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Meeting agenda

1. ISWG members' support options
2. Planning for 2025
3. National Program for Phased Integration of Foreigners update
4. RACs update
5. Cash updates
6. AOB

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Members' Support Options

what the ISWG can do for you

Proposals & Discussion

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Proposed support options

- Training to staff
- Events / cost-sharing initiatives
- Joint assessments
- Policy briefs and data analyses

Proposed training event topics

- Funding framework / transition to development funding
- Government Restart reform & new systems
- Protection
- Legal framework gaps

Partners' suggestions

- Meeting with focal points from various Ministries / organisations
- Coordination, to ensure there is no duplications between the implementers

members' votes so far

What the ISWG can do for you

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Other suggestions from partners

Receive meeting dates 2 weeks in advance

Monthly updates on statistics regarding number of refugees, geographic distribution, legal status changes, etc

Sharing updates on partners' activities and planning

Receive meeting dates, agenda and materials to review 2 weeks in advance

Training or dedicated day on Government Restart Reform and its implication on refugees

Unified referral system of all services provided to refugees by all stakeholders

Updates from state institutions on legislative changes

Using existing resources - CSO funding

The Refugee Coordination Forum **has updated the document detailing funding opportunities** for Civil Society Organizations in Moldova

- Available in English, Romanian and Russian
- Deadlines: from June 13 until end of September, as well as **ongoing** opportunities

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Funding Opportunities for Civil Society Organizations in Moldova

Last Update: May 29, 2025

This compilation is part of the Refugee Coordination Forum's effort to support local organizations in Moldova to access funding opportunities in line with localization efforts. We have collected information from various sources online and compiled it here for the convenience of local CSOs. However, it is important to note that the RCF is not responsible for these opportunities, nor does it take part in any decision related to them, nor can it recommend organizations for them. If you have any other funding opportunities to contribute or want to share feedback, please write to us (mdachrcf@unhcr.org).

New Funding Opportunities

Title of the Call: Enhancing the Resilience of Civil Society in the Eastern Partnership

Deadline: 13-Jun-2025

Funding Source: Transatlantic Foundation in cooperation with the Black Sea Trust (German Marshall Fund of the United States)

Eligibility of Entities to Apply:
- Civil society organizations operating in or registered in Eastern Partnership countries
- Organizations that demonstrate a clear operational connection to the EaP region
- Applicants must clearly justify the relevance of the proposed support to enhancing their resilience

Thematic Focus:
- Strengthening the financial and resource base of civil society
- Building CSO capacity for outreach, impact, visibility, and accountability
- Deepening community engagement and linking civil society to governance structures
- Enhancing regional and international cooperation via civil society platforms

Funding Details:
- Maximum Grant Request: €10,000

For more details: Visit GMFUS.

Title of the Call: Digital Democracy Initiative for Regional Support Mechanisms Host Partners (Eastern Europe and Central Asia)

Deadline: 16-Jun-2025

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Oportunități de finanțare pentru organizațiile societății civile din Moldova

Ultima actualizare: 29 mai 2025

Această compilație face parte din efortul Forumului de coordonare pentru refugiați de a sprijini organizațiile locale din Moldova să acceseze oportunități de finanțare în conformitate cu eforturile de localizare. Am colectat informații din diverse surse online și le-am compilat aici pentru confortul OSC locale. Cu toate acestea, este important să rețineți că RCF nu este responsabil pentru aceste oportunități, nu la parte la nicio decizie legată de acestea și nici nu poate recomanda organizații pentru acestea. Dacă aveți alte oportunități de finanțare cu care să contribuiți sau dacă doriți să împărtășiți feedback, vă rugăm să ne scrieți mdachrcf@unhcr.org.

