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ACTIVITY REPORT

2024 - 2025



Over these two years, we have continued to invest in what matters most: people—children, parents, professionals and communities. We have focused on strengthening child protection and family support services, expanding family-type care, and supporting the development and implementation of national policies that uphold every child's right to grow up in a safe and nurturing family environment.

Advancing deinstitutionalisation has remained a key priority. We have supported authorities and professionals to prepare children for safe transitions from residential care into families and communities, to strengthen family reintegration and follow-up, and to develop quality family-type alternative care services. Alongside this work, we have strengthened prevention and family support to help children remain safely with their families.

We have also responded to the challenges caused by the war in Ukraine, providing psychosocial support and tailored programmes for refugee families and host communities. Through this work, we have helped families build resilience, strengthened relationships between parents and children, and promoted mental health and well-being.

Parenting programmes, inclusive education and professional development have been central to our work. We have developed and delivered evidence-based interventions, strengthened the skills of professionals working with and for children, and supported the integration of effective practices into national policies, regulations and practical guidance. These efforts helped more families access quality services and strengthen the foundations for lasting change.

The achievements presented in this report reflect a shared commitment built on trust, professionalism and accountability. They bring together the dedication of our team, the active involvement of children and families, and the valuable support of authorities, partners, donors and everyone who believes that every child deserves to grow up in a family.

We look ahead with continued determination to help build a stronger, more inclusive child protection system that responds to each family's needs. We believe that strong partnerships, innovation and sustained commitment can bring lasting change and give every child the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your trust, collaboration and continued support.

With gratefulness, Daniela Mămăligă,
"Partnerships for every child" Director

About us

For more than 30 years Partnerships for Every Child (P4EC) has been instrumental in supporting local and central authorities in Moldova to reform the child welfare system, including by legislative and policy change, the development of alternative childcare services, and provision of extensive capacity building opportunities to social work practitioners at local and national levels.

P4EC has supported the Government of Moldova to reorganize/ close 27 large-scale residential institutions, provide assistance in developing the family based social services and cash benefit systems for vulnerable households; develop inclusive education programs for children with special educational needs; establish inter-agency collaboration mechanism on child protection issues and primary prevention; as well as develop a range of preventive programs for vulnerable children, youth and families.

As a result of the direct support offered by P4EC



Over

70 000

CHILDREN
were prevented from separation from their families



Over

30 000

FAMILIES
were strengthened to care for and keep their children home

1800

CHILDREN
were deinstitutionalized and reintegrated with their families or placed in family-type alternative care



1500

CHILDREN
with disabilities were supported to integrate in mainstream schools



12 405

PUPILS
were prepared to accept integration of children with disabilities in educational settings



813

CHILDREN
members of Advisory Boards of Children (ABC) were strengthened to promote the rights of children in their community and ensure their implementation.

Since 2022, P4EC have worked to respond to the needs of refugee children and families. Through the Blue Dots and the mobile teams that have provided protection, psychosocial support, information, referrals and case management we reached out to

23 847 CHILDREN and **13 227** ADULTS

We believe that positive outcomes in the lives of our beneficiaries and their families will be achieved by making profound changes in the way they are supported by communities, practitioners, decision- and policy-makers, all of them working together in a coordinated way with the view to tackling children's needs early to avoid problems growing. Primary prevention and family strengthening are the fundamental approaches in making the childcare reform irreversible.

For the period 2022-2026, the P4EC Strategic Plan is targeting children and youth who are at risk of being separated or have been separated as a result of family poverty, violence, disability and migration. This plan is driven by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which informs all of the P4EC work. At the same time, P4EC's Strategic Plan is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the new strategic directions outlined in the country's Child Protection Program (2022 – 2026) that is under implementation at the moment. Building on the previous achievements and lessons learned, P4EC will continue to demonstrate its long-term commitment to social welfare reform and development of social services, with a very strong focus on supporting the authorities to advance the child care reforms, to strengthen family and community-based services, to enable social welfare system to provide vulnerable children and youth with a nurturing environment helping them to fulfill their rights and aspirations.



Vision

A world where every child enjoys the right to a childhood in a safe and caring family, free from poverty, violence and exploitation.



Mission

- We work to give vulnerable children who are or at risk of being separated from their family or community a safe and secure future. We empower children, their families, communities and authorities to create opportunities for a better life.
- We give children the chance to grow up in loving families and communities – we help to strengthen families to prevent children from being separated.
- We help children to get back into families – wherever we can – we reunite children with their families; when this is not possible or against the child's best interest, we help them find alternative family-based care.
- We protect children from abuse, discrimination and exploitation – when children are living without the care and safety of a family, most at risk of violence, abuse or exploitation, we protect them with crisis care and support.
- We make sure children are heard – we help children, their families and communities speak for themselves, take part in decisions, affecting their lives, and find lasting solutions to their problems.
- We learn to do better – we innovate to bring about lasting, positive change and then share what works with communities and governments to bring about lasting, positive change.

