



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

2024-2026 IFRC network country plan

25 July 2024

Multi-Year Funding Requirement **CHF 51.9M**

In support of the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova



17

National Society branches



29

National Society staff



1,300

National Society volunteers

People to be reached



150,000

Ongoing
emergency
operations



30,000

Climate and
environment



150,300

Disasters
and crises



150,300

Health and
wellbeing



100,000

Migration and
displacement



150,300

Values, power
and inclusion

IFRC network multi-year focus

Longer term needs

- Early warning and disaster risk reduction
 - Climate change adaptation
 - Health needs
 - Migration-related needs
- Inclusion of vulnerable groups

Capacity development

- Sustainable resource mobilization and fundraising
- Partnerships • Financial management
 - Branch development
 - Communications

Key country data

Population	2.6M
INFORM Severity rating	Low
INFORM Climate Change Risk Index	Low
Human Development Index rank	80
Population below poverty level	31.1%

Funding requirements

2024

2025**

2026**

Total 50.9M CHF

Total 0.5M CHF

Total 0.5M CHF

Through the IFRC

45.9M CHF

Through Participating National Societies

→ **4.5M CHF**

Through Host National Society

→ **439,000 CHF**

IFRC Breakdown

Ongoing emergency operations

39M CHF (2022-2025)

Longer-term needs

650,000 CHF
Climate and environment

2.6M CHF
Disasters and crises

1.1M CHF
Health and wellbeing

540,000 CHF
Migration and displacement

779,000 CHF
Values, power and inclusion

608,000 CHF
Enabling local actors

Through Participating National Societies

0.5M CHF

Through Participating National Societies

0.5M CHF

**Projected funding requirements

Participating National Societies

American Red Cross

British Red Cross*

Canadian Red Cross Society*

Danish Red Cross*

Finnish Red Cross*

French Red Cross

Icelandic Red Cross*

The Netherlands Red Cross*

Norwegian Red Cross*

Singapore Red Cross Society*

Swedish Red Cross*

Swiss Red Cross

**National Societies which have contributed only multilaterally through the IFRC in the first half of 2023.*

IFRC Appeal codes

Ongoing Emergency Appeals:

MGR65002

Longer-term needs:

MAAMD003

Hazards



Droughts



Floods



Severe weather conditions



Population movement

NATIONAL SOCIETY PROFILE

The **Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova** was recognized by presidential decree in 1992 as an autonomous public organization that carries out its activity based on the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent. In 2001, the Red Cross Society of Moldova was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as a member with full rights and in November of the same year, it became a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

The Red Cross Society of Moldova is an auxiliary to public authorities in the humanitarian field. Its mission is to indiscriminately prevent and alleviate human suffering in all settings, in strict accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent and the Law of the Republic of Moldova.

The Strategic Plan 2018-2023 of the National Society focuses on first aid, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), disaster preparedness, youth programme, volunteering, tracing services, and advocating for the International Humanitarian Law in the country. The Red Cross Society of Moldova also recently established a disaster risk management strategic plan in June 2023 with the aim to guide its operations and programmes in the short- to long-term. The plan aims to build resilient and healthy communities alongside paying special attention to differentiated needs for protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) and community engagement and accountability (CEA).

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

JOINT SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Moldova is a landlocked country located in Eastern Europe. It is bordered by Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east, and south. The country has a diverse landscape, with rolling hills, plains, and the agricultural region of Bessarabia in the south. The Dniester River runs along the eastern border, dividing Moldova from the region of Transnistria.

Moldova has an estimated population of around 2.6 million people. The country has experienced demographic challenges, including emigration and a declining birth rate. Many Moldovans have migrated abroad in search of better economic opportunities. This emigration impacts the country's population dynamics and labour market.

Moldova's economy is considered one of the poorest in Europe. It has a mixed economy, with agriculture, industry, and the service sector contributing to the GDP. Moldova has been working to attract foreign investment and promote

economic reforms. Moldova faces several social challenges, including poverty, unemployment, and inadequate access to healthcare and education. These issues contribute to emigration and economic disparities within the country. The social infrastructure, including the healthcare and education system, requires further development to meet the needs of the population.