Noi oportunități de finanțare

Titlul apelului: Consolidarea rezilienței societății civile în cadrul Parteneriatului Estic

Termen limită: 13 iunie 2025

Sursă de finanțare: Fundația Transatlantică în cooperare cu Black Sea Trust (Fondul German Marshall al Statelor Unite)

Eligibilitatea entităților de a depune o cerere:
- Organizații ale societății civile care operează sau sunt înregistrate în țările Parteneriatului Estic
- Organizații care demonstrează o legătură operațională clară cu regiunea PaE
- Solicitanții trebuie să justifice clar relevanța sprijinului propus pentru consolidarea rezilienței lor

Focus tematic:
- Consolidarea bazei financiare și de resurse a societății civile
- Consolidarea capacității OSC în materie de sensibilizare, impact, vizibilitate și responsabilitate
- Aprofundarea implicării comunității și conectarea societății civile la structurile de guvernare
- Îmbunătățirea cooperării regionale și internaționale prin intermediul platformelor societății civile

Detalii privind finanțarea:
- Valoarea maximă a grantului: 10.000 EUR

Pentru mai multe detalii: Vizitați GMFUS.

Titlul apelului: Inițiativa privind democrația digitală pentru partenerii gazdă ai mecanismelor regionale de sprijin (Europa de Est și Asia Centrală)

Termen limită: 16 iunie 2025

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Возможности финансирования для организаций гражданского общества в Молдове

Последнее обновление: 29 мая 2025 г.

Эта подборка является частью усилий Координационного форума по делам беженцев, направленных на поддержку местных организаций в Молдове в получении доступа к возможностям финансирования в соответствии с усилиями по локализации. Мы собрали информацию из различных источников в Интернете и скомпилировали ее здесь для удобства местных НПО. Однако важно отметить, что RCF не несет ответственности за эти возможности, не участвует в принятии каких-либо решений, связанных с ними, и не может рекомендовать организации для участия в них. Если у вас есть другие возможности финансирования или вы хотите поделиться отзывами, пожалуйста, напишите нам (mdachrcf@unhcr.org).

Примечание: *Данный документ является автоматическим переводом и может содержать неточности. Пожалуйста, обращайтесь к оригинальной версии на английском языке или свяжитесь с нами по адресу mdachrcf@unhcr.org для получения официальной информации.*

Новые возможности финансирования

Название конкурса: Развитие устойчивости гражданского общества в Восточном партнерстве

Крайний срок: 13 июня-2025 г.

Источник финансирования: Трансатлантический фонд в сотрудничестве с Черноморским трастом (Германский фонд Маршалла США)

Правомочность организаций подавать заявки:
- Организации гражданского общества, действующие или зарегистрированные в странах Восточного партнерства
- Организации, демонстрирующие четкую операционную связь с регионом ВП
- Заявители должны четко обосновать актуальность предлагаемой поддержки для повышения их устойчивости к внешним воздействиям

Тематический фокус:
- Укрепление финансовой и ресурсной базы гражданского общества
- Наращивание потенциала НПО для расширения охвата, воздействия и подотчетности
- Углубление вовлечения сообществ и установление связей между гражданским обществом и структурами управления
- Укрепление регионального и международного сотрудничества через платформы гражданского общества

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2025 planning

RRP objectives and ISWG Road Map

Proposal & Discussion

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- Reinforcing coverage of Moldovans opens up inclusion opportunities for refugees.

