

PEOPLE IN NEED SLOVAKIA



Moldova



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People in Need Slovakia (PIN SK) has been working in Moldova, predominantly in the South of the country, since 2008. Our primary focus is supporting good governance and civil society by strengthening capacities and transparency of local authorities and civil society actors, like youth CSOs, activists, local initiatives, and media outlets. Furthermore, we respond to urgent humanitarian needs emerging in the country. We aim to share Slovakia's transition experience in the process of democratic reforms. Our support in Moldova since then has amounted to over 1.8 million EUR.

THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA - CONTEXT

Political Context

Moldova applied to join the EU in March 2022 and was granted the status of a candidate country. Within the Moldovan society, this led to increased tensions. Keeping in mind that in the country, there is also Transnistria, a region with a special status, where a peaceful conflict settlement is being attempted so that Moldova maintains sovereignty and territorial integrity.

People, Culture, and Civil Society

Being a relatively young state, Moldova is in the process of strengthening its state institutions. The country is often seen as politically and economically torn between two conflicting directions, the eastern and the western one. In addition, since diverse ethnic and religious groups have been living together in the same territories for centuries, Moldova is attempting to become an inclusive society. Currently, its civil society scene can be characterized by emerging localized grassroots initiatives, civil activism and CSOs, which bring about tangible changes for communities.

Economic and Humanitarian Crisis

Moldova remains one of the least prosperous countries in Europe, with 21–32% of population at risk of poverty. Energy crisis, war in Ukraine and the consequent refugee influx expose Moldova to further socio-economic shocks, making vulnerable people, on the one hand, more reliant on the state support and the country, on the other, increasingly dependent on imports, including energy supplies, mainly from Romania, Ukraine and Russia. Moreover, as a result of the war, Moldova has become one of the primary arrival destinations for refugees mainly from southern Ukraine. As of 20th of December 2022, Moldova has hosted 99,524 refugees.

The Country in Figures

Area:	33,851 sq km
Population:	2.6 million
Rural Population:	1.5 million ¹
Number of Refugees from Ukraine:	99,524 ²
State Language:	Romanian
Languages also spoken in country:	Gagauzian, Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian
Bordering with:	Ukraine, Romania

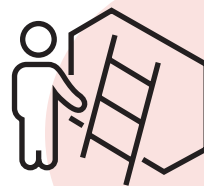


¹ Data of Statistica Moldovei: https://statistica.gov.md/en/usual-resident-population-in-territorial-profile-for-the-period-2014-2022-9578_59589.html

² As of 20th December 2022, by UNHCR

OUR OBJECTIVES

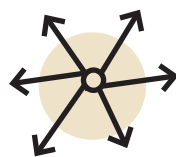
Increase transparency and good governance



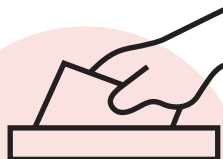
Contribute to active youth civil society



Streamline social services for vulnerable groups



Improve independent local media environment



Promote citizens' participation



Quick response to emerging needs

KEY FIGURES



18 local initiatives

(incl. youth CSOs) have been supported



Around 48,000 local citizens

have a better access to social and administrative services thanks to the established Client Centres



5 client centres

for provision of social and administrative services have been established



Over 15 years

of successful cooperation with local organisations, activists and authorities in Moldova



12 projects

have been carried out



Over 100 employees

of the local municipalities and over 100 civil society actors have been trained by Slovak experts within up to 50 training sessions.



