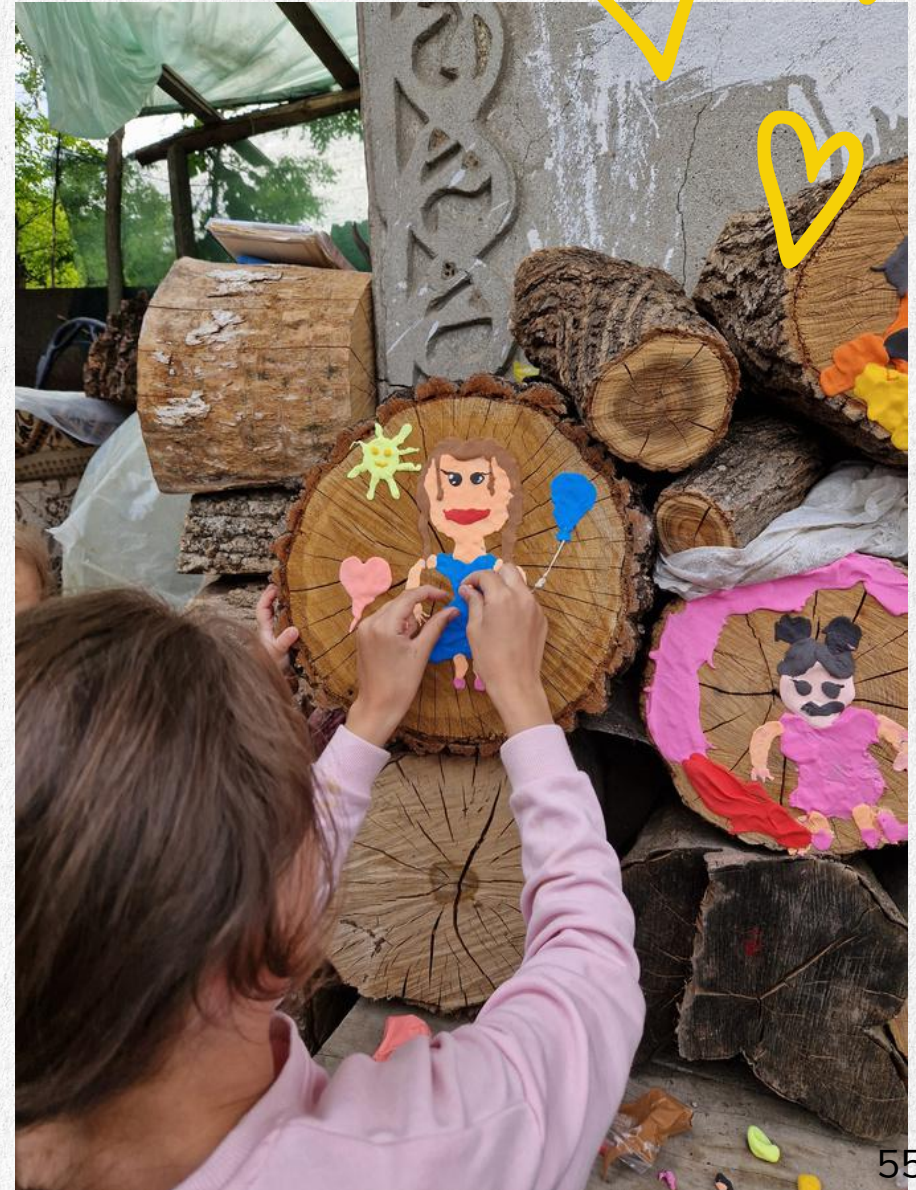
In vulnerable communities, where chronic stress, insecurity, and lack of resources affect the emotional balance of children and adults, specialized interventions become essential for preventing the long-term effects of trauma and supporting adaptive capacity.

In this context, The Moldova Project has consistently invested in psycho-emotional support services and therapeutic recreational activities for both children and adults. Through structured, trauma-informed interventions adapted to community realities, these actions aimed to develop healthy emotion-management mechanisms, strengthen social relationships, and promote a sense of safety and belonging—essential for fostering individual and community resilience.



ART THERAPY – A VITAL TOOL FOR RECOGNIZING AND HEALING TRAUMA

Art therapy has been one of the primary psycho-emotional intervention methods used by The Moldova Project team, including in 2025, playing a crucial role both in emotional expression and in the early identification of significant risks. Through drawing, symbolic play, and guided interaction, children were able to express feelings, fears, or traumatic experiences that would have been difficult to verbalize without such tools.



A total of **1,414 children** benefited from individual and group art therapy sessions, while 309 adults participated in similar interventions tailored to their emotional and parental needs. Of these, **1,210 children** attended group art therapy sessions, gaining access to safe spaces for emotional expression and social interaction, while **261 children** received additional support through individualized sessions, customized according to needs identified in the field.

Additionally, **216 adults** participated in group sessions aimed at supporting emotional balance and enhancing parental skills, while 20 adults received individual interventions focused on managing trauma, anxiety, and chronic stress. Art therapy served as an alternative communication channel for beneficiaries who had difficulty verbally expressing psychological distress, particularly children exposed to chronic stress or intergenerational trauma.



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: EXPERIENCES WITH THERAPEUTIC AND SOCIAL-CONNECTION BENEFITS

Recreational activities played an important complementary role in supporting the emotional well-being of vulnerable children in rural areas, as well as their caregivers, providing positive opportunities for relaxation, enjoyment, and social interaction.

During the **Easter holiday** period, The Moldova Project team implemented a recreational program for vulnerable children in rural areas, involving **462 children** and **90 caregivers**. The activities were organized into thematic zones that promoted physical activity, creativity, socialization, and positive emotional expression through large-scale interactive games, art workshops, and age-appropriate entertainment.



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On International **Children's Day**, around **1,500 children** from rural and vulnerable communities took part in recreational and socio-educational activities designed to promote child well-being and uphold the right to play. The program featured interactive games, creative workshops, physical activities, and age-appropriate educational entertainment, providing a fun and supportive environment tailored to the needs of each age group.

