

# REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA–UNITED NATIONS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2018–2022 (PFSD) (BRIEF DESCRIPTION)

In September 2015, Moldova adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), alongside all other Member States of the United Nations (UN), to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030.

These aspirations underpin the Republic of Moldova–United Nations PFSD with the Government of Moldova for the period 2018–2022, which is a medium-term strategic planning document aimed at assisting Moldova to achieve its SDG targets by supporting the pursuit of European integration with a rights-based and inclusive approach.

The PFSD describes how the Government and the United Nations, drawing on the full range of expertise and resources of the United Nations system, and in close cooperation with international and national partners and civil society will work in partnership to achieve development results.

The ultimate objective of the PFSD is to enlarge people’s choices and opportunities, and promote prosperity, resilience and sustainable development in Moldova.

## Priorities and outcomes

The document has been developed based on a highly participatory process which resulted in the selection of **four priority areas**, each with a strategic outcome. These outcomes correspond to key national development and human rights priorities, and associated are closely aligned with the SDGs and targets.

Cross-sectoral linkages between the issues addressed under each priority area are ensured by systematic application of the fundamental: United Nations programming principles – leave no-one behind; human rights, gender equality and women’s empowerment; sustainability and resilience; and accountability – as cross-cutting issues, and generally by a strong focus on poverty alleviation.

PRIORITY AREA	OUTCOME
 <p>1. Governance, human rights and gender equality</p>	The people of Moldova, in particular the most vulnerable, demand and benefit from democratic, transparent and accountable governance, gender-sensitive, human rights- and evidence-based public policies, equitable services, and efficient, effective and responsive public institutions.
 <p>2. Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth</p>	The people of Moldova, in particular the most vulnerable, have access to enhanced livelihood opportunities, decent work and productive employment generated by sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth.
 <p>3. Environmental sustainability and resilience</p>	The people of Moldova, in particular the most vulnerable, benefit from enhanced environmental governance, energy security, sustainable management of natural resources, and climate and disaster resilient development.
 <p>4. Inclusive and equitable social development</p>	The people of Moldova, in particular the most vulnerable, demand and benefit from gender-sensitive and human rights-based, inclusive, effective and equitable quality education, health and social policies and services.

The PFSD reinforces the strong partnership between the Government and United Nations system agencies to achieve country priorities. The Government has the primary responsibility and accountability for achieving the planned PFSD outcomes. Based on their comparative advantage in Moldova, United Nations agencies will contribute to policy advice, in accordance with international norms, standards, and best practices, and build capacity at national and local levels – both within and beyond Government institutions – to strengthen the implementation and monitoring of national strategies, policies and plans. Emphasis is placed on those strategies, policies and plans that align strongly with the SDGs and targets, and that provide the fundamental basis for cooperation with United Nations system agencies.