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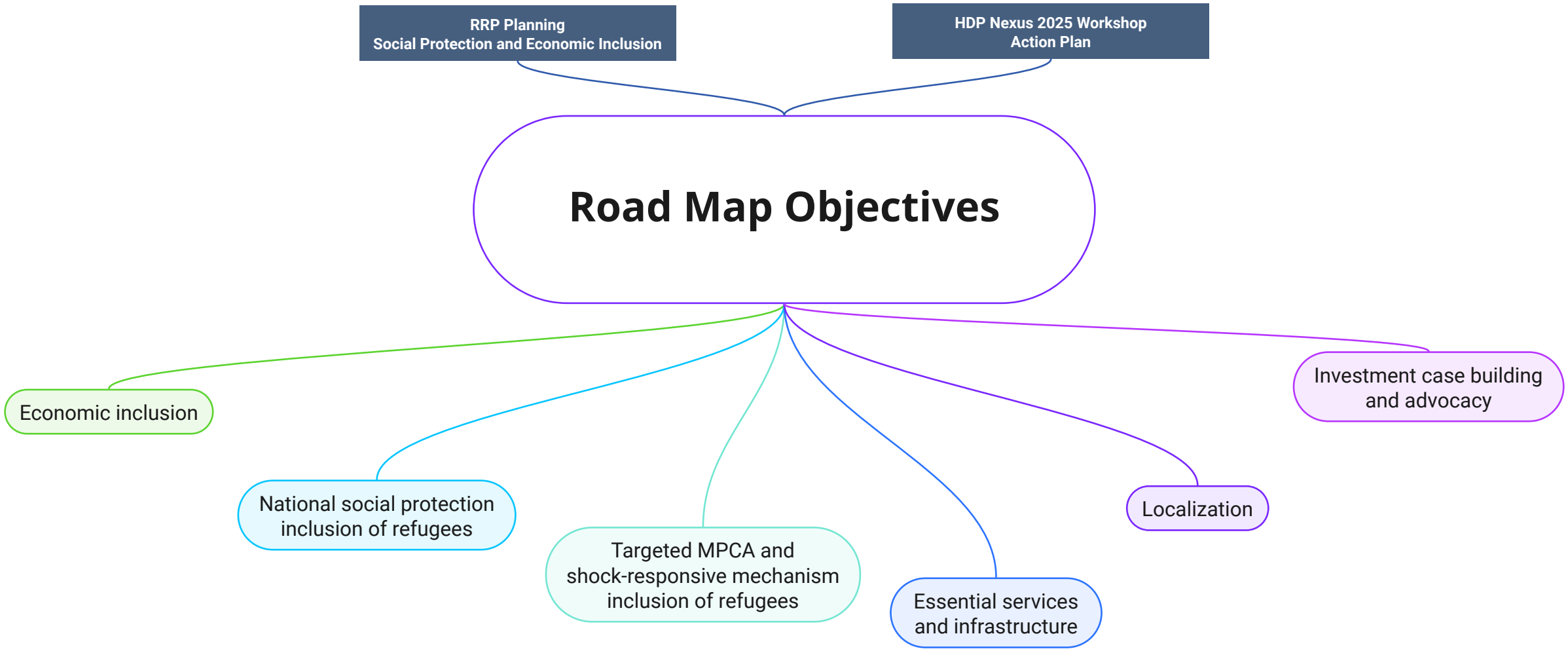

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- Support the MLSP sectoral plans and annual budgeting processes to integrate refugee-inclusion programmes into the National Inclusion Strategy for Foreigners, backed by coordination structure
- Advocate for legal amendments and carry out costing estimations to improve the inclusion of refugees into social security and social assistance programmes
- Maximise the efficiency and coverage of the MLSP social services via RESTART
- Apply best practice Case Management trialled by MLSP to inform an integrated referral model for refugees

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- Support the controlled closure of Refugee Accommodation Centers
- Offer transitional rental support and other affordable housing options for economically integrated refugees, ensuring safe and affordable solutions.
- Ensure safe sanitation through temporary infrastructure investments