In the summer of 2025, over **480 children and 73 caregivers** enjoyed a unique recreational experience with a visit to the Vara Vara Aquapark. Conducted over the course of a week, the activity provided daily positive and memorable experiences for children from rural communities and challenging life situations, for whom access to quality recreational activities is often limited. For many participants, this was their first trip outside their home community.



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"I have never been to a place like this. It was the most beautiful day of my life."

Maria, 9 years old





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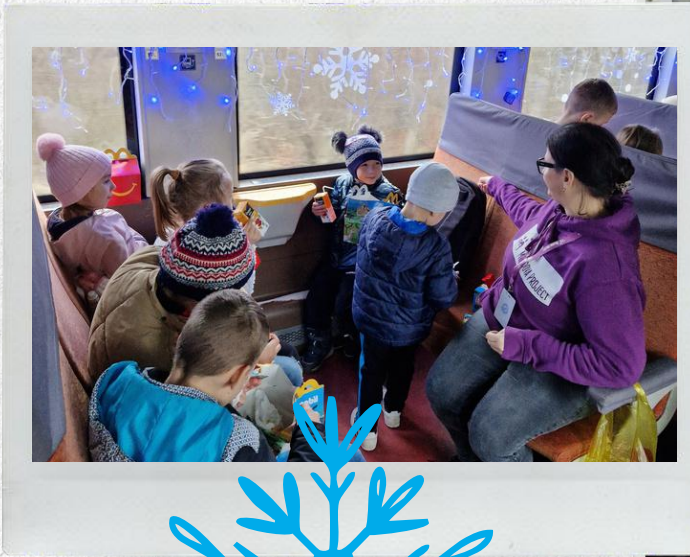
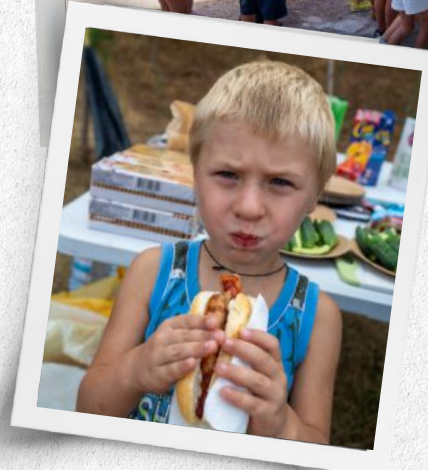
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During the warm season, the team organized over **15 outdoor gastronomic and recreational events**, turning every interaction into genuine joy. Children participated in a diverse program of activities: sports workshops, board games, tree rope-walking, and face-painting sessions, while also enjoying treats such as pancakes, hot dogs, cotton candy, and popcorn. Their creative side was explored through painting on easels, canvases, t-shirts, and tote bags, giving each child the opportunity to express their uniqueness.

One of the most memorable events was marked by the involvement of the **Index** team, who, as volunteers, chose to celebrate their company's anniversary in an altruistic way alongside **119 children** from families facing hardships. This synergy between corporate volunteering and community needs created a day full of singing, dancing, and human connection, demonstrating that solidarity is the most beautiful way to celebrate success.



On December 5th, a group of **50 children** visited the **Chişinău Circus**, enjoying a full entertainment program with artistic performances, acrobatic acts, clowns, and musical animation.

Another group of **50 children** took part in the traveling experience **“Santa Claus’ Train,”** where entertainers and themed characters organized interactive activities at each station, including face painting, group games, music, and snacks.

Between December 24 and 31, The Moldova Project Association carried out the 12th edition of the Winter Project, **reaching over 1,500 children**. The program included performances by clowns and magicians, professional animation, face painting, temporary tattoos, a photo booth, interactive games, and age-appropriate contests. The festive atmosphere was completed with individual gifts presented by Santa Claus.

The emotional impact of the experience was also reflected in the children's reactions:



“I’ve always believed that magic exists. Now I know for sure, I’ve seen it with my own eyes!”

Nicolae, 12 years old

In conversations with the children about their wishes, most expressed simple hopes: “just happiness” or “health for me and my family.”

“I don’t have any special wishes,” said a teenage girl, as if she had learned too early not to ask for anything.”

For some children, the wishes were modest: a few sweets to share with their siblings, a toy, or a book that could open up new worlds. Andrei, a 14-year-old teenager, asked Santa for a book, explaining that reading helps him escape and dream beyond the limits of his reality.

The team listened carefully to each child and made sustained efforts to ensure that the recreational experiences offered during the holidays met their real needs, generating genuine joy and a sense of safety. Beyond the festive nature, these activities were designed as formative and therapeutic interventions, having a direct impact on the children's emotional well-being and their ability to adapt.



For children from vulnerable backgrounds, recreational activities often represent rare opportunities to experience positive emotions, trusting relationships, and validation. Play, performances, interaction with other children, and participation in creative activities help reduce accumulated emotional tension, regulate emotions, and foster a sense of belonging. Repeated positive experiences like these create healthy emotional benchmarks that support the development of resilience and the children’s ability to cope with daily challenges.

At the same time, recreational activities give children the opportunity to freely express their feelings, build social relationships based on cooperation and respect, and rebuild self-confidence. For many beneficiaries, these moments represented their first experiences of this kind, helping to expand their emotional horizons and foster positive expectations toward the world and their own future.



MEDICAL SERVICES

In 2025, the health services provided by The Moldova Project Association played a crucial role in the early identification of serious medical issues and in facilitating beneficiaries' access to specialized healthcare. The interventions targeted both children and adults, particularly in contexts marked by limited medical knowledge, real difficulties in accessing the healthcare system, and, in some cases, the inability of parents or caregivers to recognize the severity of existing health problems.

Throughout the year, 265 children and adults received free medical assistance facilitated by The Moldova Project Association, while 50 vulnerable adults and children were provided support through free access to essential medicines and pharmaceutical products.



HEALTH CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Early Detection of Medical Conditions in Children

A particularly complex case involved a child later diagnosed with epilepsy, who was not under the care of a family doctor. The situation was further complicated by the mother's intellectual disability, which made it impossible to recognize the symptoms or seek timely medical assistance. The child exhibited episodes of urinary incontinence, causing heightened anxiety, stigmatization, and additional emotional difficulties. Over time, other complications emerged, including stress-related disorders and cardiac problems, necessitating intervention from a neurologist, cardiologist, and psychiatrist.