The country has a relatively high poverty rate, and many people struggle to meet basic needs. Addressing poverty and improving living standards is a crucial challenge. Children in Moldova remain disproportionately poor. Though the government-led poverty-targeted social assistance programme has increased the budget to tackle the issue, child poverty rates have increased.

The conflict in Ukraine has adversely impacted Moldova's economic activities and boosted the inflation rate to 28.7% in 2022. The hostilities in Ukraine have caused mass displacement of people internally and across international borders, especially in the Republic of Moldova. As of January 2023, 667,913 refugees have fled from Ukraine to Moldova.

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

For real-time information on emergencies, see IFRC GO page [Republic of Moldova](#)

Emergency Operation	Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis
Appeal number	MGR65002
Duration	28 February 2022 – 31 December 2025
People to be assisted	22.7 M (total); 150,000 (in Moldova)
Funding requirement	Total: CHF 800 M (IFRC); CHF 2.7 billion (Federation-wide) Moldova: CHF 39.50 M (IFRC); CHF 39.70 M (Federation-wide)
Link to Emergency Appeal	Revised Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy	Revised Operational Strategy Moldova Response Plan
Last operation update	Operation Update No.9

The international armed conflict in Ukraine continues, inflicting a devastating toll on the lives of people. The protracted crisis has resulted in massive civilian casualties, severe harm to critical infrastructure and livelihoods, and widespread displacement from front-line communities, leading to an alarming escalation in humanitarian needs, inside and outside of Ukraine. Millions of people have crossed borders from Ukraine into neighbouring countries and beyond. Most of these individuals have been displaced for nearly two years, and the gaps in meeting their needs are still increasing. Displaced people from Ukraine still require safety, assistance, and critical protection to lead dignified lives and restore their well-being and livelihoods.

First launched in February 2022, the IFRC Emergency Appeal was revised in May 2023, in support of the work of 18 National Societies including the Red Cross Society of Moldova who are responding to the crisis. The revised Emergency Appeal presents a substantial increase in people targeted, funding requirements and geographical coverage, to support the National Societies in assisting people in Ukraine and other impacted countries affected by the crisis. It also represents a shift in response from an emergency phase to a protracted crisis scenario, while recognizing the need to remain agile and proactive in what continues to be a highly dynamic environment.

As the armed conflict continues, the humanitarian needs are spreading far beyond Ukraine itself to many countries across Europe and around the world. The number of people affected by the ongoing crisis is estimated to be nearly 27 million in and outside of Ukraine.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

Through this revised emergency appeal, the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova is providing targeted assistance to about 150,000 people. Interventions consist of:

Health and care including water, sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Provide basic health care services and information including WASH and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services and activities, provision of referrals to public health institutions, provision of community health activities such as [first aid](#) and hygiene promotion activities (distribution of hygiene kits and IEC materials) in the communities hosting displaced people, provision of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) for health for 5,000 individuals to cover expenditures of health tests, treatments, and medicines not covered by the public health system, prepositioning and provision of hygiene items (family hygiene kits, migrant kits, dignity kits, water cleaning supplies, and individual items such as hand sanitizers and face masks).

Shelter, housing, and settlements, multi-purpose cash

Provision of food and household items (hygiene sets, blankets, bed linen, towels, travel and baby kits, and clothes) and other essential items, considering seasonal adaptations, for displaced people from Ukraine staying in the country, at key transit points, humanitarian service points ([HSPs](#)) and host families. Provision of Multipurpose Cash Assistance ([MPCA](#)) focused on seasonal adaptation (summer and winter) for at

least 45,000 individuals (both displaced people from Ukraine and host communities).

Protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI), community engagement and accountability (CEA), migration

Integration of PGI throughout the operation focuses on minority groups, applying prevention mechanisms for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), establishing child-friendly spaces, and ensuring community engagement in the programme's development. Development of customized CEA materials. Establish 16 accessible HSPs across Moldova run by different regional branches.

With the assistance of the **Swiss Red Cross**, the Red Cross Society of Moldova successfully launched its inaugural CVA project in two locations: Chisinau and Ungheni. As part of this project, the National Society distributed vouchers worth CHF 26 to 1,900 of the most vulnerable individuals, specifically targeting people with disabilities.