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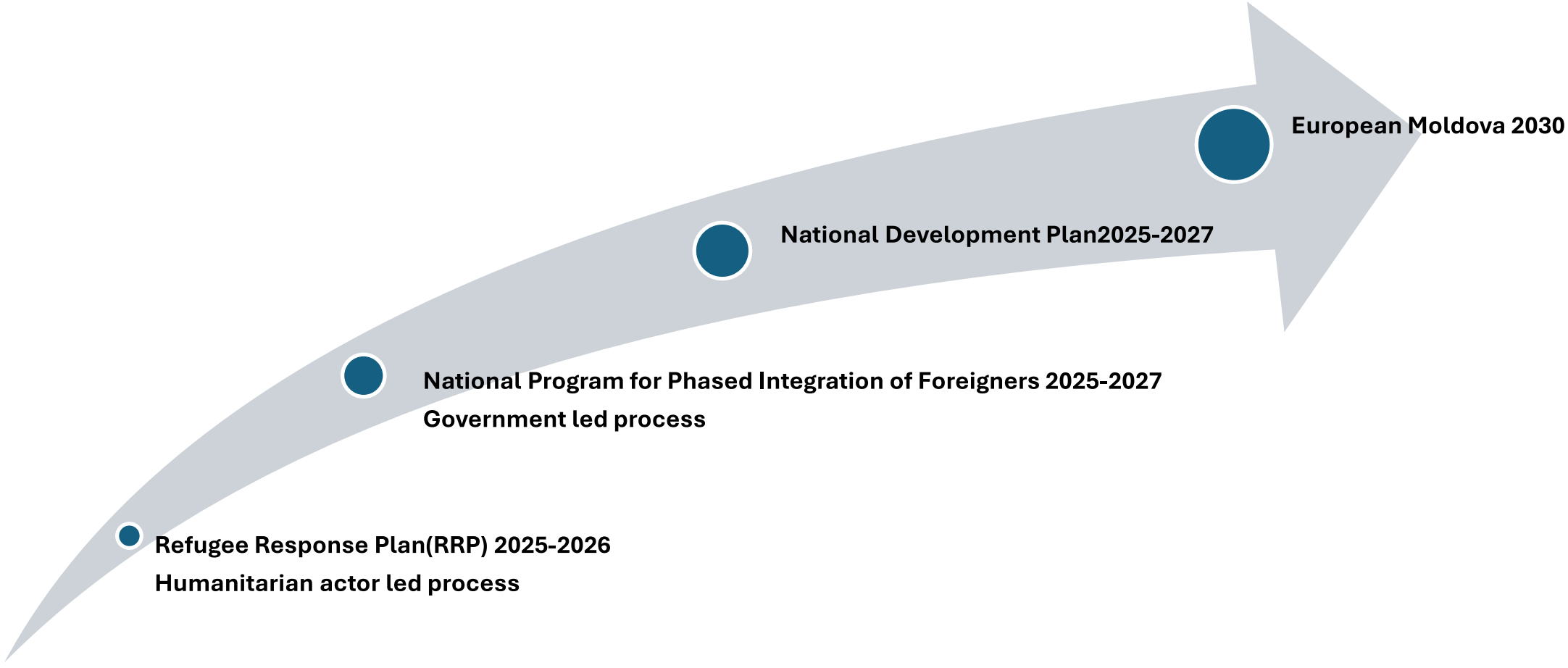
- Promote a MLSP investment case for reducing poverty whilst providing social cohesion, political stabilisation and countering foreign disinformation
- Ensure budgetary space is earmarked for refugee inclusion in the annual MLSP budget exercise
- Create and promote an investment case to the government and international development cooperation for refugee inclusion

Critical context updates

National Program for Phased Integration

Humanitarian response to Sustainable Solutions

The RRP and the National Program will run in tandem. The RRP is designed to gradually transition from immediate humanitarian aid to a government-led development model, i.e. The National Program