PARTNERSHIPS in the reporting period

P4EC'S PARTNERS includes the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MLSP) and the Ministry of Education and Research (MER) and Ministry of Health (MH), Local District Councils, Education and Social Assistance Departments across the country.



LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/NGOS: Child, Community, Family (CCF) Moldova, Keystone Human Services International, Lumos Foundation, National Centre for Training, Assistance, Counselling and Education in Moldova, Alliance of NGOs working in Child and Family Protection, Mellow Parenting Charity, Social Work Scotland, Better Care Network, etc.

It is very important to mention the partnership between P4EC and Moldovan national and local media that has supported P4EC's activity as devoted media partners.

DONORS in the reporting period

The programs implemented by the organization were supported financially by the European Union, UNICEF, Catholic Relief Services, Norwegian Refugee Council, SIOL Foundation and other donors.

Important assistance comes from private donors and individuals who permanently support P4EC through their donations into the boxes placed in shopping networks (Metro Cash&Carry, Fourchette and others) and by redirecting 2% of the income tax.

Main strategic directions

Offering children safe alternative families



Keeping families together





Commitment to protect children from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation

Ensuring institutional care is used as a last resort

Building child participation



Ensuring social/ educational inclusion of children



Our KEY Achievements 2024-2025

PROJECTS COMPLETED during the reporting period

Changing the Way We Care Initiative, funded by USAID and implemented by Catholic Relief Services in partnership with P4EC, CCF and Keystone

Implementation period: October 21 – January 25

Changing the Way We Care (CTWWC) is a global initiative launched in October 2018 by a consortium of organizations, including Catholic Relief Services and Maestral International. In Moldova, it started in 2021, with P4EC, CCF Moldova, and Keystone Moldova as national partners. Together, the three organizations lead the initiative to end institutionalisation by strengthening family support systems, promoting family-based care, and supporting government-led reforms to ensure that children grow up in safe and nurturing families.



GOAL: Contribute to the end of institutionalization of children and ensure that family support systems are strengthened so that children can continue to thrive in safe and nurturing families.



OBJECTIVES:

- Governments in demonstration countries advocate for family-based care and the transition/closure of orphanages, and lead, organize, manage and fund related policies and programs in alignment with the United Nations Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children;
- In demonstration areas, children/youth remain in or are reintegrated into safe and nurturing family care.

What was achieved

CTWWC Moldova and its partners conducted a comprehensive national situational analysis of the child care system, covering the social services, the workforce, the legal and financial frameworks, case management, as well as the public knowledge and attitudes towards deinstitutionalisation and reintegration. Stakeholders reviewed the findings and jointly identified priority interventions. Recommendations emerging from these consultations were submitted to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and incorporated into the National Child Protection Programme 2022–2026.

Under the leadership of P4EC a technical working group comprising representatives of ministries, local authorities and civil society organisations worked on the revision of the national case management guidelines and tools. The revised guidelines and tools were approved by Order of the Minister of Labour and Social Protection No. 143 of 15 September 2023, thus strengthening the framework for coordinated support to children and families.

Advocacy efforts continued to drive deinstitutionalisation and the advance the child care reform. Guidelines for transforming residential care were developed, together with a capacity-building programme that equipped key professionals across the country with practical guidance on the main stages of deinstitutionalisation. Territorial Social Assistance Agencies developed and began implementing action plans for the transformation of residential care in regions.

Seven residential institutions entered the reorganisation process, with P4EC conducting financial resource and infrastructure assessments across all seven to inform the transformation planning.

P4EC played a key role in the reorganisation of three institutions: the auxiliary school and the Temporary Placement Centre for Children with Disabilities in Hîncești district, and the boarding school for children without parental care in Ceadîr-Lunga. P4EC provided targeted support by conducting the assessment of children and families, preparing children and caregivers for transitions, and facilitating family reintegration or placement in family-type care. Combined with the implementation of the institutional transformation plans, these efforts resulted in the successful closure of all three institutions, with children safely reintegrated into their families or placed in family-type care.

An assessment of Family Support Services informed the piloting of four community-based Child and Family Hubs, designed to strengthen early intervention, provide families with needed support closer to their home and improve cooperation across sectors. Lessons from the pilots were subsequently incorporated into the P4EC intervention developed in partnership with the MLSP.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

A nationwide assessment of social services for vulnerable children and families was conducted, with findings integrated into the new **NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM**



3 **RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS** for children with severe disabilities were assessed and subsequently closed.



60 **CHILDREN** assessed, supported with care plans, and reintegrated into families or placed in foster care.



4 **FAMILY AND CHILD SAFE HUBS** established and functional

500+ **PROFESSIONALS** had their capacities strengthened through regional events, focused on advancing deinstitutionalisation and the development of family-based social services;



New regional DI plans were developed to guide nationwide implementation.

