

Republic of Moldova 2nd Country Programme Performance Summary

A. Country Information		
Country name: Republic of Moldova		
Category per decision 2007/42: C	Current programme period: Five years (2013-2017)	Cycle of assistance: 2 nd

B. Country Programme Outputs Achievement <i>(please complete for all your CP outputs)</i>			
Output 1: Increased national capacity to deliver integrated sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning and HIV			
Indicators ¹	Baseline	Target	End-line data
1.1. Number of national staff trained in the logistics management information system (LMIS)	5 (2011)	75	75 representatives of PHC facilities from all regions of the country trained in LMIS in order to support a rollout of the national e-HMIS integrated with CHANNEL. The participants built knowledge and skills in the following topics: Strategic Pathway to Reproductive Health Commodity Security (SPARCHS); Logistic management, logistics terminology and key elements; logistic management information system (LMIS); quantification and forecasting of RH commodities.
1.2. Number of civil society organizations whose capacity is built by UNFPA to deliver integrated sexual and reproductive health services and HIV-prevention services to key populations and PLHIV	0 (2011)	5	The capacities of 8 NGOs working with PLHIV, SWs, IDUs, MSM built by UNFPA with aim to deliver integrated SRH and HIV-prevention services to PLHIV and key populations. The respective NGOs are part of the Network lead by NGO "Positive Initiative" being located in 4 regions of the country (North, South, Central and Transnistria region).
1.3. Costed national sexual and reproductive health action plan is developed	No (2015)	Yes	Yes. The final draft of the National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights 2017-2021 (including its Action Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Costed Budget), developed in line with European Action Plan for Sexual and Reproductive Health (2016) - is due to be discussed and consequently approved by <u>presented to the national Government for approval.</u>
1.4. Cervical cancer screening is integrated into national strategic documents and implemented	No	Yes	Yes. The Cervical Screening is part of the National Programme on Cancer Control 2016-2025. Additionally, 2 National Action Plans for 2014-2015 and subsequently for 2016-2017 on Strengthening national capacities on Cervical Screening in the Republic of Moldova were adopted by the Ministry of Health and National Health Insurance Company, being implemented with UNFPA, SDC, ICCPA and other partners support.
1.5. Efficient mechanism to develop SRH guidelines according to international standards	No	Yes	Yes. The situation analysis report on guidelines and national clinical protocols adaptation/development and approval, developed. A standard methodology for guidelines and national clinical protocols development/adaptation, as well as a standard structure of the guidelines and national clinical protocols, developed. The final draft of the Regulation on Guidelines and National Clinical Protocols development/adaptation according to international standards (including in the SRH area) - is due to be discussed by the presented to the Ministry of Health for approval. Ministry of Health's Council of Experts and consequently to be approved by means of Ministry of Health Order by the end of 2017.

¹ As per the Alignment of the UNFPA Country Programme of the Republic of Moldova (2013 – 2017) to UNFPA Strategic Plan (2014 – 2017), December 2015

Key Achievements:

1. Development of the new national policy framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

Development of the National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights 2017-2021, led by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with IP Reproductive Health Training Center (RHTC) and in partnership with WHO, through:

- evaluation of the National Reproductive Health Strategy 2005-2015
- a series of workshops organised with aim to identify needs and strategically plan interventions for the new policy document
- development of the National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights 2017-2021, in line with European Action Plan for Sexual and Reproductive Health (including its Action Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Costed Budget).

The draft policy document is due to be ~~discussed and consequently approved by~~ presented to the national Government for approval by the end of 2017.

2. Establishment of a national mechanism for ensuring coordination of priority issues related to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (~~the respective result is envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017,~~ activities being currently under way)

Support provided for establishment of the National Coordination Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (a cross-sectoral, interministerial body to ensure the coordination at the national level of all issues related to SRHR) through:

- development of the Terms of Reference and the composition of the respective Committee (both ~~envisaged to be discussed and consequently documents are due to be presented approved by~~ to the national Government by the end of 2017)-~~for approval.~~

3. Assessment of the draft Health Code compliance with international human rights law and recommendations on SRHR

(~~the respective result is envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017,~~ activities being currently under way)

Assessment of the draft Health Code of the Republic of Moldova, as well as of the relevant national normative acts in force compliance with the international human rights law and recommendations on SRHR, through:

- analysis of the international Human Rights Treaty Body Concluding Observations and Special Procedures Recommendations, as well as Universal Periodic Review Recommendations and CEDAW recommendations provided to the Republic of Moldova in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender based violence and access to sexuality education;
- examination of the draft Health Code and all relevant national healthcare normative acts in force' provisions from the perspective of their compliance with the international human rights and gender equality principles on sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- development of amendments to the national legal framework as needed, in order to incorporate the Universal Periodic Review, CEDAW and other international human rights recommendations to the Republic of Moldova aiming to respect, protect and fulfil women and young people' sexual and reproductive rights.