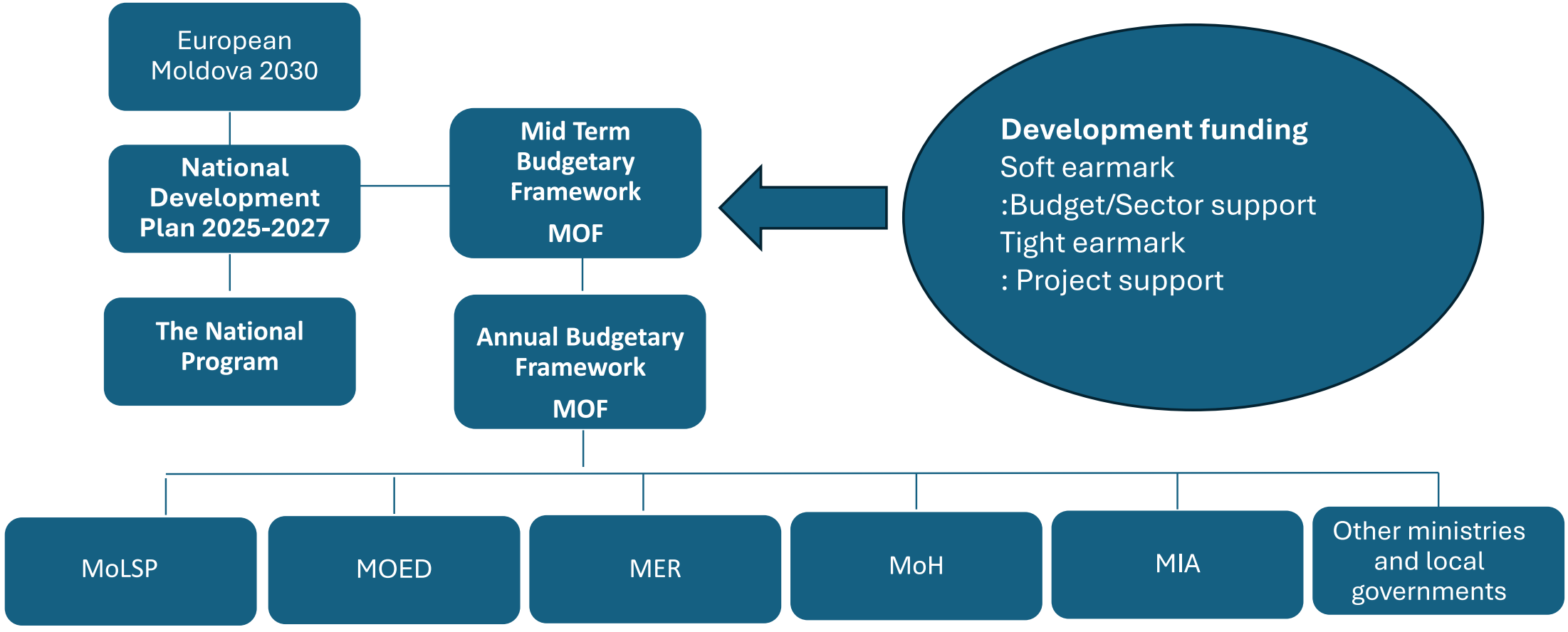


Distinct Funding Sources

RRP
International Funding to Humanitarian Partners.
The RRP is primarily financed by the international community through established humanitarian channels managed by the UN and its partners. This approach ensures that immediate needs are met while laying the groundwork for long-term solutions.

The National Program
International Funding to the Government of Moldova.
In contrast to the RRP's reliance on humanitarian funding, the National Program will be implemented through a blend of state budget allocations and international development financing (both bilateral and multilateral) directed to the Government of Moldova. These funds, coordinated across sector ministries and financial management authorities, are integrated into the national development planning process for 2025-2027

The Funding Mechanism for National Program for the Phased Integration of Foreigners, Including Displaced Persons



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Next update: RACs

RACs update

Active RACs

20 active RACs

1,126 people

People with disabilities	Older persons 60+	Children aged 0 - 2	Children aged 2 - 18
98	253	35	385

North	**5** RACs	Balti, Donduseni, Drochia, Riscani, Telenesti
Center	**7** RACs	Criuleni, Anenii Noi, Hincesti, Nisporeni, Straseni, Ungheni
Chisinau	**7** RACs	
South	**1** RACs	Stefan Voda

Data as of 6th June 2025

RACs consolidation 2025
GROUP G

	RAC UID 100 - Chisinau	RAC UID 5 - Congaz
Closure date	24th March	31st May
RCM	CDA	Acted
# residents	8HH/ 18 ind.	19HH/ 94 ind.
Final relocation option		
Rental Assistance	**4 HH / 7 Ind.**	
Relocation RAC		**2 HH / 2 Ind.**
Private Accommodation	**3 HH / 9 Ind.**	**3 HH / 12 Ind.**
Return to Ukraine	**1 HH / 2 Ind.**	**7 HH / 36 Ind.**
Dep. from Moldova		**7 HH /44 Ind.**

GROUP H

	RAC UID 3 Glodeni	RAC UID 8 Calarasi	RAC UID 111 Chisinau	RAC UID 574 Chisinau
# residents	HH / ind.	HH / ind.	9 HH / 6 ind.	14 HH / 36 ind.
Closure date	30th June	30th June	31st July	31st July
RCM	Acted	Acted		