14 **RESIDENTIAL STAFFWERE** trained in case management and the development of individual care plans.

A CASE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, bringing together key government and non-government actors, was created and led by **P4EC**.

The Case Management guidelines and tools were **REVISED** and **APPROVED** by the MLSP.



The Case Management Guide was **REVIEWED**, with

2000 **COPIES** published and distributed to professionals across the country; the electronic version is available on the MLSP website.

"Building a society where every girl and boy can reach their full potential with dignity" project, funded by the European Union Delegation

Implementation period: February 2021 – January 2025

GOAL: Children are treated with respect and dignity as full right holders in line with the UNCRC in Moldova.

OBJECTIVES:

- Foster synergies and coordination across sectors to ensure the protection of children's rights and their wellbeing by the end of 2023;
- Enable 4 local authorities to strengthen their social protection system to timely address the child's wellbeing concerns & risks and to provide sustained assistance to children and families, by the end of 2023.

What was achieved

The project played a pivotal role in influencing the National Child Protection Program for 2022-2026, through its active participation in the Working Group created by the MLSP. It successfully integrated crucial aspects such as child participation, primary well-being risk prevention, strengthening of family-type social services and psychosocial support programs into the National Program's Action Plan.

Noteworthy advocacy in collaboration with childcare CSOs led to the signing of an Interagency Order in November 2022 to support the Guidelines on the Mechanism of interagency cooperation for primary prevention of child well-being risks (Government Decree no.143), a collective effort of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education, Research and the Ministry of Health.

At the local level, the project provided support in building the capacities of decision-makers and professionals from the social work and education to improve the quality of childcare services. The project facilitated the implementation of the PANDA, Mellow Parenting, and Educational Assistance and Counselling Programs, targeting vulnerable children and those with pro-violent tendencies. To boost child participation, P4EC supported the local authorities in 4 pilot districts to establish Advisory Boards of Children (ABCs). These ABCs, actively monitored and evaluated childcare services, which positively impacted the situation of 215 children.

Additionally, four local CSOs successfully implemented projects through the project-initiated small grant scheme.

FEEDBACK "Mellow Programe"

A mother from Cimislia stated:

"During the programme, I learned how to communicate with children, understanding what they want. In addition, the programme helped me to really understand the role of the parent in the child's life and how to communicate, play and listen to my child. I noticed that after the programme, my fear of failing, that I won't be able to handle my own child, disappeared".

"I would highly recommend this programme to other moms, because after attending it, a personal change for the better is guaranteed, which leads to an improved relationship with yourself, your child and your husband".

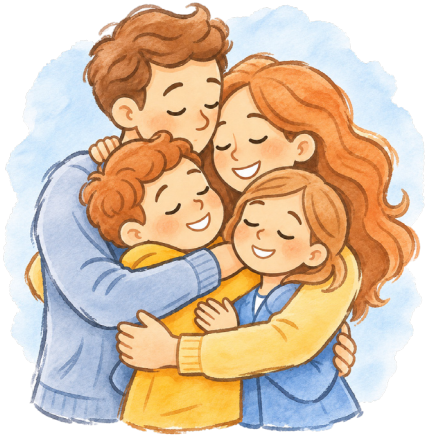
The feedback of the moms from Cantemir was that they learned:

"to be more patient and calmer with my child, to listen to them, to give them more attention and time". "...that communication with the child is very important. "Thanks to the programme, I started to have a very good relationship with the child. I became stronger, more open, I got rid of some negative thoughts, because I had trustworthy people around me". "I understood that almost all mothers have the same problems, not only me, and that it's good that we were able to tell them".

FEEDBACK PANDA programme

All the parents from Taraclia who participated in the PANDA programme appreciated it as very good. In their families, changes were noticed such as:

> *my son tells me more often that he loves me", "our relations with our children have become closer", "arguments in our family have been reduced", "our relations have become much better", "the relationship with the eldest son has improved".*
>
> *"It was difficult at first for parents to admit addiction and they couldn't realise initially that their children were suffering, but there was neglect and children were going to school hungry".*
>
> ***PANDA facilitator***



> *...it was a special and unique experience", "I felt very responsible, since I realised that I can change something for children in social services", "I can inform the specialists how to adjust the intervention for different children who are in risk".*
>
> ***ABC members***



> *learned new things in this process: children are different and we need to treat them with respect and dignity", "...every child has his own story".*
>
> *"we wanted to know more about the rights of children in difficult situations and to help these children be freer by speaking to other children".*
>
> ***ABC members***

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

557 **SCHOOLS** nationwide incorporated primary prevention tools, positively affecting **17 629** **CHILDREN.**





6 452 **CHILDREN** directly supported within the educational framework, with additional **625** referrals to other sectors.



2 492 **TEACHERS NATIONWIDE** trained in the primary risk prevention mechanism.

336 **LOCAL DECISION-MAKERS AND PROFESSIONALS** trained to enhance childcare services.