Thanks to the field team's efforts and a comprehensive family-based assessment, the health issue was identified in time, the child was referred to the appropriate specialists, and included in a structured monitoring and treatment plan.

Another case managed in 2025 involved a **9-year-old girl whose life changed dramatically the moment she began to “hear” the world for the first time.** Unfortunately, her story also highlights systemic gaps in early diagnosis.

For several years, the girl's silence and delayed language development were misinterpreted, leading to her being wrongly labeled as having behavioral issues or intellectual developmental delays. In reality, the child had no cognitive barrier—her difficulty was sensory: she simply could not hear.

The family began collaborating with The Moldova Project only in 2025. During field visits, the mobile team, through regular activities, was able to identify the true cause of the problem. Specialists observed that, aside from speech difficulties, the girl demonstrated cognitive abilities fully appropriate for her age. The team immediately recommended an audiogram and thorough medical evaluations. The Association fully covered the costs of the investigations, after which the girl received a hearing aid and was referred to free speech therapy services in her locality.

This case illustrates that the work of mobile teams in rural and disadvantaged communities is essential for timely identification of such “forgotten voices” and for providing children with the opportunity for a normal, fulfilling life.



Serious medical conditions identified in parents

During community visits and consultations, multiple cases of serious medical conditions were identified among adults, including **diabetes, kidney failure, liver cirrhosis, and cardiovascular disorders**. Many of these beneficiaries were not under regular medical supervision, despite showing advanced symptoms of their illnesses.

The Moldova Project team facilitated referrals to appropriate healthcare centers and specialists, supporting access to consultations and the initiation of treatment specific to each condition. Some of the beneficiaries are currently undergoing ongoing medical evaluation and treatment.

Limited awareness of available medical services

A major issue identified during the interventions was the lack of knowledge about how the healthcare system operates. Although many beneficiaries hold health insurance policies, they are often unaware of the procedures, institutions, or specialists they can turn to. As a result, numerous health problems are neglected or treated too late, and in some cases, interventions are initiated too late to prevent severe complications.

Through its medical guidance and awareness activities, **The Moldova Project Association has helped bridge these gaps, facilitating beneficiaries' access to both primary and specialized healthcare services.**



Reassessment of disability status

Another important aspect identified within the healthcare services was the presence of individuals with severe medical conditions who did not have an officially recognized disability status. These cases were referred to the legal service of The Moldova Project Association to assist beneficiaries in the process of medical reassessment and disability recognition, thereby facilitating access to the corresponding social rights and benefits.

OUR APPROACH

Facilitating Access to Specialized Medical Treatment

For hundreds of children in the Republic of Moldova, an undiagnosed or untreated medical condition can mean years of pain, physical limitations, and reduced chances of living a normal life. In vulnerable families, orthopedic, neuromotor, or other complex conditions are often endured due to lack of resources, and access to specialized treatment remains a difficult-to-reach privilege.

In 2025, through the Healthcare Project, The Moldova Project Association managed to change this reality for **265** individuals, mostly children, by facilitating access to specialized medical interventions, recovery, and long-term monitoring. Each case represented not just a medical procedure, but a carefully guided process—from identifying the problem to the actual treatment and supporting the family throughout the recovery journey.

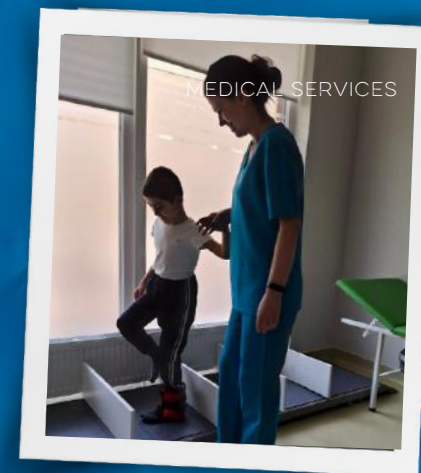
Many of the children supported face **musculoskeletal conditions**—such as **scoliosis, congenital clubfoot, hip dysplasia**—or the **consequences of serious accidents**. Treatment often requires surgical interventions, rehabilitation programs, physiotherapy, and the use of costly orthopedic devices, which are inaccessible for low-income families. Without timely intervention, these conditions worsen, affecting not only mobility but also emotional well-being, social integration, and the children's future prospects.



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Alexei* is one of the children for whom specialized support has made a life-changing difference. Following a serious accident while playing, he suffered severe nervous system injuries and was left with paralysis on the left side of his body. Initially, he could not move the fingers of his left hand, could not hold objects, and had great difficulty walking, barely lifting the affected leg. Through the project, at the age of 8, he received physiotherapy and therapeutic massage sessions tailored to his needs. Progress came gradually but was crucial: he began to move his fingers, walk more steadily, and grasp objects with his left hand. The mother's consistent involvement reinforced the results, and today she voluntarily takes her child to the rehabilitation center twice a year to continue treatment and prevent regression.



However, there are cases where medical needs are far more complex, and the intervention requires not only treatment but also careful coordination, logistical support, and quick decision-making. Dorina*, an 11-year-old girl, is raised by her mother, who single-handedly cares for two children under modest conditions, without her own home and with unstable income. Since early childhood, Dorina suffered from tendon underdevelopment, which forced her to walk on her toes and severely limited her mobility. Recently, she underwent two surgical procedures on both legs, aimed at restoring proper walking and independence. The recovery was long and costly, and her mother made considerable efforts to ensure she received the necessary treatments.

The stories of these children highlight the true purpose of specialized medical treatment: not only physical recovery, but also the restoration of autonomy, dignity, and the chance to experience a childhood free from pain and limitations.

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During monitoring, the project team noticed concerning signs affecting the child's vision. Specialist evaluations confirmed a serious diagnosis: the most severe form of keratoconus, a condition that deforms the cornea and can lead to irreversible vision loss. For Dorina's mother, the idea of eye surgery seemed impossible, as costs and logistical challenges far exceeded the family's means. The involvement of The Moldova Project was crucial in facilitating access to specialist consultations and necessary medical interventions, providing a real chance to prevent blindness.