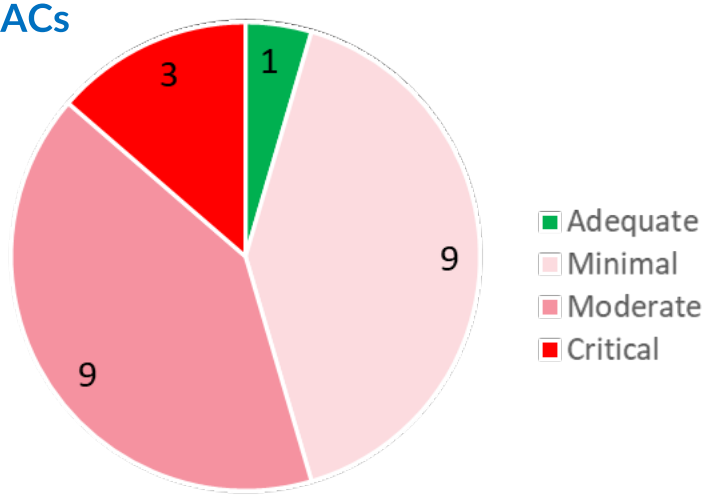
2025 RAC Condition Assessment for Maintenance Works

22 active RACs participated

ACTED, in collaboration with UNHCR, conducted data collection from 16 to 22 April.

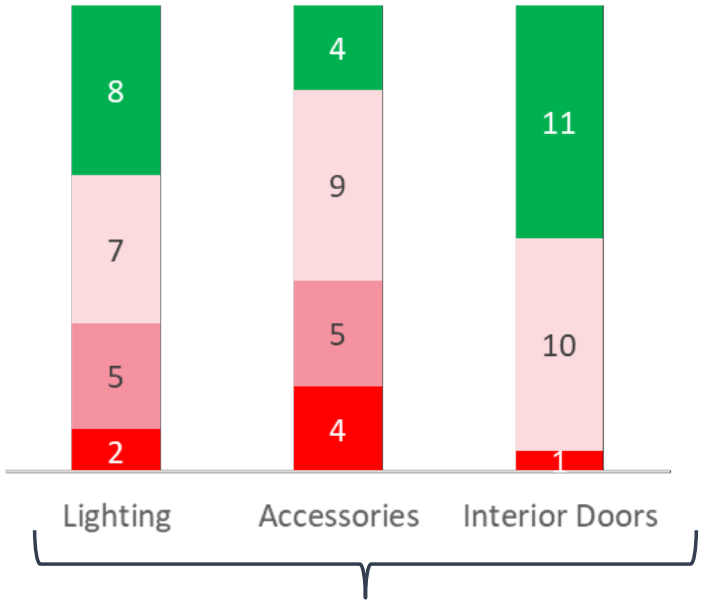
- The assessment gathered information on the current condition of the RAC to identify features requiring small repairs or maintenance. It was structured around seven categories: lighting, accessories, interior doors, windows, walls, ceilings, and flooring and assessed in the kitchen, toilets, corridors, and bedrooms.
- The condition of each feature was rated as **excellent**, **acceptable**, or **poor**. Areas with more than two occurrences of "acceptable" or "poor" ratings were further classified as **moderate** or **critical**, depending on the severity. Those with fewer than two occurrences were categorized as **minimal** or **adequate**.
- The highest priority for maintenance was given to features classified as **critical** and **moderate**.
- Link to the form: *https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/in04zbwi*