573 **CHILDREN** and **34** **PARENTS** engaged in specialized support programs.



4 **ADVISORY BOARDS OF CHILDREN** established, involving **71** **MEMBERS** in childcare service evaluation.

4 **LOCAL CSOs** successfully implemented community-level child protection projects through the small grant scheme.



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL PROJECT
"Improving children's well-being in mainstream education in Moldova", funded by German Federal Foreign Office

Implementation period: February–June 2024

GOAL: Improve access to quality, inclusive education for refugee and host community children by supporting their recovery from stress and displacement and strengthening conditions for learning.

OBJECTIVES:

- Equip teachers and school managers with practical skills to support children's emotional wellbeing and create inclusive classrooms.
- Improve children's access to psychosocial support and educational materials that help them participate in learning.

What was achieved

P4EC extended the Better Learning Programme (BLP 1) to four schools in Chișinău municipality, working closely with the Ministry of Education and Research and the municipal education authorities. Teachers and school managers received training and support to recognise children's psychosocial needs and integrate practical stress-management and emotional self-regulation exercises into classroom activities.

The programme brought refugee and host community children together in supportive learning environments. Information meetings and materials encouraged parental involvement, while educational kits helped families meet school-related costs. Additional funding secured through NRC enabled kits distribution to expand beyond the original target.

Feedback from teachers described improved communication and relationships with children and greater attention to their emotional safety. Children reported learning to recognise and manage emotions and expressed interest in continuing the programme.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

1 694 CHILDREN participated across **66** CLASSES in **4** SCHOOLS



766 GIRLS and **928** BOYS

INCLUDING

164 REFUGEE CHILDREN as well as

7 CHILDREN with disabilities.



Participation exceeded the initial target of **900** CHILDREN

by approximately **88%**

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES



60 **TEACHERS AND SCHOOL MANAGERS** were trained: 57 women and three men.

86% demonstrated proficiency in reproducing and applying the methods covered.



3 470 **CHILDREN** received information about **BLP**

66 **CLASS INFORMATION MEETINGS** supported understanding and participation.



1 200 **CHILDREN** received educational kits: **576** girls and **624** boys, compared to the original target of **800** **CHILDREN**



66 **KITS OF BLP MATERIALS** were supplied to support classroom delivery.

100% **OF POST-DISTRIBUTION MONITORING RESPONDENTS** considered the **KIT ITEMS USEFUL** for children's education.



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL PROJECT
"Improving children's well-being in mainstream education in Moldova" funded by AICS and Liechtenstein

Implementation period: August 2024–May 2025

GOAL: Improve access to quality, inclusive education for refugee and host community children by supporting their emotional recovery, strengthening conditions for learning and creating supportive school environments.

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen teachers' skills and wellbeing so they can respond effectively to children's psychosocial and educational needs.
- Improve children's access to psychosocial support, learning materials and safe, inclusive educational environments.

What was achieved

P4EC implemented the project in 12 schools across Chișinău, Soroca, Orhei and Anenii Noi, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Research and local education authorities. The project extended BLP 1 and piloted BLP 2, helping children recognise and manage emotions, cope with stress and strengthen their participation in learning. The MISKIT educational resource was also piloted with primary-school children.

Teacher training and follow-up support strengthened the use of psychosocial methods in classrooms. Teaching in Crisis Contexts (TiCC) was adapted into a Teacher Wellbeing Programme focused on managing everyday stress, preventing burnout and building emotional resilience. Educational kits for children, teachers and schools complemented these activities, while information sessions and materials encouraged parental involvement.

Feedback from children, teachers and parents described reduced stress, improved classroom relationships, stronger emotional self-regulation and better communication within families. The experience gained during the implementation, informed recommendations for adapting the programme content to children's ages and providing continued support to teachers.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

4 239 **UNIQUE CHILDREN** participated in **BLP** activities:



- **1 978** **GIRLS**
- **2 261** **BOYS**

INCLUDING

457 **REFUGEE CHILDREN**

EXCEEDING the target of **3 200** **CHILDREN**



260 **TEACHERS** trained:

- **129** in **BLP 1**
- **131** in **BLP 2**

167 **TEACHERS** received the **WELLBEING TRAINING,** according to the final results table.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES



343 **PRIMARY-SCHOOL CHILDREN** participated in the MISKIT pilot, supported by

13 **TEACHERS**.



3 000 **CHILDREN** received educational **KITS** including

386 **REFUGEE CHILDREN**



880 **MISKIT RESOURCE SETS** and

140 **TEACHER MANUALS** were **PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED.**



260 **TEACHERS** and

12 **SCHOOLS** also received resource **KITS**.



7 150 **PARENTS AND CHILDREN** were reached through awareness activities and informational materials.

502 **TEACHERS, CHILDREN AND PARENTS** contributed to the qualitative **EVALUATION**.



All student respondents to post-distribution monitoring considered the educational kits useful.

NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL PROJECT
"Improving children's well-being in mainstream education and hosting communities in Moldova", funded by German Federal Foreign Office

Implementation period: June–November 2025

GOAL: Improve access to inclusive learning environments and psychosocial support for refugee and vulnerable host community children, helping them manage stress, strengthen emotional wellbeing and participate in education.

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen the capacity and wellbeing of education and social assistance professionals to support children's psychosocial needs and learning.
- Improve children's access to psychosocial and educational activities, learning materials and safe, supportive spaces.

What was achieved

P4EC continued to support refugee and vulnerable host community children in Chișinău, Ștefan Vodă and Hîncești, working in close collaboration with education authorities, schools and social services. Utlising the BLP 1, BLP 2, BLP for Youth and the MISKIT educational resources, children and adolescents practiced emotions recognition, stress management and building supportive relationships techniques. Delivered across schools, day centres and Mobile Teams, these interventions extended support to children in different care and community settings.

The training programmes delivered to teachers and child protection professionals equipped them with practical methods, while a complementary wellbeing programme addressed stress and burnout among frontline staff. To extend access beyond classrooms, the training and resources were also provided to school librarians received training. Educational kits and equipped child-friendly spaces supported participation, while three BLP guides were revised and adapted to the national context. Feedback from children and teachers described improved emotional awareness, communication, classroom relationships and use of stress-management techniques.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

2 296 **CHILDREN** reached:



1 108 **GIRLS** and

1 188 **BOYS**

including

240 **REFUGEE CHILDREN**



500 **CHILDREN** received educational **KITS, including**

96 **REFUGEE CHILDREN**

All post-distribution monitoring respondents confirmed **USING THE MATERIALS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.**

Children perceived the BLP 1 programme in a predominantly positive way, particularly valuing the safe, participatory, and practical nature of the activities. This is illustrated by direct testimonies from children collected during focus group discussions.



5 community kits were delivered to

5 schools to equip **CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES.**



"At BLP I feel listened to. I can say what I think without fear, and I learn how to resolve conflicts with my classmates in a different way".

Programme participant

"The activities are different from regular school lessons. Here I learn through play, and it helps me understand myself and others better".

Programme participant

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

> *"Since participating in BLP, I get along better with my classmates and I think I've become calmer. I know how to control my emotions".*
>
> *Programme participant*



107 **PROFESSIONALS** trained in **BLP** and **MISKIT** methods:

- **85** **TEACHERS**
- **22** **CHILD PROTECTION** and other **NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONALS.**



99 **PROFESSIONALS** participated in the **WELLBEING TRAINING:**

- **75** **TEACHERS**
- **24** **SOCIAL WORKERS AND CHILD PROTECTION SPECIALISTS.**

70% **OF RESPONDENTS** felt significantly **better equipped to manage work-related stress.**



OUTCOMES IN FIGURES



100 **LIBRARIANS** received orientation, of which **60** completed practical **MISKIT TRAINING**



60 **MISKIT SETS** were supplied to school libraries.

IMPROVED WELLBEING WAS REPORTED BY

68% of assessed **BLP FOR YOUTH** participants

59% of **BLP 2** participants

43% of **BLP 1** participants

These results concern different groups and delivery settings.





Approximately **5 000** **PARENTS AND CHILDREN** received information about the programme and available support.

> *"I like that we are not criticised, but supported. For me, BLP is the activity I look forward to most during the week".*
>
> *Programme participant*

UNICEF Project "Every girl and boy is protected and empowered to thrive and reach their full potential with dignity"

Implementation period: October 2023–March 2025

GOAL: Strengthen family preservation and family-based care, while ensuring that vulnerable children, including refugee children, have access to coordinated protection, care and psychosocial support.

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen family-type services to respond to children's needs, including complex emotional and behavioural difficulties.
- Develop and implement family support and parenting programmes within the restructured social services system.
- Provide protection and support services for refugee children and families affected by displacement.

What was achieved

P4EC worked with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to develop trauma-informed foster care and strengthen support for children with complex needs. Through a nationwide training, professionals and carers acquired practical skills and approaches in understanding trauma and responding to children's behavior. The Orhei pilot improved assessment, placement matching, individual care planning and professional supervision protocols. The lessons learning from the pilot informed revisions to the Foster Care Service Regulation, which was submitted to the Ministry in March 2025.

Parenting support programmes were expanded across three Territorial Social Assistance Agencies, covering ten territorial structures. PANDA, Mellow Parenting and PEACE helped caregivers strengthen relationships with children, manage parenting pressures and develop responsive caregiving practices. Training, mentoring and equipped child-friendly spaces supported local delivery.