Along with the **IFRC** and **ICRC**, bilateral support is being extended to the Red Cross Society of Moldova in its response to the Ukraine crisis by the following participating National Societies: the **Luxembourg Red Cross**, the **French Red Cross**, the **Canadian Red Cross**, and the **Norwegian Red Cross**.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

According to the [Climate Risk Profile](#) published by the World Bank, Moldova has a temperate continental climate with hot summers and cold winters. The average temperature in January is -4°C, while in July it is 20°C. The country's southern regions are particularly vulnerable to heat waves and droughts due to their semi-arid climate while the northern regions are vulnerable to floods due to their proximity to major rivers.

The main impact of climate change will be on Moldova's [vulnerable groups](#). Rural populations are particularly vulnerable due to their dependence on agriculture and natural resources. Land use in Moldova is dominated by agriculture, which accounts for around 75% of its use. Climate change is expected to reduce crop yields and increase the risk of pests and diseases. Another adverse impact will be on water resources which are [expected to reduce](#) in availability, leading to water scarcity.

Women will also be disproportionately affected by climate change due to their roles as primary caregivers. Climate change will exacerbate existing challenges, impacting women in several ways such as increasing the difficulty in collecting water, providing food, and managing the household.

Environmental degradation is a major issue in Moldova. [Deforestation](#), land degradation, soil erosion, water pollution, and waste management are all major environmental challenges facing the country. The government of Moldova has developed several policies and legal frameworks. These include the [National Strategy on Climate Change Adaptation](#) (2017), the [National Strategy on Biodiversity Conservation](#) (2015), and the [National Strategy on Sustainable Development](#) (2018).

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

As its high-level objectives in responding to climate change, the National Society aims to:

- Support climate adaptation in communities and consider their specific context and needs through collaboration with local authorities
- Integrate climate change adaptation into [community-based disaster risk management](#)

Planned activities in 2024

- Develop climate adaptation tools
- Meet with local authorities and conduct capacity building in communities and branches
- Integrate climate change adaptation into the disaster management capacity building tools
- Develop and distribute informational materials and organize community-based initiatives

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The **IFRC** will support the Red Cross Society of Moldova in adapting to the risks of climate and environmental crises by fostering closer collaboration with local authorities and communities. It will contribute to improved environmental management and climate change mitigation through the integration of climate change elements in disaster risk management and response.

The **Swedish Red Cross** and the **Swiss Red Cross** will provide the National Society with technical support in institutional and [community-based disaster risk reduction](#) and climate adaptation in communities.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, see IFRC GO page [Republic of Moldova](#)

Moldova is exposed to an array of natural hazards, and they impact the poor disproportionately. Floods, droughts, and severe weather events are the most recurring threats. Earthquakes, though rarer, also have a devastating effect. Projected rise in temperatures, rainfall volatility, and extreme weather events are expected to exacerbate these risks.

According to the [INFORM country risk profile](#), Moldova has a high risk of exposure to natural hazards and is ranked 77 out of 191 countries. The profile recorded Moldova having a high vulnerability score (6.2 on 10) but moderate coping capacity, denoting the country's relatively high vulnerability to natural hazards as compared to other countries.

In 2020, Moldova was hit by one of the most severe droughts over the past two decades causing a drop in agricultural production by almost 30% with significant spill-over effects throughout the economy. The impact includes loss of lives, impact on livelihoods, and level of destruction and damage, which overlapped with other humanitarian needs. These include nearly 750,000 Ukrainian refugees in need of humanitarian support.

To address these disaster risks and challenges, Moldova has established national disaster management institutions, such as the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations ([GIES](#)) and the [Republican Commission for Emergency Situations](#). The government has also established five-year preparedness and response plans. In case of a disaster, the Parliament can issue a state of national emergency under specific conditions.

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

The Red Cross Society of Moldova plays an essential role in disaster management as it collaborates with government institutions such as the GIES and participates in disaster management commissions at both national and regional levels. It has also established a Disaster Response Management ([DRM](#)) Strategic Plan oriented by the Preparedness for Effective Response ([PER](#)) self-assessment and the National Society Strategic Development Plan 2022-2026. The National Society aims to:

- Enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities to respond timely and effectively to emergencies
- Develop disaster preparedness information and education programmes to enhance community awareness, preparedness, and capacity to anticipate, respond to, and recover from disasters and crises
- Increase collaboration with relevant stakeholders to coordinate disaster and crisis response efforts, including government authorities, the broader humanitarian community, civil society organizations, and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- Reduce the impact of disasters through interventions in first aid services, emergency needs assessment, relief distribution, voucher assistance, and psychosocial support



Through home visits, Moldova Red Cross volunteers distributed winter assistance to older adults in the refugee and host communities, 17 February 2023. (Photo: IFRC)

Planned activities in 2024

- Enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities within PER recommendations and action plans
 - Develop and distribute informational materials to encourage awareness and [community-based risk reduction](#)
 - Organize meetings, participate in workshops, and co-coordinate local [disaster management efforts](#)
 - Provide technical assistance to communities by measuring the impact of operations, incorporating lessons learned, and integrating protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) considerations into [emergency](#) preparedness and response
 - Offer relief support, [cash and voucher assistance](#) and support for grants
-

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The **IFRC** will support the National Society to respond effectively to the wide spectrum of evolving crises and disasters. It will work with the Red Cross Society of Moldova to ensure people affected by crises and disasters, especially at the Refugee Accommodation Centres (RAC), have their needs met through access to assistance and support that is timely, adequate, flexible and strengthens their agency.

The **Swedish Red Cross** assists in strengthening of the National Society's disaster risk management capacities. It contributes to meeting the needs of people affected by the crisis, with a focus on displaced people and vulnerable host communities.

The **American Red Cross** contributes through resource mobilization and logistics to address the needs of Ukrainian refugees. It also supports call centre services within community engagement and accountability (CEA) capacity building and promotes peer-to-peer exchange related to [CVA](#).

The **Swiss Red Cross** supports the Ukrainian refugees and affected vulnerable Moldovans.



Health and wellbeing

In Moldova, the main health indicators for the country include a life expectancy of 71 years, infant mortality rate of 10.5 deaths per 1,000 live births, and a maternal mortality ratio of 24 deaths per 100,000 live births, according to the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). The major diseases prevalent in the country include cardiovascular diseases, cancer, respiratory diseases, and injuries.

Access to healthcare is an issue with many having reduced access within the country. This is due to factors such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of medical equipment and supplies, insufficient funding for healthcare services and limited availability of healthcare professionals.

The country also faces health risks, including a high prevalence of HIV and tuberculosis. According to [UNAIDS data](#) from 2020, an estimated 11,000 people were living with HIV in the country. The government has implemented various measures to address this issue including increasing access to testing and treatment services. The COVID-19 pandemic has further added to the challenges, affecting the entire country's social and economic life.

Vaccination status is an important aspect of public health in Moldova. According to [WHO data](#) from 2020, the vaccination coverage for measles was 94%. However, there are still

concerns regarding zero-dose and under-immunized children. Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are also a major public health concern. According to [WHO](#), non-communicable diseases accounted for 87% of all deaths in the country. The government has implemented various measures to address this issue including promoting healthy lifestyles and improving access to healthcare services.

Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene ([WASH](#)) is another important aspect of public health. Approximately, 95% of the population has access to improved drinking water sources while only 70% has access to improved sanitation facilities.

The country-level health priorities and commitments include improving access to healthcare services, reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), improving maternal and child health, strengthening public health systems, and addressing social determinants of health. The government has also committed to achieving [universal health coverage by 2030](#).

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

The Red Cross Society of Moldova plans to establish closer engagement with the local health authorities and contribute to improving population health. It aims to expand access to

public and primary health services, particularly in underserved communities, even during emergencies. To achieve these goals, the National Society aims to:

- Support local health authorities and provide psychosocial support and access to water sources and hygiene conditions during disasters
- Improve population health and reduce vulnerability through establishing and enhancing competencies and skills through health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities
- Address disease patterns and prioritize efforts to combat non-communicable diseases and infectious diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis, and COVID-19
- Support community-based health education and empower individuals and communities to make behavioural changes that reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases and other morbidities
- Promote immunization, including efforts to provide accurate information and ensure access to vaccines
- Encourage the promotion of voluntary and non-remunerated blood donation