Overall status of RACs

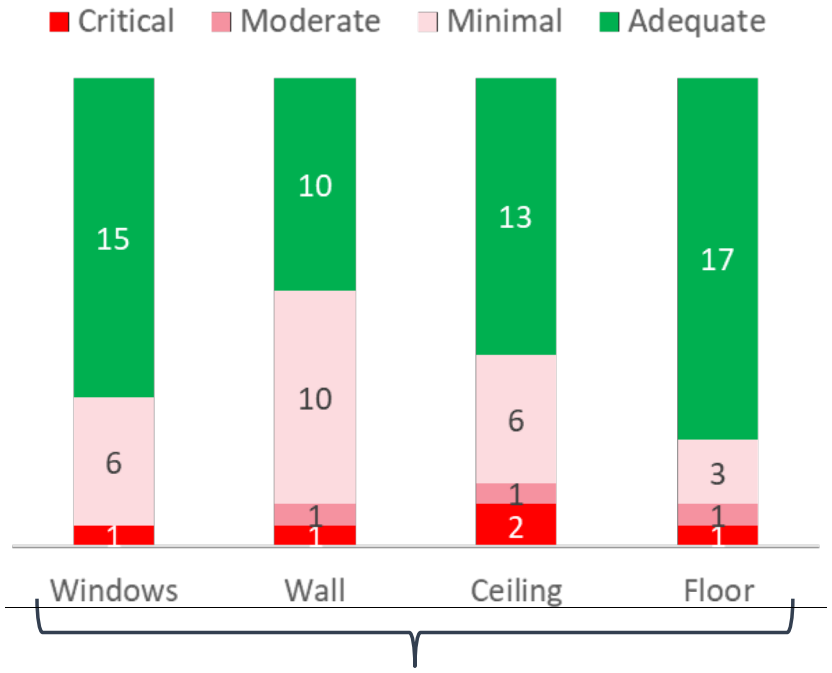


Approximately 45% of the RACs were assessed as being in minimal or adequate condition, requiring little to no maintenance. Meanwhile, 41% were classified as being in moderate condition, and 14% were identified as being in critical condition.

Status of RACs by Feature



- Most maintenance works are concentrated in these three categories. These include repairing light fixtures and replacing bulbs, installing doors, and replacing door handles.
- Maintenance priorities include also toilets and showers, with works such as replacing shower heads and hoses, toilet seats, sink faucets, flush mechanisms, and sewage pipes.

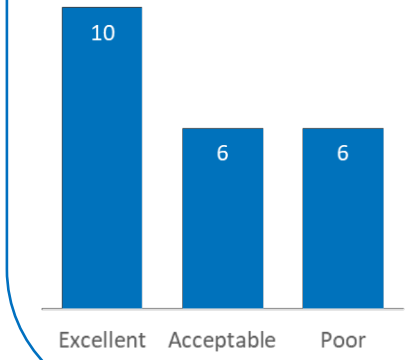


- The graphic shows that, within these categories, most RACs are in adequate or moderate condition, with only a few in minimal or critical condition. This improvement is largely due to repairs carried out in previous years, during which significant investments were made, particularly to ensure better conditions during winter. The remaining issues in a few RACs are primarily structural in nature and require higher levels of investment.

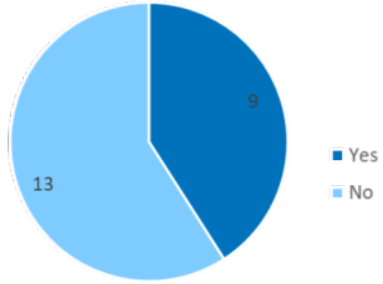
Highlights of the overall building condition

63% of RAC assessed have sufficient dimensions of doors and corridors to allow full use of spaces, including toilet/bathing areas.

External doors were found to be in poor condition in 6 out of the 22 RACs assessed.



59% of RAC assessed identified that the ramps/stairs require the installation of handrails and other elements that facilitate movement



18 out of 22 RACs have heating system in excellent condition.

RAC-Level Status (features assessed)

	RAC IUD	Lighting	Accessories	Interior Doors	Windows	Walls	Ceiling	Floor	Overall Status	Intervention
1	RAC IUD - 2								Critical	Maintenance work
2	RAC IUD - 3								Moderate	Maintenance work
3	RAC IUD - 4								Moderate	Major repair work
4	RAC IUD - 8								Moderate	Major repair work
5	RAC IUD - 12								Adequate	
6	RAC IUD - 15								Moderate	Maintenance work
7	RAC IUD - 21								Minimal	Maintenance work
8	RAC IUD - 26								Minimal	Maintenance work
9	RAC IUD - 27								Moderate	Major repair work
10	RAC IUD - 35								Critical	Maintenance work
11	RAC IUD - 41								Moderate	Maintenance work
12	RAC IUD - 48								Moderate	Maintenance work
13	RAC IUD - 51								Minimal	Maintenance work
14	RAC IUD - 59								Moderate	Maintenance work
15	RAC IUD - 65								Critical	Maintenance work
16	RAC IUD - 66								Minimal	Maintenance work
17	RAC IUD - 111								Minimal	Maintenance work
18	RAC IUD - 138								Minimal	Maintenance work
19	RAC IUD - 207								Minimal	Maintenance work
20	RAC IUD - 571								Minimal	
21	RAC IUD - 572								Moderate	Maintenance work
22	RAC IUD - 574								Minimal	Maintenance work