Alongside this work, Blue Dots and Mobile Teams provided refugee families with safe spaces, psychosocial activities, parenting support, information and services referrals. Following the conclusion of the border-based operations in December 2024, community outreach efforts were sustained to ensure that displaced families continue to be supported in their social inclusion.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

161 **PROFESSIONALS** received trauma-informed training

571 **FOSTER CARERS AND EDUCATORS** strengthened their capacity to respond to children's needs

14 **NATIONAL TRAINERS** were prepared to support delivery.



109 **PROFESSIONALS** were trained to apply parenting programmes

227 **SOCIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS** attended awareness sessions.

68 **CHILDREN** of which

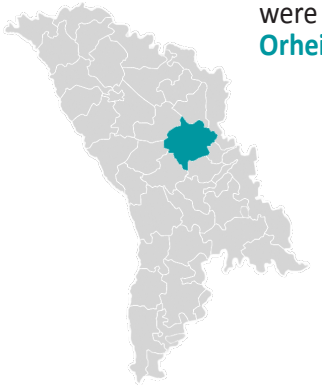
36 **GIRLS**

32 **BOYS**

were assessed and supported **in Orhei,** including

57 already in foster care and

11 in a placement centre.





5 **CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES** were established and equipped within territorial social assistance structures.



233 PARENTS
369 CHILDREN

were reached through **PANDA, MELLOW PARENTING** and **PEACE**

Galina, mother of four children, The PANDA Program:

"I have changed a lot after the program sessions, I have become more sociable and more daring; I can openly say what hurts me and I am glad that I have been accepted as I am by the other parents and the group facilitators. Thank you very much for allowing me to take part in the program and I hope that you can help as many people as possible".



Andrei, father of four girls, the "PEACE" program:

"At the beginning I thought it would be a waste of time, but now I am very happy with what I have learned and can use in communication with my children and their upbringing. My daughter also enjoyed the activities with other children. We would like to attend other similar programs for parents".



Ecaterina, facilitator of the parents' group "Mellow Parenting":

"While the mothers were shy, afraid to talk and share their emotions and thoughts at the beginning, they have become braver and share with all the moms in the group their childhood memories and parenting experiences. They are eager to learn new things, to be better parents and are grateful to participate in this program".









5 756 **CHILDREN** and **ADULTS,** were reached through **Blue Dots and Mobile Teams:** of which

1 693 were **Blue Dot service users,** and

3 633 **CHILDREN** and **430** **ADULTS** were supported by **Mobile Teams.**



160 **UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED CHILDREN IDENTIFIED** and referred to child protection services.





UNICEF Better Care Programme, with financial support from the Government of Sweden

Implementation period: 14 March–31 December 2025

GOAL: Strengthen child protection and care reform so that children grow up in safe family environments, with appropriate preventive support, alternative care and opportunities to participate in decisions affecting their lives.

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen gatekeeping, family support and parenting services to prevent unnecessary separation.
- Support children's transition from residential care to suitable family-based care.
- Improve foster care and supported independent living for young people.
- Develop safe mechanisms for children's participation and consultation.
- Provide psychosocial support to refugee children and caregivers.

What was achieved

P4EC worked with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Territorial Social Assistance Agencies nationwide to strengthen preventive services and advance care reform. Training, mentoring and practical guidance helped professionals improve family assessments, care planning and decisions about children's protection. A Family Support Service training manual supported professional development, while PEACE parenting activities strengthened caregivers' confidence and relationships with children.

In Chișinău, the programme supported assessments, preparation and family assistance for children leaving residential care. Technical support was provided to both Foster care and Supervised Independent Living services while a cost analysis was performed, to inform the national Supervised Independent Living Regulation, approved in December 2025.

The programme also prepared professionals to establish Advisory Boards of Children and developed practical guidance for meaningful participation. The Mobile Teams provided psychosocial activities, parenting support and educational guidance to displaced and host communities families.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES



3 369 **FAMILIES** and **6 099** **CHILDREN**



reached by the Chișinău Family Support Service, whose capacity strengthened with **P4EC support.**

ACROSS THE COUNTRY,

208 **PROFESSIONALS strengthened** their prevention capacity, while

257 **PROFESSIONALS received** training and mentoring related to deinstitutionalization.

119 **CHILDREN** were assessed in **Chișinău:**

47 transitioned from residential care to **BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES, KINSHIP CARE OR FOSTER CARE;**

41 others were **PREPARING TO MOVE.**



68 **CHILDREN** in residential care participated in preparation and support activities

38 **FAMILIES** received **SUPPORT** for reintegration

162 **PARENTS AND CARERS PARTICIPATED** in family-strengthening groups.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

65 **CHILDREN** and **YOUNG PEOPLE** were supported through alternative care services:

- **37** in **FOSTER CARE**
- **28** in **SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING.**



49 **PARENTS and CAREGIVERS**

58 **CHILDREN** were reached through the **PEACE Parenting Programme.**

44 **COORDINATORS** were trained and

47 **SPECIALISTS** nationwide were mentored to develop **Advisory Boards of Children.**

75% of territorial structures had initiated **RECRUITMENT** by the end of reporting.





