

Swedish Reform Cooperation in the Republic of Moldova

Supported Projects 2023

The overall policy goal of the Swedish development cooperation is to create better conditions for people living in poverty and oppression. Agenda 2030, and achieving sustainable development (social, economic and environmental), is a central element of the vision of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, (Sida).

All our work in Moldova is guided by the *Strategy for Sweden's Reform Cooperation with Eastern Europe 2021-2027*, with the following four result areas:

1. Human rights, democracy, the rule of law and gender equality
2. Peaceful and inclusive societies
3. Environmentally and climate-sustainable development and sustainable use of natural resources
4. Inclusive economic development

The following sections specify projects currently supported by Sweden in Moldova for the implementation of our strategy. In addition, Moldova is a beneficiary of several regional programmes funded by Sweden. Sweden is also present in Moldovan development in EU projects.

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Sweden is a strong advocate of democracy and human rights in Moldova. Sida offers core support to civil society organisations to promote the development of democratic, transparent and resilient organisations and thereby a strong and versatile civil society. The organisations that Sida supports are active in areas such as non-discrimination, gender equality, LGBTQI+, freedom of media, anti-corruption and rule of law.

CORE SUPPORT: CONTACT CENTER

DURATION: April 2021 - June 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 4.77 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: CONTACT Centre Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: public institutions, civil society organisations, social entrepreneurs

INCEPTION PHASE ON NEW POLICE COOPERATION BETWEEN MOLDOVA GENERAL POLICE INSPECTORATE AND SWEDISH POLICE AUTHORITY

DURATION: July 2021 – April 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 4 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Police Authority

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldovan General Police Authority

FACT FINDING ASSIGNMENT CONDUCTED BY THE SWEDISH PENITENTIARY AND PROBATION SERVICE

DURATION: October 2021 – April 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 502 000 SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Penitentiary and Probation Service

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: penitentiary and probation sector

STRENGTHENING SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE IN MOLDOVA

DURATION: December 2022 – December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 21,8 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Police Inspectorate, Parliament, CSOs and citizens

CORE SUPPORT: CENTRE FOR POLICIES AND REFORMS

DURATION: December 2022 - December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: CENTRE FOR POLICIES AND REFORMS

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Local Public Authorities, citizens exercising their right to access to information, ethical business, local communities.

OPEN FOOTBALL SCHOOLS

DURATION: March 2021- April 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: CROSS CULTURES PROJECT ASSOCIATION (DENMARK)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Local communities, youth

CORE SUPPORT CENTER FOR ANALYSIS AND PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION
MOLDOVA

DURATION: May 2022 - May 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5,8 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: CENTER FOR ANALYSIS AND PREVENTION OF
CORRUPTION MOLDOVA

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Citizens, public authorities

CORE SUPPORT: ARTEMIDA CENTER

DURATION: June 2020 - May 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: ARTEMIDA Center

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Victims of domestic violence, aggressors,
decision-makers/institutions working to reduce and combat domestic violence

STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY OF AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN MOLDOVA 2020 -
2022

DURATION: July 2020 - December 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 25 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: local justice sector actors, forensic
institutions, CSOs, population

SUPPORTING E-TRANSFORMATION OF POLICING PROCESSES RELATED TO CONTRAVENTION CASES

DURATION: October 2022- August 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 10.6 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Interior, General Police Inspectorate, Moldovan citizens

ONE UN JOINT ACTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE TRANSNISTRIA REGION (2ND PHASE)

DURATION: DECEMBER 2022- SEPTEMBER 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 26,3 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP, UNFPA, OHCHR, IOM, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNODC

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: CSOs and citizens on both banks of River Nistru

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM CENTER: STRENGTHENING THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA SECTOR

DURATION: June 2022-June 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 2.5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Independent Journalism Center

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: university students, Moldovan media outlets, freelance journalists, Moldovan national and local media institutions, members of the Broadcasting Council

INTERNEWS: MEDIA LITERACY ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT TO MOLDOVAN MEDIA

DURATION: December 2022 – November 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 20 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Internews Europe

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: journalists, Moldovan media outlets

CORE SUPPORT WOMEN'S INITIATIVES 2022-2025

DURATION: December 2022 – December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 3.5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Women's Initiatives

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: GBV/DV victims, social services, population, youth from the left bank of Nistru river

Sida works to foster sustainable peace and human security by addressing the causes of conflict, strengthening peacebuilding, and contributing to the reconstruction of communities affected by conflict. This area is integrated in most of our projects and is the focus area of a few. With Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, the conflict perspective has become even more important for our development work in Moldova.