4. Establishment of an efficient mechanism for development of SRH Guidelines & Clinical Protocols, according to the international standards

Development of a Regulation on Guidelines and National Clinical Protocols development/adaptation according to international standards (including for SRH area), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the UNFPA EECARO and IP RHTC, through:

- establishment in the Republic of Moldova of the Regional Training Hub on SRH Clinical Guidelines Development, for Russian speaking countries of the EECA Region
- situation analysis of the Guidelines and National Clinical Protocols adaptation/development and approval mechanism in the Republic of Moldova
- development of a standard methodology for guidelines and national clinical protocols development/adaptation, as well as a standard structure of the guidelines and national clinical protocols
- development of the new Regulations on Guidelines and National Clinical Protocols development/adaptation according to international standards (including those in the SRH area).

The draft document is due to be ~~discussed by~~ presented to the Ministry of Health for approval. Council of Experts and consequently approved by the Ministry of Health by the end of 2017.

5. Strengthened national capacities on Reproductive Health Commodity Security and Family Planning

National capacity built to manage the supply and distribution of modern contraceptives, under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with UNFPA EECARO and IP RHTC through:

- a rapid review of the Reproductive Health Commodity Security situation and evaluation of the challenges in implementation of the logistics management information system (LMIS) in the Republic of Moldova
- support provided to the national Government to initiate its own system for procuring and distributing free of charge RH commodities to targeted vulnerable groups of population, including support provided in developing the National Regulation on procurement and distribution at the level of PHC of modern contraceptives to the vulnerable groups
- a series of national advocacy events organised with aim to promote development and approval of the National Action Plan on Providing Contraceptives to Vulnerable Groups at the level of Primary Health Care for 2016-2017

- a situation analysis conducted to identify bottlenecks and facilitating factors of the access and provision of the Family Planning services at the Primary Health Care level and of the integration of Family Planning module within undergraduate, graduate and post graduate medical curricula
- development of an electronic module on logistics management of contraceptives (based on corporate CHANNEL software) and its integration into the existing Automated Information System at the Primary Health Care level (AIS PHC)
- LMIS training of 75 representatives of PHC facilities from all regions of the country with aim to facilitate a rollout of the national e-HMIS at the PHC level, integrated with CHANNEL
- a Country Situation Analysis conducted on RHCS with a focus on Supply Chain Management and development of a Road Map reflecting short-and medium term recommendations for addressing existing bottlenecks related to RHCs and to strengthening the Supply Chain Management System
- development of an Analytical Report on the Pharmaceutical Market, focused on modern contraceptives in the Republic of Moldova (the respective result is envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017, activity being currently under way)
- a Market Segmentation Analysis conducted for Modern Contraceptives in the Republic of Moldova (~~the respective result is envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017,~~ activity being currently under way)
- advocacy support provided for amending the national legal & regulatory framework, addressing the existing barriers, in order to ensure procurement of life-saving quality medicines, including RH commodities through international platforms;
- advocacy support, promoting procurement of RH commodities via UNFPA Procurement Services and informing the national Government on the modality of RH procurement via UNFPA Procurement Services, as well as the spectrum of the available quality-assured RH commodities reflected in the UNFPA Product Catalogue (on-going activity).

6. Evidences produced regarding HIV among Key Populations, as well as Long-Haul Truck Drivers

- support provided for conducting in the Republic of Moldova the 2016 Integrated Bio-Behavioral Surveillance Study among Most At-risk for HIV Populations (an evidence-based tool for advocacy activities, as well as interventions on HIV prevention among Sex Workers, Injecting Drug Users, Men Who Have Sex with Men).
- 2015 Survey conducted on Knowledge-Attitude-Practices among Long-haul Truck drivers on HIV issues in the Republic of Moldova (an evidence-based tool for further advocacy activities, as well as interventions on HIV prevention among Long-haul Truck drivers who are a bridge group that contributes to the spread of the HIV epidemic from key groups at high risk of getting HIV to the general population).

7. Integrated SRH and HIV Prevention Services provided by NGOs to People Living with HIV (PLWH) and Key Populations

Capacities built of civil society organizations to deliver integrated SRH and HIV prevention services to Key Populations and People living with HIV, in partnership with IP NGO “Positive Initiative”, through:

- assessment of SRH needs among PLWH and Key Populations, as well as assessment of SRH services provided to these groups by the Network of NGOs led by NGO “Positive Initiative”
- development and implementation of the action plans on integration of SRH and HIV prevention services at the level of NGOs providing services to PLWH and Key Populations
- development of a training module on SRHR and capacity building of NGOs staff who provide services to PLWH and Key Populations (enabling them to provide SRHR information, education and counselling, as well as available contraceptive commodities (condoms) to beneficiaries; and to refer and accompany them to healthcare facilities as needed).
- support provided for establishment of an efficient partnership between NGOs and local healthcare facilities and strengthening the referral mechanism of PLWH and Key Populations from NGOs to healthcare facilities (PHC facilities, including RH Cabinets and Youth Friendly Health Centers) with aim to receive SRH services, as needed
- training of PLWH and Key Populations on SRHR (beneficiaries of the Network of NGOs led by NGO “Positive Initiative”)
- development of the M&E Tool to measure availability of integrated SRH and HIV prevention Services provided by 8 NGOs working with PLWH and Key Populations, as well as their accessibility, acceptability and quality (~~the respective result is envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017,~~ activity being currently under way)
- technical and advocacy support provided for development and inclusion of the specific SRH provisions into the Regulatory Framework on Social Assistance provided to PLWH and IDUs.

8. Strengthened national capacities on Cervical Cancer Prevention

Integrated cervical screening into the national strategic documents and strengthened national capacities in cervical cancer prevention (result achieved under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, in partnership with the National Health Insurance Company, State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, National College on Medicine and Pharmacy, Centre for Continuous Medical Education of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Personnel with Secondary Education, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UNFPA EECA RO, World Health Organisation, International Association for Cervical Cancer Prevention, Irish Cervical Screening Programme “CervicalCheck”, Italian Society for Anatomic Pathology and Cytopathology, Royal College of Pathologists from UK), through:

- capacity assessment of all health services required to deliver an organized national cervical screening programme and development of an 8-year plan for implementation of developed recommendations

- development and implementation of the National Action Plans for 2014-2015 and subsequently for 2016-2017 on strengthening national capacities on Cervical Screening in the Republic of Moldova (adopted jointly by the Ministry of Health and National Health Insurance Company).
- development of the National Standard Operational Procedures for all cervical screening services, as well as performance indicators for cervical screening services provided at the PHC level
- development of the training curricula on cervical screening for PHC providers and building capacities of the national experts on cervical screening for PHC level (ToT training).
- enhanced capacity of PHC personnel on cervical screening (406 specialists from Primary Health Care facilities were trained in cervical screening, out of which 69 - family doctors and 337 - medical assistants).
- assessed national cervical cytology capacity and development of recommendations for reorganisation of cytology services in the Republic of Moldova
- assessed histopathology services and development of recommendations for strengthening their capacities.
- capacity development of the Moldovan Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology and strengthening national colposcopy services through the regional online course on colposcopy.

9. Strengthened national capacities to respond to SRH needs of population in case of humanitarian crises

Strengthened national capacities to respond to SRH needs of population and case of humanitarian crises (the activities are realised under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with IP Reproductive Health Training Center), including :

- conducted 2017 MISP Preparedness Assessment
- developed 2017 MISP Preparedness Action Plan, based on the 2nd MISP preparedness assessment results
- one three-day training for 25 representatives of the Primary Health Care facilities with aim to build capacities in delivering MISP at the onset of a humanitarian crisis

The respective results are envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017,(all mentioned activities being currently under way).

Output 2: Increased national capacity to develop and implement evidence-based policies for youth, including access to comprehensive sexuality education.

Indicators	Baseline	Target	End-line data
2.1. Percentage of school nurses trained in sexual and reproductive health counselling	3% (2011)	30% (345)	349 school nurses from all regions of the country trained in sexual and reproductive health counselling
2.2. Number of young people who participated in UNFPA-supported peer-education activities	5,500 (annually)	Increase by 10% annually 2013- 6050 2014-6655 2015-7321 2016-8053 2017-8858 In total: 36 937	50 790 young people informed & educated on SRHR during 2013-2016, with the support of the Network of Young Peer-to-Peer Educators (Y-PEER Moldova), as well as Volunteer Teams of the Youth Friendly Health Centers, as follow: 2013 – 6786 2014 - 6700 2015 - 10 510 2016 - 26 794 An additional number of 8 858 of young people are planned to be informed & educated on SRHR by the end of 2017 (activities being currently under way).
2.3. Robust mechanism applied for Monitoring and Evaluation of the National Strategy for Youth Sector Development 2020	No	Yes	Yes. A robust mechanism was developed with UNFPA support and it is applied by the Ministry of Youth and Sport for M&E of the National Strategy for Youth Sector Development 2020.

Key Achievements

1. Developed evidence based youth policy document and its M& E Framework and Youth priorities Mainstreamed into the relevant sectoral policy documents

Development of the National Strategy for Youth Sector Development 2020, and its M&E Framework, as well as mainstreamed youth priorities into the relevant sectoral policy documents, under the leadership of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) and in collaboration with UNFPA IP NGO “National Youth Council of Moldova” (CNTM), as well as United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through:

- assessment of the National Youth Strategy of the Republic of Moldova 2009-2013 implementation
- support provided for development of the National Strategy for Youth Sector Development 2020, particularly for development of its comprehensive M&E framework (including relevant indicators, baseline, targets, means of verification, assumptions and risks, etc).
- developed and launched Youth Gap Index and Youth Policy Brief
- developed Youth Mainstreaming Methodology used for integration of youth priorities into the relevant sectorial policy documents.
- developed and promoted 3 Analytical Reports on Youth Perspective Mainstreaming into the National Strategy on Employment, National Public Health Strategy and draft Strategy on Prevention and Combating Violence Against Women.

2. Developed Regulatory Framework of the Youth Centers and Strengthened Youth Workers Capacities

Developed Regulatory Framework of the Youth Centers and strengthened capacities of youth workers - in partnership with the UNFPA IP NGO “National Youth Council of Moldova“, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through:

- capacity building of youth workers within the Academy for Youth Workers
- developed Regulatory Framework of the Youth Centers, including Legal Status of the Youth Centers and the Minimum Quality Standards for Youth Services provided by Youth Centers
- information and education activities realized in the context of the National Youth Festival organised yearly with UNFPA support with the occasion of celebrating the International Youth Day

3. Supported young people’s participation in the Regional Consultations on Post-2015 Development Agenda

Increased involvement of youth in the regional discussions on Post-2015 Development Agenda, with UNFPA IP NGO “Generation with Initiative” support, through:

- encouragement of young people to take part in the regional informational campaign “Why should the government invest in young people?”
- public discussions organized for highlighting the role and positive contribution of youth in achieving the sustainable development, discussing the issues on health, education, employment, voluntary activities, environment etc
- developed Youth Declaration and its presentation and discussion with relevant Ministries within organized advocacy meetings.

4. Strengthened capacities of School Health Services to address SRH issues

Enhanced capacity of school nurses with aim to provide age-appropriate SRH education and counselling to young people (result achieved under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, and in collaboration with UNFPA IP NGO “Center for Development in Education and Health” (CEDES), the College of Medicine and Pharmacy, and WHO), through:

- assessment of the existing school health services
- development and approval of the training curricula on SRH for school nurses
- trainings for school nurses on sexual and reproductive health (349 school nurses from all regions of the country trained in sexual and reproductive health counselling)

5. Informed and Educated Young People on SRHR, applying Peer to Peer Approach

Scaled up Peer to Peer Information and Education of young people in SRHR with UNFPA IPs NGO “Network Peer to Peer Educators” (Y-PEER Moldova) and NGO “Health for Youth”, through:

- strengthened organizational capacity of NGO “Network of Peer to Peer Educators” (Y-PEER Moldova)
- enhanced capacities of volunteer teams of the Youth Friendly Health Centers (YFHC) to implement outreach information and education activities for young people on SRHR and to increase demand for youth friendly health services.
- strengthened partnership between YFHCs Network and Y-Peer Network with aim to increase the access of young people living in communities to SRHR information and education
- 50 790 young people informed & educated on SRHR during 2013-2016, with the support of the Network of Young Peer-to-Peer Educators (Y-PEER Moldova), as well as Volunteer Teams of the Youth Friendly Health Centers, through:
 - Trained Peer Trainers on Adolescent and Youth SRHR

- information campaigns carried out in Secondary Schools and Summer Camps (“Pro-Health Campaign” and “Informed and Protected Campaign”);
- social theatre performances realized at the local level and the National Social Theatre Festival;
- interactive exhibition activities on SRHR realized in communities by trained with UNFPA support YFHCs’ volunteers;
- the National Conferences on Adolescents Health organized with UNFPA support in 2014 and 2016.

An additional number of 8 858 of young people will be informed & educated on SRHR in 2017 (activities being currently under way).

6. Advocacy Support provided for integration of SRHR/ CSE Education into Secondary School Curriculum

Evidence-based advocacy support provided for promotion of SRHR/CSE Education integration into the Secondary School Curriculum, in collaboration with UNFPA IPs NGO “Network Peer to Peer Educators” (Y-PEER Moldova) and NGO “Health for Youth”, through:

- assessment report developed on Integration of Sexuality Education into relevant State Programmes and Secondary School Curriculum in the Republic of Moldova (based on collected in 2014 data, using UNESCO’s SERAT Tool).
- realized in 2016 online survey on Sexuality Education, with participation of 1100 young people, who expressed their opinion if they want to have sexuality education in schools and how the discipline should be.
- piloted in 2016 a six-month systematic Training Course on Sexuality Education in 2 secondary schools from Moldova (Secondary School from Vinatori village, Nisporeni district and “Spiru Haret” Lyceum from Chisinau municipality) by Y-PEER Moldova representatives
- Trained Teachers on Adolescents and Youth SRHR and on the importance of CSE Education (activities being currently under way)
- national and local advocacy events and public debates held on Adolescent SRHR and the importance of CSE education integration into mandatory school curricula (attended by representatives of line ministries, teachers, parents, priests, social workers and young people).

7. Innovative Approach applied to improve young people’s knowledge on SRHR, combating existing stereotypes and myths around sexual and reproductive health issues related to puberty and sexuality

Developed and launched mobile application that is visually appealing, interactive, user-friendly, innovative educational tool to provide information on SRHR to Young People (in partnership with UNFPA Innovation Fund, UNFPA EECA Regional Office, UNFPA COs in Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and PETRI Institute from Sofia). ~~The respective result is envisaged to be achieved by the end of 2017, a~~ activities being currently under way.

Output 3: Strengthened national capacity in integration of SRH rights into the health response to gender-based violence.

Indicators	Baseline	Target	End-line data
3.1 Percentage of primary health-care providers trained in integrated sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning and support to survivors of domestic violence (in 2011 - 1852 FD and 5337 nurses)	50% (2011) = 3595 FD & nurses	70% = 5033 FD & nurses	767 family doctors and nurses trained on the health response to Gender-Based Violence based on the UNFPA-WAVE Manual on Health Response to GBV. Global Guidelines and regional SOPs on addressing GBV by police, social workers and health professionals are in the adaptation process to the national context. In addition, 650 police officers were trained on implementation of the Law 45 on prevention and combating domestic violence and in issuing the protection orders.
3.2 Number of rehabilitation and reintegration facilities that provide family planning counselling for the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence	7 (2011)	12	17 rehabilitation and reintegration facilities (76 professionals) from Drochia, Edineț, Ocnița, Bălți, Hîncești, Căușeni, Chișinău and Cahul were trained on family planning counseling for the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence

Key Achievements:

1. **Integration of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) into Gender Equality Policies.** Development of the National Strategy on Ensuring Gender Equality (NSGE) and Strategy on EVAW, including mainstreaming sexual and reproductive health, led by the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family and in partnership with UN Women, through:
 - Supporting the review of the previous NPGE and development of the new programme
 - Conducting public consultations on the National Strategy on Gender Equality 2020
 - Supporting development of the first Strategy on Violence Against Women for Moldova
2. **Building Capacity of Primary health-care professionals to integrate SRH and Gender Based Violence (GBV).** Institutionalizing SRH and response to GBV into health care and counselling perpetrators in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, and with implementing partners Artemida, Resonance and the Women’s Law Center, and with support from UNFPA EECARO, through:
 - Conducting seminars and workshops using the UNFPA – Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) Manual on Health Response to GBV
 - Translation and adaptation of WAVE Manual for building capacities of the healthcare professionals from Moldova
 - Training for service providers, family doctors and nurses on protection of survivors of domestic violence and counselling of perpetrators, including in Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.
3. **Shelters and rehabilitation facilities for survivors of GBV.** Strengthening capacities of rehabilitation and reintegration facilities in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family and with implementing partners, Women’s Law Center, and Artemida:
 - An assessment regarding the health response to Gender Based Violence
 - A mapping of existing rehabilitation and reintegration facilities
 - Training to strengthen capacities of rehabilitation and reintegration facilities in Moldova
4. **Training of police officers to respond to GBV.** Strengthening the capacity of 650 police officers in addressing GBV, in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), including the Policy Academy and General Police Inspectorate, the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, the Ministry of Health, and with implementing partner Women’s Law Center, and in collaboration with IOM through:
 - Development of the curricula for police officers and conducting Training of Trainers courses and seminars for policy officers
 - Advocacy to integrate intervention provisions in policy and law development frameworks and to develop a new amendment to the Law No. 45 on Domestic Violence.

Output 4: Enhanced national capacity to produce, utilize and disseminate data to contribute to evidence and rights-based policy formulation and implementation.

Indicators	Baseline	Target	End-line data
4.1. Number of research studies in demographic analysis and policy implications	1 per year (2011)	5 per year	5 research analysis: 2 Barometers (Impact of economic crisis on pop structure and demograhic dividend) 1 PSA and 2 policy papers (Active Ageing Index and Territorial Demographic Indicator)
4.2. Number of annual graduates of master’s programme on demography and family policy	14 (2011);	30	35 (15 MA on Demography (ASEM) and 20 MA on Family counselling (USM)
4.3. Policy and/or road map on ageing is endorsed by the Government	under development (2011);	policy endorsement	Road Map on Ageing approved and an Action Plan on second phase implementation under development
4.4. Number of policy recommendations for mainstreaming of elderly rights	1 per year (2014);	4 per year (2017)	4 policy analysis developed by HelpAge International and shared with Governmental counterparts.
4.5. National Action Plans on Demographic Security and Ageing are evidence and rights-based	No (2015);	Yes (2017)	Action Plan on Active Ageing and Moldova 2030 under development.

Key Achievements:

1. **Research and analysis on Population and Development (P&D)** - The focus is on promoting an evidence-based population and development policy agenda with UNFPA implementing partner (IP) Demographic Research Center (DRC) and in coordination with the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family (MoLSPF) under the leadership of the National Commission on Population and Development, through:
 - Capacity building of the DRC through sharing its national expertise at international level, development of Demographic Barometers, Policy Papers, Active Ageing Index and P&D Bulletin.
 - Providing support for development of the Strategy for Development Statistical Sector in the framework of UN Joint Programme on Statistics
 - Updating the methodology on territorial demographic security indicator
 - Providing support to conduct research on the ICPD agenda
2. **Advancing the Road Map on Ageing**. Promotion of the ICPD agenda and the implementation of the Roadmap on Ageing with IP HelpAge International (HAI) and under the leadership of the Ministry of Labour Social Protection and Family (MoLSPF), through:
 - Advancing the Madrid International Plan of Action (MIPA) and the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS)
 - Development of the Active Ageing Index
 - Promoting active ageing (AA) by supporting a peer to peer initiative among older persons (OP)
 - Gathering data on the vulnerability of the elderly for a stronger policy response
 - Strengthening the capacity of specialists in assisting the elderly with age-friendly support services.
3. **Promoting evidence and Rights-based demographic policies**. Evaluation of programmes on ageing and demography in coordination with the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family and with implementing partner Help Age International, with support of UNDESA and the Czech Republic Development Agency, through:
 - Organizing regional consultation meetings
 - Providing support to review the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and its Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) and Road Map on Ageing and its Action Plan 2014 – 2016 and development of the new Action Plan
 - Providing support to evaluate the implementation progress of the National Programme on Demographic Security (2011 – 2025)
 - Revision of the National Programme on Demographic Security.
 - Developed and approved by the National Commission on Population and Development a new Concept Vision on Population and Development to align demographic policies to international practices, evidences and human rights based approach.
 - Piloting a regional initiative in shifting demographic policies to international practices through International Advisory Panel on Population and Development – Moldova.
4. **Support for 2014 Population and Housing Census**. Providing support for the Population and Housing Census (PHC) to promote use of evidence-based and gender-disaggregated data for public policy formulation with IPs National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and National Youth Council of Moldova (CNTM) and with financial support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Romanian Government, UNDP and UNICEF through:
 - Establishment of the International Technical Advisory Board (ITAB)
 - Providing international technical expertise and financial support to NBS at all phases of census.
 - Support in conducting a youth communication campaign related to the PHC
 - Supporting capacity building trainings of field enumerators
 - Conducting for the first time a Post Enumeration Survey
 - International expertise in developing a manual census data entry application and in training the operators
 - Technical assistance for editing and cleaning the census data
 - NBS' GIS capacity building and cartographical representation of the census results
 - Assessing census quality, coverage and under-coverage using PES and Administrative data
 - Disseminating and communicating the census results
5. **Support for Master's Degree Programmes**. Increasing the national expertise on demography and family counselling with the Academy for Economic Studies and Moldovan State University and under the leadership of the UNFPA and in collaboration with the Czech Development Agency and UNDESA, through:
 - Supporting the Academy for Economic Studies of Moldova in conducting the Masters of Arts (MA) Degree Programme in Demography
 - Involving technical expertise from Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic)

- Supporting the Moldovan State University in developing the curriculum and conducting the MA Degree Programme in Family Counselling

6. **Mainstreaming Ageing in Public Policies.** Providing evidence-based policy advice for mainstreaming ageing into sectorial policies, and to facilitate implementation of policy documents on ageing, and integration of elderly rights and needs in the public policies, with IP HelpAge International (HAI), under the leadership of the National Commission on Population and Development, in collaboration with UNDESA, through:

- Involving academia, CSOs, mass-media and Government in developing evidence-based policy recommendations in mainstreaming ageing into sectorial policies
- Developing the methodology on mainstreaming ageing into public policies
- Supporting HelpAge International in creating and capacity building of the Platform on Active Ageing (PAA) and conducting an institutional assessment of its members.
- Conducting (joint HAI and DRC) research on elderly issues, including a Demographic Barometer on the elderly aspects
- Delivering the P&D course for journalists within the Advanced School of Journalism from Moldova.

