Key Results (cont'd)







Three Workshops held on risk analysis, communication, and psychological counselling of migrants.

One Forced-return monitoring mission piloted in partnership with the Ombudsman Office of Moldova.





Evaluation of the mechanism for combatting irregular stay carried out and presented to the stakeholders.





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Capacity for a Rights-Based Reception System for Moldova (CareFor)







Background

In 2021, Moldova announced the reorganisation of its migration and asylum system, as well as communicated to ICMPD the needs related to this reform. Based on that, the Bureau for Migration and Asylum (now, Inspectorate-General for Migration) and ICMPD jointly developed the concept for the CareFor project.

However, at the beginning of the project implementation, the nature of support was revised in light of the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine. In spite of crisis, Moldova stayed committed to its European integration and reform agenda, and obtained the candidate status in June 2022. Also, the country approved a sectoral Programme on management of migration flows, asylum, and integration of foreigners in November 2022. As part of the Programme, the Inspectorate-General for Migration (IGM) — a key beneficiary and partner in the project — is undergoing an ample institutional reorganisation.

ICMPD has been present in Moldova since 2000 supporting actions in the sector on various aspects of migration and border management. The CareFor project builds upon such earlier actions. It continues strengthening the human rights compliance and monitoring capacities, with particular attention to the well-being of foreign residents at the IGM's Migrant Accommodation Centre and Refugee Reception Centre. At the same time, this action addresses some of the more recent needs of IGM as a front-line response agency to the unprecedented inflow of displaced people from Ukraine. These include risk analysis and evaluation, ongoing external communication, adapting in-house IT systems, and targeted assistance for displaced people.

The Project

Overall objective:

To contribute to a functioning migration management system in Moldova and compliant to the human rights as enshrined in relevant international, regional, and national legislation.

Specific objectives:

- 1. Strengthen IGM's analytical, communication and operational capacities; Increase the capacities of the relevant institutions to monitor forced-return operations.
- 2. Improve the compliance with human rights standards and capacities of relevant institutions.
- 3. Contribute to the provision of support to displaced people from Ukraine in Moldova.

Direct beneficiaries:

- Inspectorate-General for Migration
- The People's Advocates Office (Ombudsman)
- NGO Law Centre of Advocates
- NGO National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova

Indirect beneficiaries:

Migrants, including displaced people and potential returnees, as well as the society at large.

Duration:

22 months (December 2021 – September 2023)

Budget and donor:

228,000 EUR, funded by the Ministry of the Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland.

Key Results

Ongoing psychological counselling, primary medical care, and interpretation services delivered to migrants and asylum seekers.





National Migration and Asylum Data Indicators updated and adjusted to the European standards of statistics.

Legislative amendments proposed for

improving the migrant detention condition in line with international human rights standards.





Emergency assistance to displaced people from Ukraine offered through the partnership with the National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova.