

ONGOING PROJECTS IN MOLDOVA



Achieving resilience through Employment, Skills Development, and Social Cohesion Opportunities in Moldova

Duration: July 2023 - June 2025



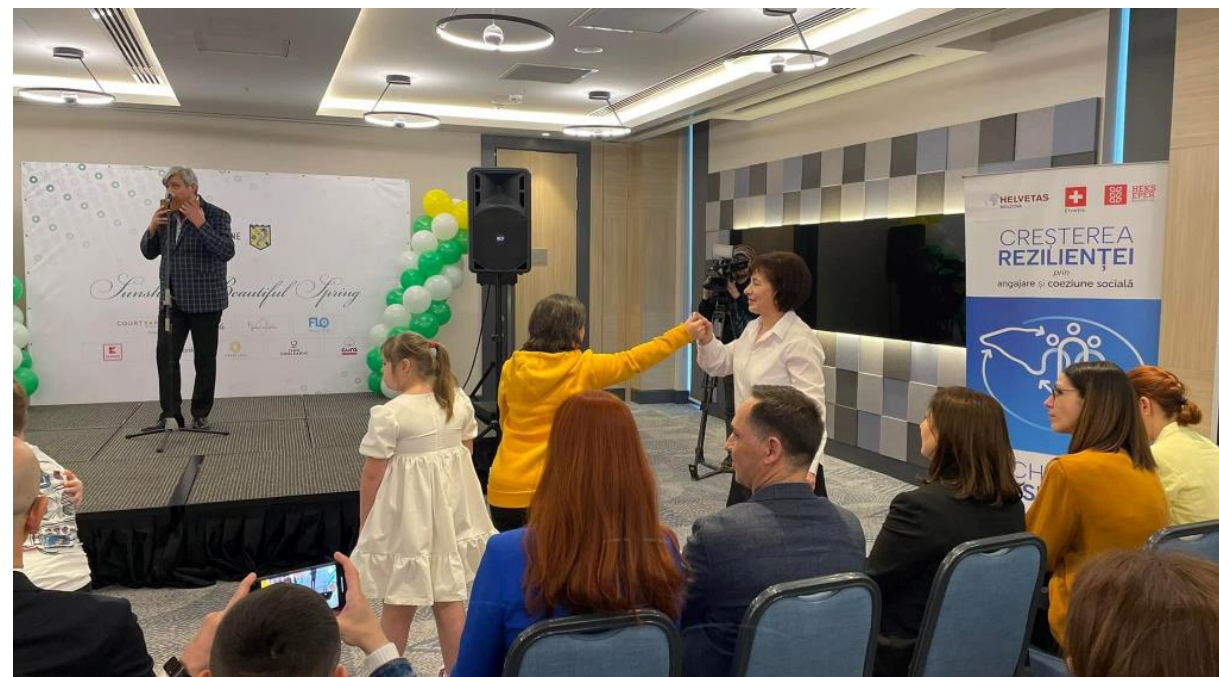
The "Achieving Resilience through Employment, Skills Development, and Social Cohesion Opportunities in Moldova" project, spanning from July 2023 to June 2025, is geared towards promoting resilience and social cohesion among refugees and vulnerable Moldovans. To achieve this, social capacity-building training sessions are conducted for employees of the National Employment Agency and Social Assistance departments, focusing on enhancing refugees and vulnerable Moldovans' economic inclusion.

Additionally, socio-economic events are organized to facilitate social inclusion, business connections, and interactions among refugees from Ukraine, vulnerable Moldovans, entrepreneurs, and media representatives, with a special emphasis on gender-inclusive events.



There were organized 44 social cohesion events to stimulate the social inclusion of Ukrainian refugees and diminish tensions between refugees and vulnerable Moldovans.

Through these initiatives, HEKS/EPER Moldova aim to raise awareness among the wider population about the importance and benefits of economic and social inclusion of refugees in Moldova, fostering a more resilient and cohesive society for all.



Impact:

- ✓ 50 employees of the NEA trained on social inclusion;
- ✓ 4 Job Fairs and 1 artisanal fair organized;
- ✓ 20 community-led projects implemented;
- ✓ 44 round tables organised to foster social cohesion;
- ✓ More than 4000 refugees and vulnerable Moldovans benefited from the project activities.



Enhancing protection for GBV Survivors and promoting well-being among Refugees from Ukraine and vulnerable Moldovans

Duration: April - December 2024



The project addresses the critical issue of gender-based violence (GBV) among refugees and host communities in Moldova. Recognizing the thousands of reported cases and ongoing risks, the initiative upholds the right to live free from violence by providing comprehensive support services such as safe shelters, legal assistance, medical care, and psychosocial support. This aids in the immediate recovery and long-term resilience of GBV survivors. The project also offers one-on-one and group counseling sessions, and access to case management services covering medical, legal, psychological, and social support.

Well-being programs, including recreational and educational sessions, further promote mental, emotional, and physical health. Community awareness and capacity building are integral, with training for social workers on GBV principles and prevention content to address harmful social norms.

Another key component of the project is the provision of multipurpose cash assistance through a voucher system, targeting at least 1,000 refugees and host community members, with a focus on vulnerable groups. By addressing access challenges and including host families, the project aims to improve living conditions and foster integration. These efforts not only meet immediate needs but also contribute to long-term stability, safety, and social cohesion in affected communities.





Expected number of beneficiaries:

- 1545 vouchers to be distributed;
- 96 stakeholders to be trained on GBV case management;
- 3100 individuals will be informed and able to access appropriate services.

Work In Tech Moldova

Period: May - December 2024

Work In Tech (WiT) Moldova, organized by HEKS/EPER with support from Google.org, offers free access to Google Professional Certificates on Coursera, along with various training sessions, webinars, and English lessons both online and offline. Participants can choose from four specializations: IT Support, Digital Marketing & E-commerce, Project Management, and UX/UI Design, available in multiple languages including English, Ukrainian, and Russian. Courses are online, flexible, free, and must be completed within three months. The WiT program is part of the INCO Academy, with international recognition.

Expected number of beneficiaries:

- Up to 500 people will benefit from the free IT courses