2 Real Gift campaigns

have supported the local citizens

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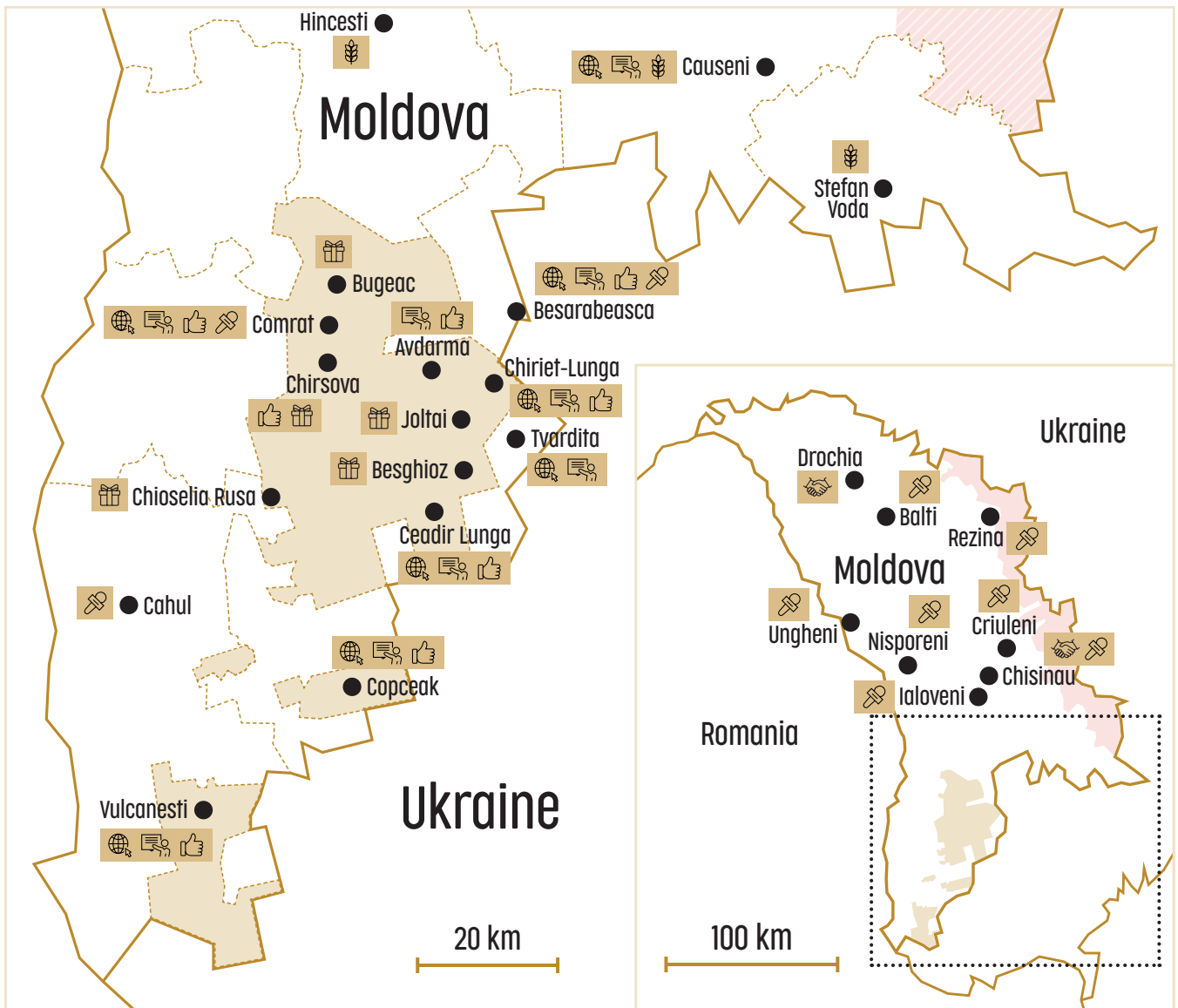
My name is Daniela. I am a student of Theoretical Lyceum of Grigore Vieru, in the Chioselia Rusa village, Gagauzia. I am very grateful for the provided equipment, printer, and most importantly the dictionaries. We need to learn something new all the time and communicate in foreign languages. Nowadays, they are the main tool for becoming closer with people of other nationalities.