“We felt powerless, watching her lose her sight day by day. I have no words to thank the team and all the doctors. Thank you so much!”

Dorina's Mother



Access to dental and orthodontic services

In 2025, The Moldova Project facilitated free access to dental and orthodontic services for **87 beneficiaries, including 11 parents and 76 children from vulnerable families.** Oral health was a priority intervention area within the Association's Health Project, as it is often one of the most neglected aspects of overall well-being among disadvantaged families.

The high costs of dental and orthodontic treatments frequently lead to delays or complete abandonment of care, resulting in chronic pain, recurring infections, and significant difficulties with eating, directly affecting physical, emotional, and social health.

Through partnerships with dental specialists and the support of engaged donors, The Moldova Project facilitated access to dental and orthodontic care for children and adults from vulnerable communities. Interventions included both curative treatments and preventive measures, significantly improving overall health, daily comfort, and beneficiaries' self-confidence.

Over the course of the year, numerous children and adults received essential dental treatments that dramatically enhanced their quality of life. In many cases, timely interventions prevented severe medical complications and reduced prolonged suffering.



A notable example involves a young mother caring for multiple children who had lost nearly all of her functional teeth. Severe dental problems caused her constant pain, recurring infections, and facial inflammation, affecting her ability to eat and her overall health. With limited financial resources, she was forced to rely almost entirely on soft foods, living in continual discomfort.

Through The Moldova Project's Health Initiative and with the support of a donor, the mother received comprehensive dental treatment: existing cavities were treated, infected roots were extracted, and a dental prosthesis was fitted. This complete intervention had a major impact on her life—pain disappeared, inflammation subsided, and her diet returned to normal. Beyond the medical benefits, she regained her smile, comfort, and self-confidence, essential elements for personal well-being and her ability to care for her children.



For the children, the interventions had a profound impact. Beyond treating existing dental issues, they were guided to understand the importance of daily oral hygiene and preventive care. Following their treatments, many children became more attentive to caring for their teeth and more responsible for their overall health.

Orthodontic treatments, in particular, made a remarkable difference. For some children, the appearance of their teeth had been a source of embarrassment and social withdrawal, sometimes exposing them to teasing or stigmatization. After treatment, not only did their smiles improve, but so did their self-confidence and self-perception. Today, these children smile more freely, feel more assured, and are better integrated into both school and social life.



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Mental Health. Specialized Support

In 2025, activities carried out by The Moldova Project increasingly highlighted severe mental health vulnerabilities among both adults and children. Emotional difficulties, behavioral disorders, anxiety, depression, and unresolved traumas often emerged in contexts of poverty, violence, illness, or social isolation, where lack of early intervention risked serious deterioration.

The prompt actions of The Moldova Project team enabled beneficiaries to be referred to mental health specialists at partner centers within the Association's Health Project. Through assessment, counseling, and specialized support, critical psychological conditions were prevented from escalating, significantly improving the quality of life of beneficiaries, both individually and within their families.

Physical and emotional health remained central pillars of the 2025 interventions. **The organization facilitated over 400 accompanied medical and psychological referrals, as well as connections to specialized services for children and adults in medical and psychological institutions in Chişinău.** In many cases, the mere presence of an organization representative was decisive in encouraging beneficiaries to accept support and engage in the therapeutic process.

A special focus was placed on supporting children. In 2025, **362 children received individual psychological support**, with interventions tailored to each child's age and context. The sessions aimed at emotional regulation, anxiety reduction, trauma management, improving social relationships, and preventing risky behaviors. For many of these children, the counseling sessions provided the first safe space where they could openly discuss fears, losses, or difficult experiences.

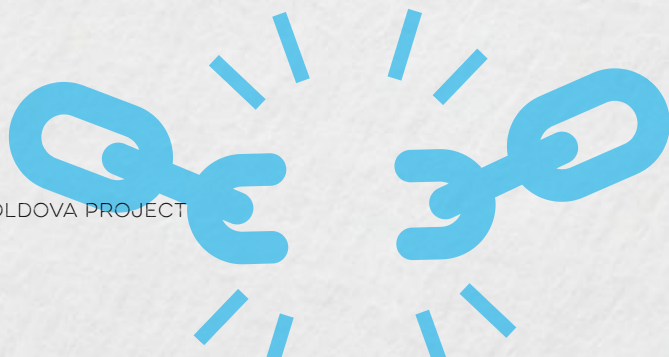
At the same time, **406 adults received psychological support through counseling, crisis interventions, and ongoing assistance** for parents and caregivers facing chronic stress, depression, attachment difficulties, or other mental health challenges. Supporting adults had a direct impact on children's emotional stability, contributing to the creation of safer and more functional family environments.

Complex cases, characterized by overlapping medical, psychological, and social vulnerabilities, were given priority, additional support, and systematic monitoring. Through an integrated and compassionate approach, The Moldova Project successfully transformed crisis situations into manageable processes, ensuring beneficiaries were not left alone in facing their difficulties.

Addressing Alcohol Addiction

In Moldova, alcohol consumption remains a major public health issue, with profound effects on individuals and communities, particularly in rural areas and among socially vulnerable families. According to data released in early 2026, over 400 new cases of alcoholism were reported in 2025 in Chişinău alone. Meanwhile, the total number of people struggling with alcoholism in the capital is estimated at around 12,000, highlighting the scale and persistence of the problem among the adult population.

Moldova also ranks among the countries with very high per capita alcohol consumption, with national estimates placing it at the top of European states, averaging over 14 liters of pure alcohol consumed per person annually. Another concerning factor is the early age of alcohol initiation. Relevant studies indicate that a significant percentage of adolescents begin drinking in the first years of middle school. **Observations by The Moldova Project team show that, in extreme cases, alcohol use can start as early as 3-4 years old in dysfunctional family environments.** Early exposure significantly increases the risk of developing addiction, with serious long-term consequences for physical health, emotional well-being, and social integration.



Alcohol addiction directly impacts the lives and safety of children from disadvantaged families. The causes of problematic consumption are complex and interrelated: lack of stable employment, seasonal labor migration, and economic stress often drive adults to use alcohol as a coping mechanism; in many cases, rural women experiencing domestic violence develop dependency as a response to repeated trauma; simultaneously, problematic alcohol use among men exacerbates domestic violence and family conflicts, negatively affecting children's development and the household's overall well-being.