2 334 **CHILDREN** and

499 **PARENTS** and **CAREGIVERS** were reached through

229 **MOBILE TEAM SESSIONS ACROSS** **11** **REGIONS**

DIAKONIE KATASTROPHENHILFE PROJECT
"Promoting positive parenting and improving wellbeing of conflict-affected children and their carers", funded by German Federal Foreign Office

Implementation period: August 2023–June 2024

GOAL: Improve the psychosocial wellbeing of conflict-affected children and caregivers by promoting positive parenting, reducing parenting stress and strengthening family relationships.

OBJECTIVES:

- Support caregivers' emotional wellbeing and their ability to respond sensitively to children's needs.
- Strengthen positive communication and relationships between parents and children.
- Build facilitators' capacity to deliver parenting support and encourage peer support among displaced and host community families.

What was achieved

In Partnership with the National Child Rights Alliance (APSCF) under the regional humanitarian response, P4EC developed and delivered a parenting programme tailored for families affected by the war in Ukraine. The programme uniquely combined support for caregivers' wellbeing with practical parenting skills, joint parent–child activities and exercises to continue at home. Structured in a two-day, four-session format the programme fostered a supportive environment where families could share challenges, practice coping strategies and learn from one another.

The programme was piloted in Chișinău, Căușeni and Ștefan Vodă, assessed and subsequently expanded. Participants described improved communication with their children, greater understanding of their needs and relief from emotional stress. Group activities also helped Ukrainian and Moldovan families build social connections and reduce isolation.

The training provided to local facilitators strengthened their capacity to continue delivery. The programme's subsequent expansion through UNICEF-supported work provided a pathway for integrating parenting support into family-strengthening services.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

645 **CHILDREN** and **CAREGIVERS** were reached,

EXCEEDING the initial target of **500** by **29%**

249 **PARENTS** and **CAREGIVERS** participated:

- **226** **WOMEN**
- **23** **MEN**

396 **CHILDREN** benefited, ranging in age from **11 months to 17 years.**



> *"I have become calmer and more balanced in times of crisis. I also realised that these challenges are not unique to my family, as I had previously believed. I discovered that many families face similar difficulties, which gave us the opportunity to discuss them openly and explore solutions together".*
>
> *Programme participant*

77% of participants were **Ukrainian nationals** and

23% were **Moldovan nationals,**

successfully combining assistance provided to displaced families withcommunity inclusion.

100 **PARTICIPANTS** took part in the initial pilot across three areas; these participants are included in the overall reach.

OUTCOMES IN FIGURES

> *"The topics covered throughout the programme provided a wide range of practical strategies that can be applied in times of crisis".*
>
> *Programme participant*

> *"The programme helped us recognise our emotional reactions and become more aware of our emotional wellbeing. It also taught us practical ways to manage our emotions more effectively".*
>
> *Programme participant*



9 **ADDITIONAL IN-COUNTRY FACILITATORS** were trained to support further delivery and expansion.

A two-day four sessions parenting programme was developed, incorporating joint **parent–child activities and follow-up exercises.**

> *"An emotionally balanced mother creates an emotionally balanced family".*
>
> *Programme participant*

Approximately

370 **VOUCHERS were distributes to PARTICIPATING CHILDREN**, allowing them them to purchase games, school supplies or books.



Ongoing projects

"Stronger civil society, safer childhoods: Supporting Moldova's child care transformation" Project, funded by European Union Delegation

Project implementation period: February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2029

What we aim to achieve:

GOAL: is to empower civil society organizations to engage as development agents in strengthening the child protection system in Moldova.

OBJECTIVES:

- Consolidate the capacity of the child protection system to effectively implement prevention measures for child separation, abuse, abandonment, and institutionalization.
- Increase the access of children at risk and their families to quality, sustainable, family-centered and community-based protection services.

Final beneficiaries:

Children at risk of separation/separated from their families and children placed in residential care.

What we will do:

- Co-design, validate, and publish two bilingual, prevention-focused training modules with the MLSP, resulting in a nationally endorsed capacity-building package for the child protection system.
- Deliver standardized nationwide trainings and structured on-the-job mentoring for child protection professionals, strengthening practical skills to prevent abuse, neglect, abandonment, and family separation.
- Mobilize national CSO and OPD networks to carry out participatory monitoring, produce shadow and monitoring reports, and submit position papers that inform corrective action in the child protection system.
- Design and implement a national awareness-raising campaign using mass media and public events to promote prevention, identification of risks, and help-seeking behavior.
- Provide expert mentoring, supervision and case-based support to Gatekeeping Commissions and decision-makers to advance childcare reform and safe deinstitutionalization.
- Implement a grant program enabling CSOs to develop, expand and operate sustainable community- and family-based child protection services, including at least four "Community Home" social services, and at least seven services aimed at preventing the placement of children in residential care or their separation from their families.
- Deliver community-based child protection, educational inclusion and family support services through CSO grants, reducing risks of violence, neglect, abandonment and institutionalization.
- Develop or expand specialized family-type and community services that support prevention of separation and safe transition from residential to family-based care.
- Provide workshops, coaching and tailored technical assistance that strengthen CSOs' capacity to design, manage and sustain quality services and programs.
- Conduct targeted local awareness-raising actions in supported communities to improve case detection, promote available services and reinforce prevention messages.