Planned activities in 2024

- Promote personal hygiene and healthy lifestyles, especially among socially vulnerable groups
- Implement adapted premedical [first aid programmes](#) for vulnerable groups such as the elderly and people with disabilities
- Provide support to local health authorities during disasters which includes provisions of mental health and

psychosocial support (MHPSS), ensuring access to water sources, and maintaining hygienic conditions

- Develop and distribute education, information and educational (IEC) materials
- Conduct meetings with local authorities and communities and capacity building for the National Society's branches and communities as well as health professionals
- Organize [community-based initiatives](#) and capacity building activities

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The IFRC will support the Red Cross Society of Moldova as the latter capitalises on its auxiliary role to ensure its position in relevant country-level public health strategy, advocacy, and policy platforms and mechanisms. The IFRC and the National Society will work together to ensure the health and dignity of communities and vulnerable people by ensuring access to quality health services and environmentally sustainable WASH services.

The **French Red Cross** will continue its support for the Red Cross Society of Moldova with an updated first-aid training manual, based on the highest standards of the [Global First Aid Reference Centre](#).

The **Swedish Red Cross** will provide technical support in applying [green response](#) in WASH interventions.

The **Swiss Red Cross** is committed to supporting the National Society around [ageing and health](#) as long-term projects. It will also assist with the blood donation project to strengthen the role of the National Society in blood recruitment and voluntary non-remunerated blood donations.



Migration and displacement

Moldova is a country of origin, transit, and destination for migrants. The main types of migration in Moldova are labour migration and forced migration.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), there are 110,854 individual refugees from Ukraine recorded in the Republic of Moldova. Of these, 7,979 refugees from Ukraine registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes and 9,082 asylum applications by refugees were received in 2022. There are also 25,001 [internally displaced persons](#) (IDPs) in Moldova. The causes of their displacement include the conflict between Moldova and Transnistria.

The humanitarian needs of these groups include access to adequate housing, employment opportunities, social and health services, and legal assistance. There are gaps in support for internally displaced persons in Moldova due to limited funding and capacity.

The most relevant policies related to migration and displacement in Moldova include the [National Strategy on Migration and Asylum 2021-2025](#). The strategy aims to improve the management of migration and asylum in Moldova by strengthening the legal framework, improving data collection and analysis, enhancing cooperation with international partners, and improving the integration of migrants.

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

To provide continuous assistance and support to migrant beneficiaries through tailored projects and initiatives, the Red Cross Society of Moldova aims to:

- Promote measures to prevent illegal migration of the population especially among young people
- Facilitate the integration of migrant populations into society by addressing their specific vulnerabilities and needs
- Raise awareness about migration issues and promote understanding and empathy towards migrants
- Collaborate with relevant stakeholders and organizations to enhance support and assistance for migrants

Planned activities in 2024

- Work in communities, initiate grants and supportive programmes which promote social integration and [inclusion](#)
- Establish 16 accessible [humanitarian service points](#) (HSPs) across Moldova run by different regional branches which provide food, water, essential relief items, healthcare, and for [restoring family links](#) (RFL) and safe referrals to specialised services

- Liaise with government agencies, [UNHCR](#), International Organization for Migration ([IOM](#)), and other relevant actors to ensure coordination, identify gaps in the response, and work to identify trends in migration
- Develop relevant training tools and print out informational materials
- Conduct meetings and workshops with relevant local authorities and government representatives, institutions, and NGOs

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The IFRC supports the Red Cross Society of Moldova by enhancing its migration and displacement programmes and its capacity to ensure that migrants and displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance and protection at key points along migratory routes as well as access to durable solutions when appropriate.

The **Swedish Red Cross** will support the National Society in integrating the community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)) and protection, gender, and inclusion ([PGI](#)) focus on migration and displacement. It will contribute to strengthening humanitarian assistance to affected people on the move and cross-border collaboration of the National Society.



Values, power and inclusion

[UN Women](#) has prioritized decreasing violence against women and girls in Moldova. Moldova has made international and national commitments to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. It has also ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women ([CEDAW](#)). The [Council of Europe](#) is also working towards equal opportunities without sexism in Moldova. It aims to combat sexist speech, gender-based discrimination, and violence against women. However, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance ([ECRI](#)) report focusing on intersectionality of discrimination, found that Roma and Muslim women are particularly vulnerable to discrimination and exclusion.

According to the [National Social Insurance House in 2022](#), the estimated number of people with disabilities amounts to 168,000, including 10,600 children aged 0-17 years. People with disabilities represented 6.5 per cent out of the total number of populations with usual residence, and children with disabilities accounted for 1.9 per cent out of the total number of children. Men made up 52.6 per cent of people with disability, which

is 1.3 percentage points higher than women in the total population's share of people with disabilities.

The ongoing socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the [Russia-Ukraine conflict](#) continue to affect vulnerable groups. Economic crises, loss of livelihoods, work uncertainty, and fear for the future expose people to severe pressures.

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

To ensure integration of protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#)) and community accountability and engagement ([CEA](#)) in all programmes, the National Society aims to establish relevant standards, policies, and procedures and [sensitize](#) volunteers on inclusion. To achieve this, the Red Cross Society of Moldova will:

- Develop comprehensive modules to work with vulnerable groups such as lonely older people, people with disabilities, orphans/children from disadvantaged

families, homeless people, migrants/refugees, people in difficult life situations, and unemployed women

- Improve interaction with target communities through enabling access, provision of necessary services, advocacy, capacity strengthening, and livelihood support
- Provide training for community leaders and members on developing an inclusive society
- Strengthen the capacity of communities and key groups through their active involvement in programmes to improve their quality of life
- Ensure the fulfilment of obligations and updating of cooperation agreements with the state system on rendering social and humanitarian assistance to the population

- Raise awareness around migration, preventing illegal movement among young people, and aiding migrant beneficiaries and host families through the inclusion of migrant assistance in its current programmes
- Ensure effective volunteer recruitment and management system for the development and engagement of the youth and voluntary movement
- Actively involve young people in decision-making processes by encouraging their participation in meetings and providing platforms for expressing their views

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The IFRC supports the Red Cross Society of Moldova to contribute to a positive change in communities through a wider understanding, ownership, and concrete application of humanitarian values and fundamental principles, focusing especially on young people's knowledge, skills, and behaviour. It will assist the National Society in adopting a comprehensive protection, gender, and inclusion approach across operations and programmes.

The **Swedish Red Cross** will also support the mainstreaming and anchoring of PGL and CEA across operations and programmes.

Planned activities in 2024

- Support the population affected by poverty and social marginalization through the provision of in-kind assistance of food and household items through projects such as the food bank, Christmas basket, and CVA
- Support the elderly population and people with disabilities through home care programmes and projects designed to involve them at the local branch level

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS

The Red Cross Society of Moldova is committed to strengthening its capacities and has carried out the self-assessment part of the Organizational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) process in 2022 as well as the Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) in 2023. The OCAC self-assessment is intended to capture the strengths and weaknesses of National Societies as a whole in relation to a wide range of organizational capacities. BOCA is a self-assessment tool

designed for National Societies branches to identify and assess their strengths, limitations, and challenges in view of a wide range of organizational opportunities.

The National Society is also committed to the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) process and conducted it in 2023 and is in the work plan phase. The PER approach is a continuous and flexible process that enables National Societies to assess, measure, and analyse the strengths and gaps of their preparedness and response mechanisms, and ultimately take necessary action to improve them. The IFRC network is committed to supporting the National Society in its development, according to its priorities.



Strategic and operational coordination

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

- Develop a stronger capacity to mobilize all relevant resources
- Strengthen partnerships with public authorities, civil society, and external partners
- Develop a fundraising system (individual and corporate), improve the traditional donation system (boxes, charity events, in-kind donations), and develop income-generating activities

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The **IFRC** will support the Red Cross Society of Moldova by guiding it in a strategic direction and strengthening its partnerships with the government, UN agencies, and other partners. It will provide expertise and experience from its membership, especially considering Moldova's candidacy to the European Union. To ensure complementarity, there will be regular technical meetings within the Movement and coordination meetings with the IFRC, ICRC, and participating National Societies.