Throughout 2025, dozens of beneficiaries of The Moldova Project received support and free medical services to combat alcohol dependence. Interventions focused not only on addressing the symptoms of alcohol use but also on stabilizing the overall condition of affected individuals and reducing associated risks for their children and family members.

To enhance treatment outcomes, including medically supervised detoxification when clinically indicated, beneficiaries also received psychological support and specialized therapy. This component is essential because alcohol dependency often stems from deep emotional and social causes that cannot be effectively addressed by medication alone. By combining medical treatment with psychological support, the interventions strengthened beneficiaries' coping skills, reduced stress, and helped repair family relationships damaged by addiction.

SVETLANA'S STORY, 37 *

Svetlana is a mother of two who faced complex health challenges: epilepsy, severe depressive episodes, and alcohol dependency, which developed amid long-standing family difficulties. Without adequate support, her health had deteriorated significantly. Epileptic seizures occurred frequently, sometimes several times a day, and repeated falls required ambulance intervention almost daily. Despite this, Svetlana consistently refused hospitalization and access to specialized medical services, with mistrust of the system and fear of institutionalization acting as major barriers.

The intervention of The Moldova Project, through its Healthcare Program and mobile team, was crucial in changing this situation. Through consistent presence in her home, empathetic dialogue, and guidance tailored to her understanding, the TMP team gradually built a trusting relationship - without pressure or coercion. This approach allowed them to identify the right moment to guide Svetlana toward specialized medical care.

With direct support from the TMP team, Svetlana was accompanied and guided step by step until she agreed to a psychiatric consultation at a private clinic. This intervention marked a turning point, enabling voluntary hospitalization and the initiation of an appropriate treatment plan. During her hospital stay, Svetlana received comprehensive care addressing both her neurological and mental health conditions. The Moldova Project team maintained communication with the medical staff and her family, ensuring continuity of support and close monitoring of her progress. Under careful medical supervision, her condition improved noticeably: the frequency of seizures decreased significantly, and her emotional balance began to be restored.

*The name has been altered to protect personal identity.

ION'S STORY, 44*

My name is Ion, and all my life I've lived in the countryside. Life hasn't been easy, but for a long time, I lived as best I could, with what I had. In spring and summer, I herded sheep up on the hills, in rain and wind alike. Money was scarce, but I appreciated what we had. At home, my children were always waiting - four little mouths waiting for Dad to come back with fresh bread and cheese. I worked for them, and I kept going for them.

I don't know when things started to fall apart. My wife drank even when she was younger, but at some point, it became more frequent and heavier. I didn't know what to do or who to ask for help. I got weaker too. I started drinking - morning tea replaced by alcohol, then again at midday, just to get through the day. Time passed, and soon I didn't know how to stop. I left the country for a while, hoping to earn some money and change our circumstances. But it didn't work out. After a short time, I learned that when my wife was drunk, she couldn't take care of the children. They were left alone, hungry, uncared for. It was heartbreaking to hear. I came back home after about a month. Unfortunately, I hadn't changed either. I started drinking again. That's when I realized I was risking everything—my children and my family. With the help of The Moldova Project team and local authorities, I ended up in the hospital. There, I started treatment and was given a real chance to get back on my feet and work again. My wife's situation is harder. Besides alcohol, she has a developmental delay, and her treatment will take longer. Now we're both in treatment. It's not easy, and the road is long. The children are safe for now, at a center in Hîncești, until my wife completes her treatment. Our children are our motivation. We want to rise for them. The support we received from The Moldova Project gave us a real chance. With their help, we're trying to rebuild our family and be parents to our children once again.

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Providing Material Support for Treatments & Medical Vouchers

For many families in difficulty, access to medical treatment is often not limited by the availability of doctors or prescriptions, but by the inability to cover the associated costs. Medications, medical devices, and essential pharmaceutical products often become an impossible financial burden, especially for long-term treatments or unexpected medical situations.

In this context, in 2025, The Moldova Project intervened by providing medical vouchers aimed at easing the financial pressure on vulnerable families and ensuring continuity of care. This support enabled beneficiaries to follow the treatments prescribed by specialists without interruptions or compromises that could worsen their health conditions.

In total, **50 individuals benefited from vouchers totaling 19,200 lei**, which were used to purchase medications and essential medical devices. Beyond the direct material support, these vouchers gave families a sense of stability and security during a vulnerable time, reducing the risk that medical issues would escalate into social crises.



A striking example is the story of Radu*, a lively child from a large family with a passion for football. During a game with other children, Radu suffered a serious leg fracture that required surgery and a complex recovery period. After the operation, doctors recommended using crutches and strictly following the prescribed treatment. However, the cost of the necessary medical equipment was beyond his family's financial means.

Through The Moldova Project's Health Project, Radu's family received medical vouchers, which were used to purchase the required crutches. This support made it possible to follow the medical recommendations correctly, allowing Radu to move safely and continue his recovery without delays or additional risks.

Radu's Mother



"I am deeply grateful for the help provided to my child. Thanks to this support, he will be able to return to his normal life and play football again."