UNW: RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT OF REFUGEE CRISIS IN CONTEXT OF WAR IN UKRAINE

DURATION: June 2022 – December 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 3 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UN Women Moldova

COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: refugees (mainly women and girls), decision-makers/institutions working with refugees; women and girls from Moldova

ECOVISIO RESPONSE TO REFUGEE CRISIS

DURATION: June 2022 – February 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 1.15 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: EcoVisio

COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: refugees

ENGAGING CITIZENS, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES 2021-2025

DURATION: June 2021 – December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 52 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: East Europe Foundation

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: People with disabilities, women in rural areas, the elderly, youth, people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, inhabitants of rural communities; civil society organizations and LGBTQI+ community in Moldova

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONALISED AND SUSTAINABLE DIALOGUE ON GAGAUZIA AUTHORITY

DURATION: February 2022 – May 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 23 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Crisis Management Initiative (CMI)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, People's Assembly of Gagauzia, Moldovan citizens

People living in poverty, particularly in rural areas, are often the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Sweden works to promote increased environmental awareness and citizen engagement, while also contributing to preventing negative effects on the environment in Moldova. Apart from providing to core support to civil society organizations working with environmental issues, Sweden supports environmental projects in Moldova together with international organizations and agencies.

CORE SUPPORT NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

DURATION: April 2021 – June 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: National Environmental Centre

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Local Public Authorities, Sub-basinal committees, rural communities

CORE SUPPORT ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIOTICA

DURATION: March 2022 – June 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Ecological Society Biotica

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Local Public Authorities, rural communities

EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH REFUGEES' INFLUX

DURATION: April 2022 – April 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 0.65 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: EcoContact

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Local Public Authorities Palanca

STRENGTHENING THE MOLDOVAN FOREST SECTOR. INCEPTION PHASE

DURATION: December 2022 – July 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 1.2 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Forestry Agency

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, Moldsilva

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION-MOLDOVA SMHI-SHS.
INCEPTION PHASE

DURATION: April 2022 – March 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 2.36 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, State Hydrometeorological Service

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE DNIESTER RIVER (DNIESTER II)

DURATION: August 2021- March 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 21 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, Environmental Governmental Institutions

RESILIENT COMMUNITITES THROUGH WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

DURATION: March 2020 - December 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 29.5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Women in rural areas of Moldova

GREEN JUSTICE

DURATION: September 2021 - August 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 25.55 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: ECOCONTACT

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, Environmental and Legal Institutions

RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT MOLDOVA Phase II

DURATION: December 2021- November 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 0.87 million SEK + 2.8 million EUR EU-delegated funds

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Radiation Safety Authority

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Agency for Regulation of Nuclear and Radiological Activity of Moldova

CORE SUPPORT: ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGICAL TOURISM

JOURNALISTS IN MOLDOVA (AJMTEM)

DURATION: November 2020 - December 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Association of Environment and Ecological Tourism Journalists

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Journalists and schools

The free trade agreement between Moldova and the EU (Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement – DCFTA) came into force in 2016 and has made EU’s market open to Moldovan products and services, and vice versa. One of Sweden’s priorities to foster changes so that Moldova’s economy can make full use of this agreement, while ensuring that all parts of society are included.

BUSINESS INVESTMENT CLIMATE REFORM III

DURATION: September 2019 – June 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 28 million SEK (4 million SEK for Inception Phase, 24 million SEK for Implementation Phase)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: IFC (International Finance Corporation)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, National Food Safety Agency, Economic Council, Business associations and SMEs

EBRD WOMEN IN BUSINESS PROGRAMME MOLDOVA

DURATION: June 2018 – June 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 26 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Women entrepreneurs within the SME sector

BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR TRADE TRANSNISTRIA

DURATION: November 2022 – December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 50 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: UNDP, SME sector on the left bank of Nistru river (Transnistria)

WB MDTF Moldova Emergency Response and Resilience

DURATION: December 2022 – November 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 40 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: World Bank

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldova Government’s Program on Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness.

START-UP CITY CAHUL (EU4MOLDOVA)

DURATION: June 2020 – June 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 71 million SEK (EU delegated funds of EUR 6.8 million)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Moldovan Association of Information and Communications Technology Companies (ATIC)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: school and university students, teachers, educational institutions, entrepreneurs

FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES ACTIVITY (FTA)

DURATION: November 2021 – October 2027

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 50 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: USAID Moldova /Chemonics

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldovan industry associations and centers of excellence within five sectors: information and communication technology (ICT), engineering, light manufacturing, creative industries, and digital media
