



FACT SHEET

UN WOMEN AND WOMEN'S PEACE HUMANITARIAN FUND 2023 PARTNER ACHIEVEMENTS

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THE WOMEN'S PEACE AND HUMANITARIAN FUND IN MOLDOVA

The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) is a global partnership that empowers local women to be a force for crisis response and lasting peace by stimulating funding for women's participation, leadership, and empowerment in situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis.

As a funding mechanism designed to support women-led and women's rights organizations in crisis settings and following the invasion of the Ukraine by the Russian government in February 2022, WPHF activated a regional emergency response to the crisis, supporting women's organizations in both Ukraine and Moldova. Through a series of targeted Calls for Proposals, as part of its emergency track, WPHF launched Phase 1 and Phase 2 of its targeted response in March and April 2022, respectively.

This targeted response focused on WPHF:

- Outcome 1** - institutional funding for women's organizations,
- Outcome 3** - women and girls in humanitarian response, and
- Outcome 5** - support to the enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls; and the respect to their rights.

Since the figures of refugees fleeing Ukraine were still increasing by May 2022, the WPHF launched a third Call for Proposals on the 14th of June, focusing on the WPHF's **IA 1 – Enabling Environment for Women Peace and Security (WPS)** and **IA 6 – Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young women in peacebuilding contexts.**

The UN Women Country Office acts as the UN Managing Entity of the WPHF in Moldova and, through the partnership agreements signed with local women's civil society organizations (CSOs), is enhancing the participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response that involves ensuring that all refugee women, girls, men and boys have access to relevant, quality humanitarian assistance and support regardless of their sex, age, ability or status and that their distinct needs, priorities and capacities are considered. It also foresees assisting host communities that play an active role in welcoming and supporting refugees.

This publication presents the key results of WPHF partners in 2023 to document the successful achievements and contribution by CSOs to the Refugee Response Plan.

2023 ACTIVE CSOS:

- Public Association "Women for Women"
- Roma Women's Platform "ROMNI"
- Public Association "Motivatie"
- Women Political Club 50/50 (WPC)
- Union for Equity and Health
- Public Association "Katalyst"
- Public Association "Gender - Centru"
- Public Association "Institutum Virtutes Civilis"
- Public Association "Women's Law Centre"
- Public Association "HELP"
- Public Association "National Youth Council of Moldova (CNTM)"
- Public Association "Generatia-NIKA"
- "The Moldova Project Association"
- Public Association "Copil Comunitate Familie (CCF) Moldova"
- Agency for Innovation and Development (AID)
- Association of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities from Moldova "European Abilities without Limits" AEFL
- Association for Children and Youth "FACLIA"
- Public Association "Institute for Democracy and Development (I4DD)"
- Public Association "Budești - Casa Părintească"
- Public Association "Women's Democracy Network"

OVERALL BUDGET SPENT 2023: 2 466 444,99 USD

KEY RESULTS 2023

By the end of December 2023, the operational humanitarian interventions implemented by the 20 WPHF-funded CSOs reached total of:

16.854 PERSONS

11.962
WOMEN

2.190
GIRLS

1.073
MEN

1.623
BOYS

6 LGBTQI+

1%
174 PERSONS
WITH DISABILITY

53%
8.984 REFUGEES

DIRECT EMERGENCY

2.712 PEOPLE the population most affected by the humanitarian crisis were reached with critical emergency food and non-food items (hygiene packages, winter clothes/footwear, household items) and vouchers.



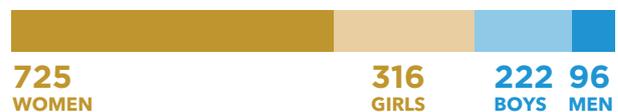
Of this number:



SOCIAL INCLUSION

WPHF partners facilitated the **social inclusion of refugees** into hosting communities by implementing programs addressing community inclusion.

1.359 PEOPLE participated in the targeted activities to create spaces where refugees and locals can communicate and exchange experiences on culture, customs, and children's education.



528 WOMEN AND GIRLS REFUGEES had the opportunity to feel better integrated into the hosting communities.

LIVELIHOOD

The partnership between UN Women and WPHF-funded projects significantly contributed to the **livelihood and economic empowerment** of

9.086 PEOPLE by assisting them with information, job matching schemes, job counseling, mentorship, employment-related legal advice, vocational education, skilling/reskilling, training and mentoring on business topics, business-related legal advice and access to finance.



49% OF SUPPORTED WOMEN AND GIRLS are refugees (4,419 persons).

In particular:

- **1.361 WOMEN AND GIRLS** received employment-related support (job matching programs, job counseling, mentorship, employment-related legal advice). 73% are refugees.
- **776 PERSONS** (735 women, 39 girls, and 2 boys) attended vocational education and training, skilling/reskilling courses. 84% of them are refugees.
- **80 REFUGEE WOMEN** who benefited from job placement programs were employed.
- **6.178 PERSONS** (4.810 women, 850 girls, 472 boys, and 46 men) enhanced their business skills by receiving training and mentoring on business management. 37% of them are refugees.
- **557 WOMEN** are ready to engage in entrepreneurship activities after receiving counseling, business-related legal advice, and access to financial services.
- **134 WOMEN (114 ARE REFUGEES)** received small grants totaling USD 274.073 to open businesses or other forms of formal self-employment.

PROTECTION

1.007 PEOPLE among them 166 refugees, were capacitated with knowledge of GIHA (Gender in Humanitarian Action) (including GBV and PSEA) and providing specialized assistance to women and children refugees.



891
WOMEN

37 79
GIRLS MEN

Specifically:

- **473 FEMALE LEADERS** are equipped with new practical tools to enhance their participation and leadership by being involved in programs focusing on improving leadership skills and abilities to contribute to human security in the context of the humanitarian crisis and gender aspects of conflicts.
- **43 WOMEN** improved their knowledge and skills about GiHA by joining workshops and training on the PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) and GBV (Gender-Based Violence) managing emotions in crises, and gender and disability-based humanitarian crisis response planning.
- **491 PROFESSIONALS** (454 women and 37 men) are more resilient and efficient in providing specialized assistance to women and child refugees, better equipped with tools and techniques to relieve accumulated professional stress to avoid professional burnout syndrome.

1.695 WOMEN AND CHILDREN, including 1438 refugees, were reached with prevention and response interventions (including for GBV):

- **952 WOMEN** (75% refugees) received social assistance, counseling, and referrals.
- **548 WOMEN** (94% refugees) received or were referred to receive MHPSS support.
- **49 WOMEN AND GIRLS** got medical support and assistance.
- **146 WOMEN** were provided with individual legal assistance on various topics.

964 PERSONS (586 women, 139 girls, 129 boys, and 110 men), including **382 REFUGEES**, are better informed on their rights and options to access assistance and prevent GBV after participating in information sessions.

7.011 WOMEN REFUGEES learned about the country's available support services, rights, assistance, and specific information on SV/GBV in the context of the humanitarian crisis from information materials published by partner CSOs and distributed via accommodation centers for refugees (RACs) located in the communities hosting the highest number of refugees.

A total of **962.907 PERSONS** were reached via social media with gender-focused information about the refugee crisis and the participation and leadership of women's CSOs, beneficiaries of the WPHF projects, in addressing humanitarian planning and response.

ONGOING PROJECTS 2024

- Public Association "Institute for Democracy and Development (I4DD)"
- Public Association "Budești - Casa Părintească"
- Public Association "Women's Democracy Network"
- Capacity Building Project