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Impact Assessment:

Reduction of MPCA Transfer Value

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OVERVIEW

- The program currently assists around **17,000 individuals (8,300 households)** with ongoing cash instalments.
- **The current caseload is highly vulnerable:** 45% older person headed households, 32% with chronic or serious illnesses, 28% single parents, 20% with disabilities.
- The average monthly income is just 876 MDL -75 % below Moldova's absolute poverty line.
- 83% report using at least one negative coping mechanism, such as reducing spending on hygiene, health, or education (66%); exhausting savings (53%); taking on dept (26%); missing rent or debt payments (8%); or selling productive assets (6%) or moving to inadequate shelter (6%).

Impact of the Reduced Transfer Value (Methodology)

- As the PDM cycle did not align with the implementation of the reduced transfer value, UNHCR carried out an ad-hoc PDM focused on key impact indicators: household expenditures, coping strategies, affordability of basic goods and services, and the ability to meet essential needs.

- The findings were compared against the averages of the three most recent PDM rounds (Rounds 11, 12, and 13).

- A random sample of 95 households was interviewed by phone, achieving a 95% confidence level and a 10% margin of error.

Impact of the Reduced Transfer Value

- MPCA continues to play an important role in improving living conditions, reducing stress, and alleviating financial pressure.

- However, the lower transfer value has measurably diminished its impact.

- Compared to previous PDM rounds, the proportion of respondents reporting that cash assistance improved their living conditions dropped by 12%, reporting that cash assistance reduced their financial burden dropped by 9%, and reduced feeling of stress decreased by 28%—highlighting a substantial effect on household financial coping capacities.

Impact of Cash Assistance on the Sense of Security	11	12	13	Average Before Reduction	Ad-Hoc PDM
Improved their living conditions	92%	81%	99%	91%	79%
Reduced financial burden	90%	81%	100%	90%	81%
Reduced feelings of stress	84%	77%	98%	86%	58%

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Impact of the Reduced Transfer Value

- The proportion of households adopting coping strategies rose from 60% to 80%, with a small number resorting to negative strategies not previously observed.

Livelihood coping strategies used in the 30 days prior data collection	11	12	13	Average Before Reduction	Ad-Hoc PDM
Spent essential savings to meet food and other immediate basic needs	41%	56%	44%	47%	38%
Reduced expenditure on hygiene items, water, baby items, health, or education	58%	63%	41%	54%	62%
Took out new loans or borrowed money	42%	24%	31%	32%	22%
Skipped rent or debt payments	9%	19%	19%	16%	9%
Sent a household member to work far away	10%	0%	0%	3%	1%
Sold livelihood and/or productive assets	14%	10%	3%	9%	11%
Moved to a poorer quality shelter	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Engaged in risky activities for money or items	3%	2%	3%	3%	
Asked strangers for money (begging)	4%	0%	0%	1%	5%
Sent household members under the age of 16 to work	0%	0%	3%	1%	
Stop a child from attending kindergarten/school	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%

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Impact of the Reduced Transfer Value

- **Reduced Coverage of Basic Needs:**
  - Share of households meeting only half of their basic needs rose from 25% to 37%
  - Indicates a shift away from meeting most or all needs to partial coverage

- **Affordability of Items:** More beneficiaries are now unable to afford critical goods and services, including healthcare, transport, and clothing—particularly concerning for prioritized groups such as older persons and those with chronic health conditions.

	11	12	13	Average Before Reduction	Ad-Hoc PDM
Items and services that the households were reportedly not able to afford	59 respondents	61 respondents	46 respondents	55 respondents	81 respondents
Health	36%	44%	37%	39%	47%
Clothes/ shoes	48%	43%	41%	44%	46%
Rent	15%	8%	11%	11%	12%
Utilities and bills	10%	21%	37%	23%	15%
Food	29%	25%	9%	21%	21%
Hygiene items	7%	10%	15%	11%	15%
Household items	3%	7%	30%	13%	9%
Transport	3%	2%	2%	2%	17%
Firewood/ Fuel for cooking or heating	20%	15%	4%	13%	6%

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