C. National Progress on Strategic Plan Outcomes ²	Start value	Year	End value	Year	Comments
Outcome 1: Increased availability and use of integrated sexual and reproductive health services (including family planning, maternal health and HIV) that are gender-responsive and meet human rights standards for quality of care and equity in access					
Unmet Need for Contraception	9,5%	2012			Baseline is taken from MISC, 2012 No MICS, DHS or RH Survey was carried out since 2012 – consequently no data are available to measure the progress

Summary of National Progress

- Since 2015, the Ministry of Health has taken the ownership over the provision of contraceptives for vulnerable groups (sexually active adolescents; persons with low incomes/a income lower than the minimum consumer basket for each family member; HIV positive persons; persons who abusively consume alcohol and illegally use drugs and other psychotropic substances, registered with the narcologist; people with mental health problems, registered with the psychiatrist and family doctor; victims of sexual abuse for emergency contraception; women who have an abortion during the previous year). The RH commodities are procured from Primary Health Care facilities budget, based on the concluded annual contracts with the National Health Insurance Company.
- In order to make the best use of their available financial resources, the Ministry of Health is considering the possibility of RH commodities procurement through the UNFPA Procurement Services.

UNFPA's Contributions.

- Under its second Country Programme 2013-2017, the UNFPA Moldova provided technical assistance to the national Government to initiate its own system for procuring and distributing free of charge modern contraceptives to targeted vulnerable groups of population, including support provided to the Ministry of Health in developing the national regulation on distribution of contraceptives to vulnerable groups.
- As well, UNFPA Moldova has provided advocacy support for amending the national legal & regulatory framework, addressing the existing barriers, in order to ensure procurement of life-saving quality medicines, including RH commodities through international platforms. The Ministry of Health and other relevant national institutions were informed about the modality of RH procurement via UNFPA Procurement Services, as well as the spectrum of the available quality-assured RH commodities reflected in the UNFPA Product Catalogue.
- UNFPA Moldova supported integration of family planning provisions into the newly developed National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights 2017-2021. The final draft of the National Programme on SRHR 2017-2021 incorporates explicit provisions on centralized procurement of modern contraceptives from State Budget for vulnerable groups of population and the draft policy document is due to be discussed and consequently approved by the Government. The approval of the new policy document will facilitate procurement of the RH commodities for the vulnerable groups via UNFPA Procurement Services.

² The format is aligned to the UNFPA Strategic Plan outcomes, 2014-2017.

Outcome 2: Increased priority on adolescents, especially on very young adolescent girls, in national development policies and programmes, particularly increased availability of comprehensive sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health

Percentage of youth aged 15-24 who have comprehensive knowledge on HIV/AIDS	38,2 %	2010	35,7 %	2012	The source of data: "Youth knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding HIV/AIDS" Survey carried out in 2010 and 2012
HIV Incidence among youth aged 15-24, per 100 000	22,3	2013	20,3	2015	The source of data: Dermatological and Communicable Diseases Hospital National Programme on Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS and STI

Summary of National Progress

- The approved National Programme on Health Promotion 2016-2020, reflects the importance of expanding at the national level the network of health promoting schools.
- The Law on prevention and control of HIV/AIDS amended in 2012 (article 5), stipulates that HIV/AIDS prevention shall be incorporated in the mandatory curricula of all education institutions, including secondary schools, professional schools, university and post-university.
- The Law on Reproductive Health (article 6) that was developed with UNFPA support and approved in 2012 - assigns all education institutions to provide compulsory comprehensive and age-appropriate sexuality education.
- Principles expressed in the national strategic documents and legal framework are in line with the Association Agreement provisions on healthy lifestyle promotion (Article 114 c), the main problem being however the lack of implementation of the foreseen provisions, which is translated into risky behaviours of young people and poor health indicators (still high HIV incidence and STIs among adolescents, unintended pregnancies and high adolescence birth rate).

UNFPA's Contributions

- Under its second Country Programme 2013-2017, the UNFPA Moldova has contributed to increase the access of young people from the Republic of Moldova to age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health and rights information and education through Peer-to-Peer Educators and Volunteer Teams of the Youth Friendly Health Centers
- As well, UNFPA Moldova has contributed to increase the access of young people to SRHR information and education through development of the visually appealing, interactive, user-friendly, innovative mobile application on SRHR.
- At the same time, evidence-based advocacy support was provided by UNFPA Moldova for integration of SRHR Education into Secondary School Curriculum in accordance with international standards and recommendations on CSE.
- In addition, UNFPA Moldova provided support to enhanced capacity of school nurses with aim to provide age-appropriate SRH education and counselling to school-aged children
- UNFPA Moldova supported integration of SRHR information and education provisions into the newly developed draft National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights 2017-2021, and the Law on Reproductive Health approved in 2012.