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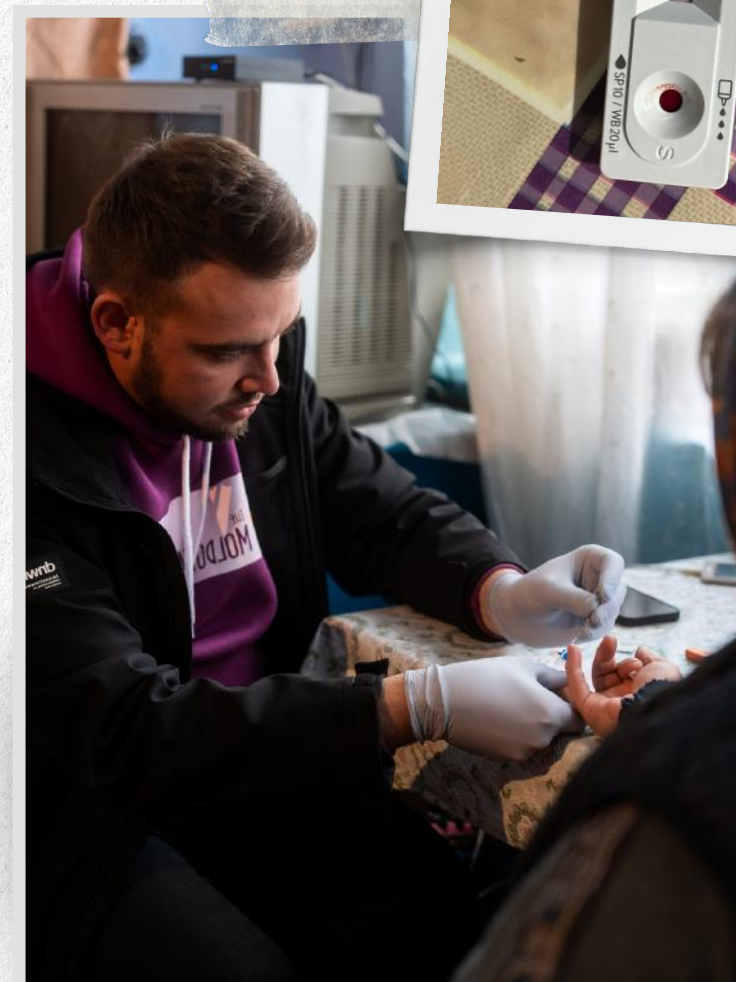
Access to Free Medical Tests

In cases where the beneficiaries' health required additional investigations, children and adults received free medical tests, provided with the support of the Health Project partners. These tests were essential for establishing an accurate diagnosis, monitoring the progression of illnesses, and initiating appropriate treatments, particularly in cases of chronic or complex conditions.

Rapid Testing and Public Health Awareness

Throughout 2025, the mobile team of **The Moldova Project** carried out rapid testing activities for HIV and syphilis, reaching **51 beneficiaries**. These tests were complemented by public health awareness sessions, tailored to the participants' level of understanding and social context. These interventions played a crucial role in the early identification of health risks, reducing stigma, and promoting responsible behaviors among socially vulnerable individuals.

The need for such actions is supported by national and international epidemiological data. According to the most recent official statistics, approximately 880 new HIV infections were reported in the Republic of Moldova in a single year, with a significant number of people entering medical care at advanced stages of the disease, indicating late detection and insufficient access to testing. Globally, it is estimated that over 40 million people live with HIV, with more than one million new infections recorded annually, underscoring the persistent nature of this public health issue and the importance of preventive measures and early diagnosis.





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The testing conducted by The Moldova Project team in 2025 was carried out with strict adherence to confidentiality, medical safety standards, and ethical principles. Individuals whose results indicated the need for further investigations received counseling, emotional support, and were guided and accompanied to specialized medical services for diagnosis confirmation and treatment initiation.

The quality and safety of these interventions are based on the institutional capacity-building process carried out in 2024. The mobile team of The Moldova Project was trained by specialists from the “Toma Ciorbă” Clinical Hospital of Infectious Diseases through training sessions that included theoretical information, practical exercises, and case studies, leading to certification for the use of rapid diagnostic tests for HIV, syphilis, HCV, and HBsAg. Following this process, several staff members of the organization were certified to conduct rapid community-based testing.

Also in 2024, The Moldova Project was included on the list of partners of the National Program for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, which allowed, throughout 2025, the implementation of testing and awareness activities in accordance with national protocols and public health standards.

Through timely, coordinated, and professional interventions, at-risk individuals gained access to specialized medical services promptly, receiving continuous monitoring and support. As a result, risks to individual and community health were significantly reduced, and beneficiaries were integrated into a safe, responsible, and dignified medical care pathway.

Health Education, Prevention, and Strengthening Parental Skills

In 2025, the health education and counseling component targeting parents and caregivers was a core part of the services provided by The Moldova Project, focusing on preventing health risks and improving living conditions for vulnerable families. These interventions were designed as a direct response to realities observed in the field, following social assessments and home visits, where poor living conditions posed significant health risks for children.

In this context, **53 families received direct support** with cleaning and sanitizing their homes. These actions aimed to reduce children's exposure to health hazards, prevent the spread of infectious diseases, and create a safer domestic environment that supports healthy child development. Beyond the immediate assistance, these activities also served an educational purpose, providing families with practical examples of good hygiene practices at home.

At the same time, **124 individuals - including parents, caregivers, and other family members—participated in educational sessions** on disease prevention.

These sessions covered essential topics such as:

- Personal and household hygiene
- Prevention of respiratory and digestive infections
- Food hygiene
- Proper waste management
- The importance of accessing preventive healthcare services



The activities were tailored to the beneficiaries' level of understanding and employed interactive methods and practical explanations designed to strengthen parenting skills and encourage the adoption of healthy, sustainable behaviors within the family.



LEGAL ASSISTANCE

In 2025, the legal services provided by The Moldova Project were a key pillar in supporting socially vulnerable families in rural areas, who often face complex legal issues compounded by limited financial resources, low legal awareness, and restricted access to state institutions.

Legal assistance focused primarily on family law, property rights, and the protection of social entitlements, delivered in an integrated manner tailored to the specific circumstances of each beneficiary family.



FAMILY LAW AND THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST

Among the most common cases addressed were divorce proceedings, particularly in families with minor children, disputes over the child's residence, the exercise of parental authority, child support, and the division of shared property. In such cases, beneficiaries received comprehensive legal assistance, from initial consultations and explanations of their legal rights to drafting applications, preparing case files, and guidance throughout judicial proceedings.



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VERIFICATION AND LEGAL CLARIFICATION OF HOUSING STATUS

A recurring issue identified among beneficiaries was the lack of legal ownership documents for their homes. Many families live in inherited houses without formalized succession, in properties purchased without registering ownership, or in situations of unclear co-ownership. Legal assistance focused on clarifying the legal status of these properties, initiating inheritance procedures, obtaining the necessary documents, and representing beneficiaries' interests with local and central public authorities.

