

# Supporting Disaster Resilience in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine:

## Project Overview of Results

Supported by the Government of Japan

### OBJECTIVE

To support the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in strengthening the use of disaster risk knowledge to improve risk governance, reduce disaster risk, and build local and national resilience.

As a result of the war in Ukraine, disaster risks in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine became increasingly

complex and interconnected. A variety of multi-hazard, rapid and slow-onset hazardous events increased the risk of cascading and cumulative disasters, threatening development gains and critical systems. The aim of this support (US\$189,000 from March 2023 to March 2024) was to enable national and local officials better manage and mitigate disaster risk in this complex context.

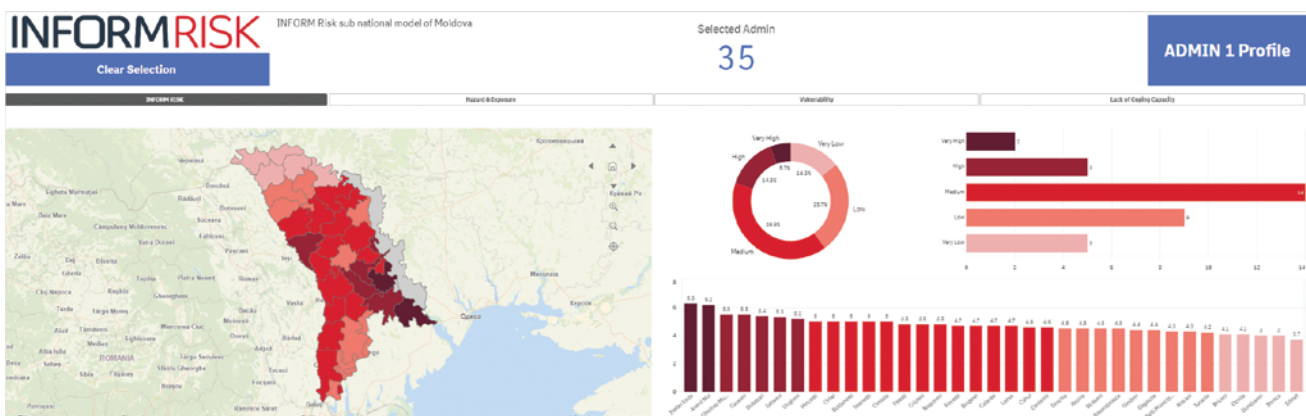
### RESULTS

#### INFORM Subnational risk index created in the Republic of Moldova

The INFORM Subnational risk index is a tool for understanding and measuring disaster risks. It helps identify where and why humanitarian crises are likely to occur, and shows how risks differ within each country across its subnational units and between subnational units of different countries. Done in partnership with the Moldovan General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (IGSU), the United Nations Country Team and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, the index covers 37 administrative units in the Republic of Moldova (3 municipalities, 2 autonomous areas and 32 communes) and is based on open-source data from international institutions (World Bank, the United Nations Global

Economic Monitoring Unit, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [UNDRR], the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, etc.).

With the strong support from IGSU, the National Bureau of Statistics of Republic of Moldova, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS of the Republic of Moldova and the National Center for Public Health, the results support a proactive crisis management framework that is helpful for an objective allocation of resources for disaster management as well as for coordinated actions focused on anticipating, mitigating and preparing for disasters.



## Risk Information Exchange spotlight developed for Ukraine

UNDRR's Risk Information Exchange (RiX) aggregates globally, regionally and nationally generated climate and disaster risk information into a multipurpose platform to improve access to and use of risk information for early warning, planning and decision-making. Drawing on risk-related data from global and national indices, and looking at disaster risk components around hazards, exposure

and vulnerability, the RiX spotlight for Ukraine was a valuable contribution to the common country assessment of the United Nations, which is an analytical and planning instrument developed by the United Nations to assist the United Nations country teams worldwide identify and formulate joint programme plans with national authorities, in support of their efforts to reduce disaster risk.

### Resilience assessments and peer learning with Ukrainian cities

As part of its support for resilience building at the local level, UNDRR engaged with the Ukrainian cities of Lviv, Mykolaiv, Ostroh, Vinnytsia and Rivne (including the Rivne region) to support cities in assessing their disaster risks through the running of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities. The Scorecard focuses on an evaluation of capacities and maps out initial steps to strengthen urban resilient development. Results from the Resilience Scorecard Assessment provided baseline insights for each city, highlighting strengths and weaknesses.

Based on the demonstrated importance of experience sharing and peer learning, UNDRR organized a peer-to-peer meeting at the European Urban Resilience Forum in October 2023 with city officials from Lviv, Ukraine who learned about regional experiences in urban resilience building. The meeting included a large number of cities

*As Ms. Tetyana Simchuk, Principal Officer of the Department for International Cooperation and European Integration, representing the Rivne Regional State Administration said, "Now, we have a better understanding of our strengths and areas for improvement through extensive discussions with other cities and participants."*

and Resilience Hubs as part of the Making Cities Resilient 2030 initiative (from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine and Portugal), with a key focus on the cities showcasing their resilience projects and initiatives. Furthermore, connecting these initiatives with financial institutions also present at the event was a crucial step to seek funding and financing for the implementation of their disaster risk reduction strategies and action plans.


### Chişinău Municipality supported to lead resilience efforts in the Republic of Moldova

Directly addressing Target E of the Sendai Framework, UNDRR supported the city of Chişinău, the Republic of Moldova to initiate the development of a resilience strategy for the period of 2024–2030. Over the course of the year, local authorities organized an interactive and participatory process involving diverse stakeholders including central authorities, civil society, citizens, the private sector and representatives of international development partners, such as the International Organization for Migration,

World Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. These consultations and workshops contributed to a better understanding of the needs and obstacles encountered by the local community, thereby identifying priority areas for resilience building as part of their newly developed resilience strategy: (1) strengthening governance; (2) enhancing critical infrastructure; and (3) fostering societal resilience.

## IMPACTS

- Increased understanding of disaster risk drivers in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine: where disaster risk is most acute; what are the key underlying vulnerabilities that increase risk; and the key policy areas to focus on to reduce disaster risk.
- Greater local-level capacity to assess, plan for and reduce disaster risk in cities in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

 [undrr-roeca@un.org](mailto:undrr-roeca@un.org)

 [MCR2030](#)

 [UNDRR\\_ECA](#)

UNDRR would like to acknowledge its major core donors for their support; Sweden, Japan, Norway, Switzerland and Finland, as well as other core contributors, including the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, China, Philippines and France.

This flyer was further supported by the government of Japan. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views of the donors.