The IFRC will continue to focus on several pillars in response to the Ukraine conflict including supporting the National Society with relevant services and information for vulnerable populations.



National Society development

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

- Enhance organizational efficiency and governance for optimized resource utilization
- Expand resources, membership, and fundraising through modernization, diversification, and strategic initiatives
- Promote the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross, fostering solidarity, respect, and reduced vulnerability through volunteer recruitment

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The **IFRC** will continue working and guiding the National Society in reviewing and updating its strategic plan and operational plan, aligned with the changing landscape of the

situation and needs in Moldova. It will support in alignment and coordination of technical capacity building in the areas of volunteer management, branch development, logistics development, cash preparedness, resource mobilisation, shelter, communications, and Preparedness for Effective Response (PER).

The **Swedish Red Cross** is supporting the National Society through peer-to-peer fundraising and knowledge sharing in resource mobilization and partnerships. Additionally, it will assist with potential technical support to strengthen volunteer management.

The **Swiss Red Cross** is committed to supporting the development of the National Society through branch development and programmes at the branch or regional level.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

- Promote training and sensitization of Fundamental Principles
- Strengthen education on humanitarian values and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) through interactive training and educational materials
- Develop a communication strategy and ensure adherence to communication principles
- Strengthen communications and public relations at headquarters and branches
- Engage with public institutions, key state agencies, ministries, local authorities, and international agencies such as the UN and diplomatic corps to reinforce the

auxiliary role and ensure strong visibility and public understanding of Red Cross and Red Crescent activities

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The IFRC will guide and support the National Society in prioritising advocacy, humanitarian diplomacy, and engaging with donors. Humanitarian diplomacy is also set to be developed as part of the National Society's strategic plan which will target policy makers, and international and national partners, as well as community organizations. The National Society's leadership will be supported to be part of a collective effort to enhance positioning and stakeholder engagement in priority areas.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Multi-year high level objectives of the National Society

- Enhance human resource development with regard to systems, processes, policies, training, and development
- Strengthen financial capacity with regards to building sustainable financial resources, donor engagement, and a robust and transparent financial system
- Systematically train staff in areas such as planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, communications, analytical approaches, and strategic thinking
- Conduct continuous monitoring and evaluation to ensure the quality of the organization's activities

Longer-term support from the IFRC network

The IFRC will engage with the Red Cross Society of Moldova and the membership to demonstrate individual and collective accountability and improved business processes, in line with global guidance. The National Society will be supported in the adoption of the IFRC Working with Project Partners framework in managing financial transfers along with proper and supported accountability practices and standards. The National Society's overall quality assurance process and accountability will be enhanced, including through programme cycles.

THE IFRC NETWORK

The IFRC

IFRC is present in Moldova to support the Red Cross Society of Moldova through the IFRC Moldova country office. The country office is part of the IFRC Country Cluster Delegation based in Warsaw Poland covering six countries namely Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia. The Country

Cluster Delegation is providing technical support directly to the Moldova Country Office in relevant services such as programming, CEA, PGI, planning monitoring evaluation reporting (PMER), information management (IM), human resources (HR) and other support services functions.

IFRC membership coordination

The IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations, and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance, and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The **American Red Cross** has a particular interest in National Society development in communications and brand management. To this end, a communications delegate based in Warsaw and hired by the American Red Cross, is supporting five National Societies in the region, including the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova. The National Society will also be receiving cash support for the next 12 months.

The **British Red Cross** aims to explore the current situation and fill in the gaps. Areas of support could be National Society development, programmatic support, cash support and safeguarding.

The **Canadian Red Cross Society** is ready to support the strengthening of the National Society's infrastructure. There is a commitment towards disaster management capacity building, including the finalization of a disaster risk management strategic plan.

The **French Red Cross** has had a presence of more than 10 years in Moldova and has a long-term cooperation agreement with the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova. It supports the National Society's capacity in First Aid through

training, and the establishment of a First Aid system at headquarters and branch level.

The **Italian Red Cross** began its cooperation with the National Society in 2020 through the PPRD East programme funded by DG ECHO. This programme covers several countries including Moldova. Support is mainly provided to increase the civil protection capacity of each country involved.