In 2025, **78 beneficiaries received free legal consultations** and support to regularize property ownership and other essential documents.

PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

A particularly sensitive area of the legal services focused on protecting victims of domestic violence. Most cases involved women - especially mothers - trapped in abusive relationships, lacking financial resources, legal knowledge, or social support, and facing high vulnerability. Interventions included providing legal assistance for obtaining restraining and protection orders, initiating divorce proceedings, establishing child custody, and requesting alimony. All actions were carried out with strict respect for the confidentiality, dignity, and safety of the beneficiaries, and were supplemented with psychological support whenever needed.

PROTECTING SOCIAL BENEFITS AND INTERVENTIONS IN CASES OF ASSET SEIZURE

Legal assistance also addressed situations where beneficiaries' bank accounts had been frozen, including cases involving social allowances, pensions, or other targeted benefits. Interventions included initiating legal actions to lift unlawfully applied freezes and protect the minimum income necessary for daily living, helping to prevent further deterioration of economic vulnerability.

In addition to the cases mentioned, legal services also included:

- Obtaining or restoring identity documents;
- Mediating family or property disputes, with a focus on reaching amicable solutions;
- Establishing and recovering social rights, including social assistance, allowances, pensions, and other forms of material support.

One of the strategic intervention areas of The Moldova Project is the strengthening of community development programs. Investments have been made in modernizing educational infrastructure, expanding community services for children, and fostering public-private partnerships. The organization's approach aims to create sustainable conditions that support health, education, and social inclusion, based on the belief that the environment in which a child grows and learns directly shapes their opportunities for success. In this context, TMP has aligned its interventions with national education reforms, particularly the strategic initiative of the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova focused on school modernization and the reduction of educational inequalities.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



MODEL SCHOOLS NETWORK – MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

During the reporting year, TMP actively supported the national Model Schools Network project, designed to transform educational institutions into modern, safe, and inclusive learning centers. The program aims to reduce disparities between urban and rural areas through major renovations, modern equipment, energy-efficient solutions, and facilities adapted for children with special needs.

Through the gradual expansion of the network and the mobilization of public and private resources, the selected schools will become models of best practices in educational infrastructure and institutional management. The involvement of NGOs and private companies has accelerated the modernization process and complemented government investments with solutions tailored to the real needs of the communities.

Within this framework, TMP acted as an implementation and monitoring partner alongside private-sector collaborators. It helped facilitate cooperation between authorities, donors, and educational institutions, ensuring sustainable interventions with long-term impact.



MODERNIZATION OF THE DINING HALL AT “ONISIFOR GHIBU” THEORETICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN ORHEI

One of the largest projects carried out in 2025 was the complete modernization of the dining hall at Onisifor Ghibu Theoretical High School in Orhei, an institution that provides daily meals for over **1,200 students and 65 teaching staff**.

The investment, totaling nearly four million lei, was realized through a national education partnership involving the **United Nations Development Programme, the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova, and Kaufland Moldova**, with coordination and implementation led by The Moldova Project Association.

The modernization process included a full renovation of the electrical networks, installation of ventilation systems, redesign of storage and food preparation areas, provision of professional kitchen equipment, modern furniture and tableware, as well as the installation of an elevator for food transport.

By managing all stages of implementation, TMP ensured compliance with food safety standards and created an environment suited to modern requirements, directly contributing to the improvement of children’s health and supporting their ability to concentrate and perform academically.



MODERNIZATION OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES AT “IVAN VAZOV” THEORETICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN TARACLIA

In 2025, a comprehensive modernization of the sports facilities at Ivan Vazov Theoretical High School in Taraclia was launched. The project is carried out through a partnership between Moldindconbank, the Ministry of Education and Research, and The Moldova Project, as part of the government initiative “Moldova for Education” under the national Model Schools Network program.

The first phase of the works focused on the complete renovation of the locker rooms, restrooms, and adjacent corridors, with a private sector investment of two million lei. The Moldova Project oversaw the quality of the works and ensured deadlines were met, guaranteeing the efficiency of the modernization process.

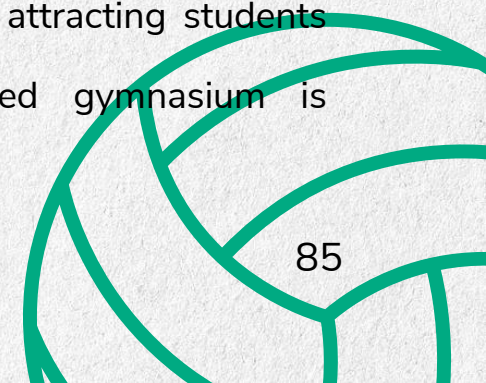
Additionally, a full renovation of the gymnasium has been planned to create modern conditions for sports activities and school competitions. The works are scheduled to continue into 2026.

With a total capacity of 1,560 students, Ivan Vazov High School currently accommodates 506 pupils. The institution serves as a regional educational center, attracting students from across the Taraclia district.

The official opening of the renovated gymnasium is scheduled for 2026.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



EXPANSION OF THE PLAYROOM NETWORK: FREE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

As a community-based educational intervention for children from vulnerable families, the Playroom project has been developed by TMP for over 10 consecutive years. The playrooms serve as safe spaces for play, learning, and socialization, where children participate in structured educational activities, receive emotional support, and develop cognitive and social skills. Additionally, TMP playrooms host training sessions and creative workshops for teenagers and parents.

During the fifth edition of the “Being Santa Claus Is Easy” campaign, organized by The Moldova Project with the support of Kaufland Moldova, hundreds of shoppers and more than 30 public figures from various fields volunteered at the checkout counters, turning everyday gestures into concrete support for vulnerable children.

Among the Ambassadors of Good were representatives of central public authorities, diplomats, artists, journalists, and opinion leaders, who provided a compelling example of civic dedication and social responsibility. Their presence amplified the message of solidarity and strengthened public confidence in the power of collective action to bring about real change in communities.

Through contributions made during the campaign, **421,967 lei and approximately two tons of food products were collected.** These resources provided the financial foundation for the establishment of **the playroom in Izbiște** and facilitated the subsequent engagement of additional partners interested in supporting the renovation and equipping efforts.