The project is implemented by Keystone Moldova, "Child, Community, Family (CCF Moldova)" and "Partnerships for Every Child".

UNICEF Project "Strengthening inclusive education in the municipality of Chișinău" with financial support from the Government of the United States, the Government of Germany through KfW Development Bank, the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Austria.

Implementation period: June 2026 – June 2027

The project contributes to the development of a more equitable and inclusive municipal education system, ensuring that every child – including children with special educational needs, children with disabilities, and refugee children – has equal opportunities for learning and participation in the school community.

What we aim to achieve:

- Support the development of the first Municipal Inclusive Education Plan of the Municipality of Chișinău;
- Strengthen the capacities of education professionals to implement inclusive practices in schools and kindergartens;
- Contribute to reducing stereotypes and promoting a culture of inclusion through social and behavioural change activities;
- Enhance collaboration between educational institutions, support services, public authorities, and the community to better respond to the needs of all children.

What we will do:

- Conduct a needs assessment and coordinate the development of the first Municipal Inclusive Education Plan, in partnership with municipal authorities and relevant stakeholders in the education sector;
- Train and mentor 70 municipal facilitators, who will support the development of the capacities of more than 2,500 education professionals from 321 educational institutions in the Municipality of Chișinău;
- Organize study visits, mentoring sessions, and establish a community of practice to facilitate experience sharing among professionals;
- Implement social and behavioural change activities in schools, engaging students, teachers, parents, and local authorities to promote inclusive education and reduce discrimination;
- Organize the Municipal Inclusive Education Forum, bringing together professionals, authorities, and partners to promote good practices and support the development of local policies in this area.
- Through this project, we contribute to building an education system where inclusion becomes an everyday practice, and every child has equal opportunities for education, participation, and development, regardless of their individual characteristics or life circumstances.

The project is implemented by CCF Moldova – Child, Community, Family, in cooperation with Partnerships for Every Child and the General Directorate of Education, Youth and Sport of the Municipality of Chișinău

UNICEF Better Care Programme, with financial support from the Government of Sweden

Implementation period: January–December 2026

The project supports the strengthening of Moldova's child protection system so that children can grow up safely in families and communities. It focuses on preventing unnecessary family separation, supporting children's transition from residential to family-based care, improving services, and ensuring meaningful child participation. It also provides psychosocial support to refugee children and families affected by the war in Ukraine. Through this project, we contribute to a child protection system that intervenes early to supports families, delivers quality care close to home and empowers children to influence decisions affecting their lives.

What we aim to achieve:

- Strengthen gatekeeping and family support services to prevent unnecessary separation of children from their families;
- Strengthen positive, non-violent and gender-equitable parenting practices through the expansion and institutionalisation of the PEACE Parenting Programme;
- Embed trauma-informed approaches in child protection and care services, strengthening professionals' capacity to support children and families, including children with complex emotional and behavioural needs;
- Support the safe reintegration of children from residential care into families and communities, particularly in Chișinău;
- Improve the quality and availability of foster care and community-based support;
- Strengthen children's participation in decisions affecting their lives and the services they receive;
- Improve the emotional well-being and resilience of refugee children, parents and caregivers.

What we will do:

- Train and mentor members of 25 gatekeeping commissions, family support staff and foster care teams across the country, and support the development of a national professional supervision mechanism;
- Support professionals, children and caregivers throughout preparation for family reunification, reintegration and follow-up in Chișinău;
- Deliver the PEACE Parenting Programme in Chișinău and expand it to three additional territorial social assistance agencies, training 20 practitioners and reaching 90 parents and caregivers and 108 children in the new areas. Strengthen its gender-transformative component and develop a costing methodology to support future public financing;
- Develop a national trauma-informed training package, prepare 20 trainers and train around 400 professionals to better support children and families, including those facing complex emotional and behavioural difficulties;
- Establish and equip three Family Friendly Spaces within territorial social assistance structures, supported by trained staff, practical tools and structured activities for children and families;
- Train and mentor 35 Advisory Board of Children coordinators and disseminate practical guidance to strengthen safe and meaningful child participation nationwide;
- Review custodianship and related child protection legislation, consult stakeholders and develop practical resources for parents, caregivers and professionals;
- Continue mobile psychosocial support, parenting sessions and counselling for refugee children and families in communities and accommodation centres.

The project is implemented by Partnerships for Every Child, in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the Chișinău General Directorate for the Protection of Children's Rights and territorial social assistance authorities

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