The Student of Lyceum, Chioselia Rusa, November 2022

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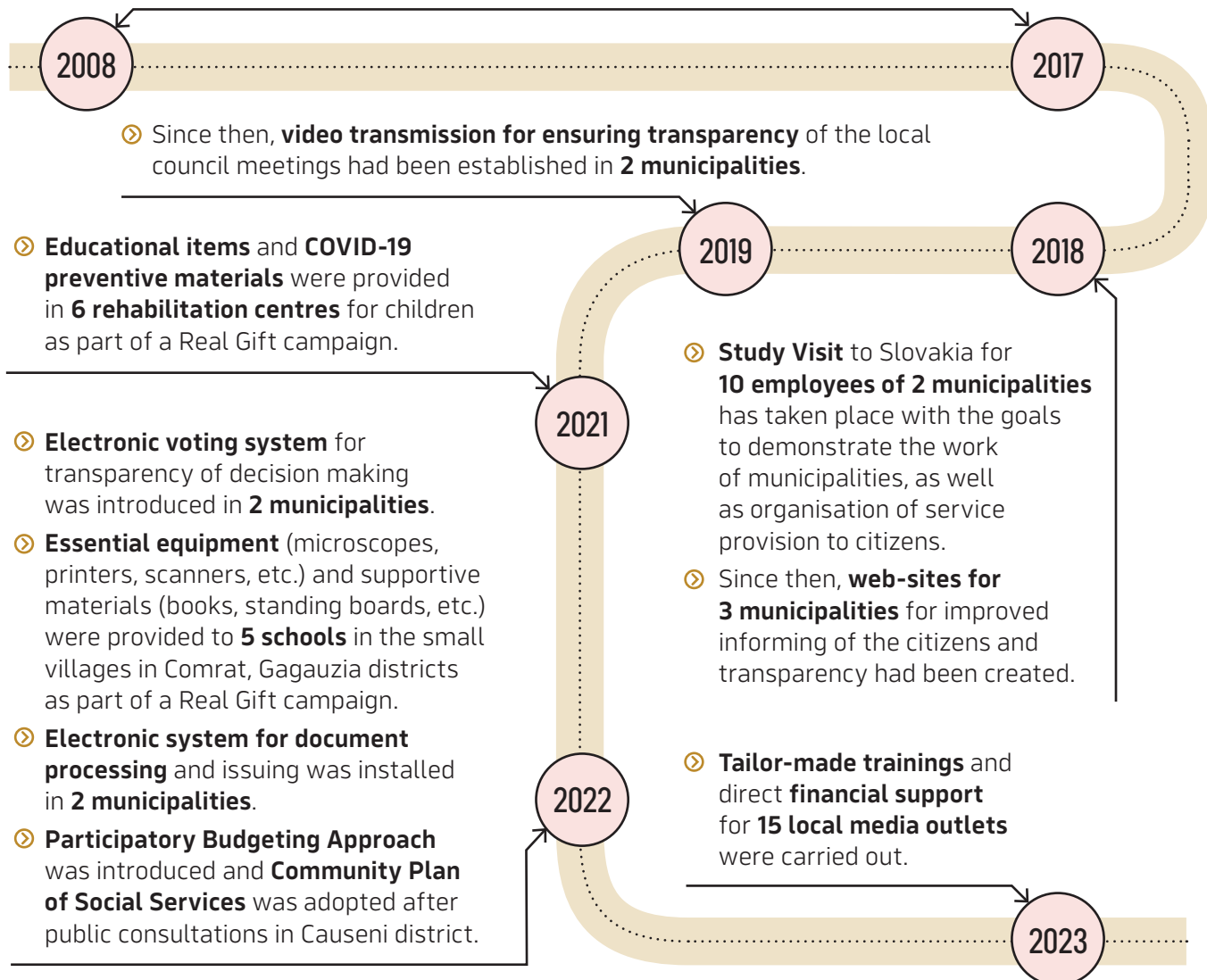
ACTIVITIES AND MAP



	Technical Support to Municipalities (Client Centre, Electronic Voting System, Digitalisation of the document systems, Creating of web-sites, Participatory Budgeting introduction)
	Training and Capacity Building including study visits and building international partnerships (to the employees of municipalities, local activists and CSOs members)
	Support to Social Initiatives, micro-/bigger grants to CSOs/Resource centres
	Real Gift
	Strengthening the role of independent media in Moldova
	Training and building international Partnerships
	Agriculture support in the following locations: Stefan Voda, Causeni, Anenii Noi, Hincesti, Ialoveni, Cimislia, Cantemir, Leova, Cahul, Nisporeni, Ungheni, Calarasi, Straseni, Telenesti, Criuleni, Orhei, Falesti

INTERVENTION TIMELINE

- From 2008 to 2017 PIN SK has carried out various projects in support of **independent media** in Moldova, **farmers, civil society, community building, civic activism** and also **youth** civic participation.



What I liked the most was the inclusive consultation process during the development of the electronic Household Registry. The system is truly tailored to our needs and thus sustainable. Every comment our team made, every important detail was taken into consideration and has been included into the system by the developer.

Secretary of Ceadir-Lunga Municipality

OUR APPROACH

Ensure **the best results** through:

- Participatory planning and context awareness
- Working in partnership with experienced and trusted local NGOs
- Building-up on experience and lessons transmitted by PIN SK and its partners

Ensure **sustainability** through:

- Building cooperation with local authorities and civil society actors
- Tailored trainings and capacity building
- Regular consultations with stakeholders
- Continuous additional support of local municipalities in the South of Moldova throughout 2017–2022

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One-year-long projects can hardly ensure sustainability. On the contrary, together with PIN SK, we supported two municipalities during 3–5 years. Thanks to this, they succeeded in opening and furnishing client centres, establishing voting systems, improving informatization, and now they are discussing further needs of digitalisation. These processes have been very important, as we can now see a finished cycle.

Snejana Caledji-Matkovskaia, Project Coordinator, Pro-Europa



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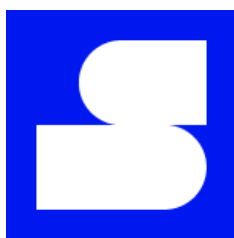
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