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Public figures involved

421.967

Funds raised (MDL)

The new playroom has been designed as a free community service offering alternative educational opportunities, aimed not only at children from the village of Izbiște but also at those from neighboring communities. The space is **set to open in 2026** and will provide ongoing access to educational activities, reading, creative projects, and positive social interaction, all coordinated by a social educator, with a direct impact on the development of children's cognitive and emotional skills.

Through this extensive civic mobilization, 2025 demonstrated that sustainable community development is built not only through institutional investments but also through the active involvement of people who choose to turn empathy into action and social responsibility into tangible services for the children who need support the most.



 *Safari*
PLAYROOM
Izbiște Village, Criuleni District



FUNDRAISING



- **January – March 2025** – Fundraiser organized by #ZeroDoi
- **February – April 2025** – Public campaign on the redirection of 2% of income tax
- **March 1, 2025** – Kaufland “Mărțișoare” fundraiser
- **March 8, 2025** – Dor de Moldova Festival, Orlando, USA
- **April 10, 2025** – Diplomacy on the Rocks: Generosity in Action fundraiser
- **May 29, 2025** – “Serve and Give” charity event
- **July 24, 2025** – Charity event organized by Carmina Vicol
- **September 20, 2025** – Conference “How to Understand My Child, Whether They Are 2, 8, or 15” with Urania Cremene
- **October 18, 2025** – “Running for the Children of Moldova”
- **November 6, 2025** – “Serve and Give” charity dinner
- **December 5, 2025** – Gala Moldova Hospitality Awards, organized by MĂR Association
- **December 21, 2025** – “Being Santa Claus Is Easy” 6th edition
- **December 19–23, 2025** – Caroling by TMP team



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



Volunteering is one of the most genuine expressions of solidarity and civic responsibility, turning individual involvement into a collective resource with a tangible impact on communities. Within the activities of The Moldova Project, volunteering is seen not merely as operational support, but as a form of active participation in social change, bringing people, cultures, and generations together around shared values.

Through the engagement of both local and international volunteers, the organization fosters a culture of civic involvement and empathy, where the exchange of experiences, intercultural dialogue, and hands-on action become tools for mutual learning and the strengthening of social cohesion. Volunteering thus provides a framework in which solidarity takes a concrete form, allowing communities to benefit not only from resources but also from human presence, attention, and meaningful time.



In May, the mobile teams' activities were strengthened by the involvement of four students from the **Mara Foundation**, a Dutch network of young people committed to volunteering and supporting social causes across Europe. With prior experience in social projects, the students quickly integrated into the organization's field activities, helping distribute donations, taking part in tree-planting initiatives with beneficiary families, and, most importantly, dedicating time to direct dialogue, active listening, and authentic human interaction within the communities visited.

The main motivation of these volunteers was the desire to gain firsthand insight into the social realities of the Republic of Moldova, to observe the impact of interventions implemented by The Moldova Project, and to identify ways to engage in supporting vulnerable families in the medium and long term. In addition to their practical assistance, the volunteers also contributed financially, providing support that will enable the continuation of interventions aimed at families facing social risk.



In August, The Moldova Project team received valuable support from a group of volunteers from **Ireland**, who organize annual visits to the Republic of Moldova and actively participate in interventions supporting socially vulnerable families, as well as residential institutions for people with disabilities, including the Temporary Placement Center for People with Disabilities in Orhei. Their involvement was multifaceted, combining direct support for beneficiaries, resource mobilization, and emotional assistance, contributing to the improvement of the quality of services provided.



Additionally, as part of the Winter Project, volunteers from the **United Kingdom** actively participated, traveling specifically to the Republic of Moldova to support the organization and execution of festive events. Their presence greatly contributed to the smooth coordination of activities and to creating a positive experience for the children, highlighting the importance of international volunteering in supporting local community initiatives.

In addition to international volunteering, the organization's activities have been consistently supported by an extensive network of national volunteers, including students, mothers on maternity leave, employed individuals dedicating their free time, family members of beneficiaries, and other members of local communities. This type of volunteering holds particular strategic value, ensuring continuity of interventions, a deep understanding of the local context, and the ability to respond quickly to emerging community needs.

During the reporting year, **14 new volunteers joined The Moldova Project team**, actively participating in the organization and execution of recreational activities, fundraising campaigns, and the collection of essential items such as educational materials, food, clothing, and gifts for children. The contributions of national volunteers supported the operational efficiency of the projects and enhanced the organization's capacity to respond promptly and effectively to situations of social vulnerability.



Corporate volunteering is playing an increasingly important role in supporting the organization’s activities, through the direct involvement of employees from local partner companies as part of their corporate social responsibility policies. This form of civic engagement reflects the business community’s commitment to the community and transforms company personnel into active agents of social change.



Through employees’ participation in field activities, support campaigns, and community events, the collaboration between The Moldova Project and the private sector goes beyond financial contributions, evolving into a partnership grounded in direct engagement, solidarity, and social responsibility. Corporate volunteering facilitates skills transfer, fosters team spirit, and strengthens the connection between companies and the communities in which they operate.

MEDIA COVERAGE & PUBLIC RELATIONS



Over the course of the year, The Moldova Project's activities were featured in more than 80 online publications, TV programs, and radio broadcasts. Each initiative and project implemented was well received by the public and helped amplify the message of solidarity. Here are some notable media appearances highlighting the impact of TMP's work:

- [Victoria Morozov on The Moldova Project's mission, on TVR Moldova](#)
- [TV 8 report on the charity event "Diplomacy on the Rocks: Generosity in Action"](#)
- [Report on the Spring Project 2025 on TVR Moldova](#)
- [Inauguration of the "Planetarium" playroom, Mașcăuți, Criuleni District](#)
- [Renovation of the O. Ghibu High School cafeteria – Model Schools Network](#)
- [Charity conference featuring parenting expert Urania Cremene](#)
- ["Serve and Give" charity event on November 6, 2025](#)
- [About the "Being Santa is Easy" campaign on "A Perfect Evening," Pro TV](#)
- [Winter Project covered by Cinema 1](#)
- [Association's activities from the perspective of moldova.org](#)



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