The **Luxembourg Red Cross** is supporting the hygiene initiatives of the National Society, as well as repairs to one of its branch offices in Chisinau. There is also a tripartite agreement providing for the continuation of relevant support in the future.

The **Norwegian Red Cross** has been working with the National Society for almost eight years. The partnership focuses on branch development and implementation of health, and disaster response-related interventions. The Norwegian Red Cross will support the National Society by organizing the 'Red Cross School for Volunteers from Moldova and Norway' initiative- alongside other events such as the Red Cross Volunteer Leaders Forum.







The **Swedish Red Cross** is interested in supporting the institutional and organizational capacity of the National Society. Support may also extend to interventions aimed at helping displaced families integrate into society, as well as improving the health and financial resilience of vulnerable families and individuals.

The **Swiss Red Cross** has had a long presence in Moldova and cooperation with the Moldova Red Cross. Its expertise in health and blood donor programming could be tapped by the National Society in the future. Currently, it provides support in capacity building, volunteering development, and assistance to vulnerable groups.



Moldova Red Cross volunteers distributed assistance through home visits to those most vulnerable, 17 February 2023. (Photo: IFRC)

Participating National Society Support

National Society name	Funding Requirement	Climate	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling local actors
American Red Cross							
French Red Cross	300,000						
Swedish Red Cross	400,000						
Swiss Red Cross	3.8M						

Total Funding requirement

4.5M

Movement coordination

The Red Cross Society of Moldova ensures regular engagement with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the [SMCC](#) principles, and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#). In this connection, a mini summit and ensuing Joint Statement, have provided the necessary framework for Movement partners to operate in Moldova.

The **ICRC** was present in Moldova during the 1991–1992 tension to monitor the situation. In 2022, the ICRC decided to have a full-fledged delegation to respond to the humanitarian needs triggered by the armed conflict in Ukraine. The delegation focuses on the promotion of respect for IHL and the reduction of protection risks resulting from the crisis in Ukraine.

Coordination with other actors

The Red Cross Society of Moldova, as an auxiliary to the public authorities, coordinates with the [Ministry of Health](#), the [Ministry of Labour and Social Protection](#) (MoLSP), the [Ministry of Education, General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations](#) (GIES) of the [Ministry of Internal Affairs](#) with whom the National Society has Memorandum of Understanding and local authorities. The role and relations between the National Society and GIES are reinforced by a collaboration agreement which provides for the roles and responsibilities and responsibilities of parties at the preparedness and disaster response stages. In the future, the Red Cross Society of Moldova will hold pre-disaster meetings at least once a year, prior to seasons which have seen major, recurring disasters, in addition to holding monthly coordination meetings with relevant partners.

As a step forward in the coordination process, the National Society shall coordinate, engage, and influence a wide variety of external actors including public authorities, knowledge-based government agencies, civil protection personnel, the private sector, the broader humanitarian community, and civil society organizations including those working with marginalized groups.

The IFRC regularly participates in the [Refugee Coordination Forum](#) and topic-based working group meetings as part of the mutual assistance to refugees organized by the UNHCR and partners, hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. The main purpose is to ensure the representation of the Red Cross Society of Moldova and IFRC in all relevant inter-agency coordination meetings and events.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Global Plan and Country Plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Donor response](#) on IFRC website
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

This plan reflects the priorities of the Red Cross Society of Moldova, the IFRC and National Societies providing international support, for 2024 and subsequent years. It is aligned with [IFRC Strategy 2030](#), representing the collective ambitions of the IFRC membership, and is the result of a joint planning process, and will serve joint monitoring and reporting. It will be revised on an annual basis to adjust priorities and funding requirements to the needs in-country.

Contact information

Red Cross Society of Moldova

Azamat Baialinov

Head of Delegation
IFRC Country Delegation
Moldova, Chisinau
azamat.baialinov@ifrc.org

Andrej Naricyn

Head of Strategic Partnerships
& Resource Mobilization
IFRC Regional Office for Europe,
Budapest
T +367 04306528
andrej.naricyn@ifrc.org

Sumitha Martin

Lead
IFRC Global Strategic Planning
& Reporting Centre
New Delhi
sumitha.martin@ifrc.org