Outcome 3: Advanced gender equality, women's and girls' empowerment, and reproductive rights, including for the most vulnerable and marginalized women, adolescents and youth

Gender responsive and costed policies that integrate SRH response to GBV	0	2015	2	2017	National Strategy on Gender Equality 2017 – 2021 and Strategy on Ending Violence Against Women 2017 – 2021
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Summary of National Progress:

- The Government has approved the National Strategy on Gender Equality between Women and Men 2017 – 2021 with incorporation, for the first time, of the sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- The Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family has developed the first Strategy on Ending Violence against Women which is due to be approved by the Government by the end of 2017 which highlights the sexual and reproductive health and providing of services to GBV survivors in humanitarian settings.

UNFPA's Contributions:

UNFPA has effectively contributed to the national strategy development to promote gender equality and respond to violence against women, including support for law enforcement professionals. UNFPA has tapped a rich mix of gender equality expertise among partners, both nationally and internationally, and adapted the Women Against Violence Europe training manual to the Moldova context, reaching most influencing service providers. UNFPA has also contributed to gaining high level attention in Transnistria region through joint advocacy with UN and international partners for permanent facilities to house survivors of gender based violence.

Support for response to gender based violence through improving quality of services for survivors in shelters and day care centers has been effective but the number of facilities remains inadequate and continuous government funding is uncertain. The UNFPA support for the centre for family aggressors in Drochia has produced a functioning model however, it is yet to be replicated. UNFPA is working with national counterparts in adaptation of the national context the Standard Operating Procedures for law enforcement, health-care professionals, and social workers, to respond to gender based violence for underlying the progress made in changing attitudes and behavior of police and the legal system toward protecting the rights of women and girls.

Outcome 4: Strengthened national policies and international development agendas through integration of evidence-based analysis on population dynamics and their links to sustainable development, sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, HIV and gender equality

2010 population and housing census	No census	2010	census undertaken successfully, providing reliable and credible data for policy formulation	2014	PHC conducted in 2014, census data processed with delays in 2016, PES and Admin data used to assess the coverage and results disseminated in 2017
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Summary of National Progress

- 2014 Population and Housing Census conducted, data processed with delays and census results disseminated. A Post-Enumeration Survey has been conducted for the first time and along with Administrative data was used to assess the census coverage.
- Government has approved the Road Map and its Action Plan for implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. A new Action Plan on Ageing is drafted and is due to be approved by September 2017.
- National Commission on Population and Development has approved a new Concept Vision on Population and Development, based on the Assessment Report of the National Programme on Demographic Security and Population Situation Analysis.

UNFPA's Contributions:

UNFPA has effectively contributed to increased availability of demographic data and strengthening of national policies through research and analysis and promoting evidence and rights-based demographic policies. Collaboration between stakeholders in population and development has increased but is still insufficient. UNFPA provided valuable support in strengthening the Demographic Research Center, which cooperates successfully with the National Commission on Population and Development particularly in terms of the approval of the methodology on territorial demographic indicator and the Active Ageing Index developed by DRC. The DRC has become the main research and think tank in Population and Development.

UNFPA and implementing partners were successful in advancing the ICPD agenda through the Road Map on Ageing and National Programme on Demographic Security 2011 – 2025. Bold actions were taken at advocacy level through methodology on mainstreaming ageing into sectorial policies, developing the Active Ageing Index, which is seen as an important assessment tool to better inform policymakers. The UNFPA support for mainstreaming ageing has facilitated implementation of policy documents on ageing and integration of elderly rights and needs in national policies. The Platform for Active Ageing established with the UNFPA support, represents an important ownership prospect.

UNFPA provided technical assistance to the National Bureau of Statistics in all stages of the census process (planning, collection, data processing, coverage assessment and dissemination). In addition, through high level involvement in the National Commission on Population and Development, chaired by the vice-prime Minister, and in the National Commission on Census, chaired by the Prime Minister, it advocated for governmental support, continuing the process and budget fund allocations.

D. Country Programme Resources (2013-2017)

SP Outcome Choose only those relevant to your CP	Regular Resource (Planned and Final Allocation)		Others (Planned and Final Allocation)		Total (Planned and Final Allocation)	
SRH	880,000.00	775,736.54	600,000.00	SRH	880,000.00	775,736.54
Youth	450,000.00	396,683.46	80,000.00	Youth	450,000.00	396,683.46
GBV	270,000.00	238,010.08	120,000.00	GBV	270,000.00	238,010.08
Data	600,000.00	528,911.28	200,000.00	Data	600,000.00	528,911.28
Programme coordination and assistance	300,000.00	264,455.64	0.00	Programme coordination and assistance	300,000.00	264,455.64
Total	2,500,000.00	2,203,797.00	1,000,000.00	Total	2,500,000.00	2,203,797.00