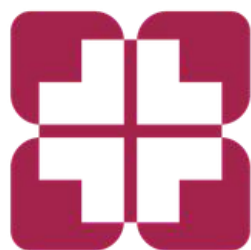


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# PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dear colleagues and partners,  
The year 2025 took us to every corner of the country, from isolated villages in the north to the south, from east to west, and to the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, where hope shone like a fragile glimmer and people faced loneliness and a loss of hope for the future. The Caritas Moldova team was present at every doorstep, in every home, in every community, listening to needs, silently reading the signs of suffering, and bringing support where only the traces of God remain visible in the desolate yard. We reached children who still dream, young people searching for meaning, the elderly hoping for one more day, large families, single-parent households, refugees fleeing wars, and locals struggling for a hot meal.

Through our work, Caritas Moldova has transformed communities into places of understanding, social responsibility, and mutual support. Children, young people, and the elderly have felt that they are not alone and there is someone who truly listens to and supports them. We have shown that every gesture matters, that every mile traveled brings hope, and that every intervention can change a destiny.



**Petru Margina, coordinator  
of the Caritas Moldova mobile teams**

Caritas Moldova remains an essential pillar of solidarity and civic responsibility. Our open door symbolizes our commitment to people, our unwavering care, and our belief that a better, more dignified, and more equitable tomorrow is possible.

In 2025, we demonstrated that when teams, volunteers, and partners work together, solidarity is not just a word, it becomes action, it becomes hope, it becomes life.



## PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dear partners and friends,  
The past year has been full of challenges, but also of moments that have shown us just how important our work is.

We have coordinated projects through which we have stood by refugee children, children in host communities, and their families. We have responded to urgent needs, but we have also focused on what remains: trust, safety, and dignity.



In addition to our educational and humanitarian activities, we have also worked on environmental, medical, and disaster risk reduction projects to help communities become better prepared and more resilient. We have collaborated closely with central and local authorities, offering our expertise and experience where needed to address people's needs.

We had the honor of hosting the Caritas Europa Regional Conference in Chişinău, an occasion when colleagues from across the Caritas network gathered to share ideas and strengthen collaboration in support of communities. Their presence reminded us of how important our joint efforts are, both here and across borders.

**Marianei Tanasî,**  
**Project Coordinator Caritas Moldova**

One of the greatest strengths of our work has been our mobile teams. They have always been there where it is hardest to reach: in remote villages, on long roads, through wind and rain, regardless of the conditions. In 2025, we demonstrated that when teams, volunteers, and partners work

together, solidarity is more than just a word.

The values of Caritas Moldova: faith, compassion, and respect for the dignity of every person, have always been at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



## MISSION

Caritas Moldova's mission is to support the most vulnerable people by implementing sustainable programs based on Christian values, professionalism, and integrity, while promoting social justice, solidarity and community empowerment.



## VISION

In 2025, Caritas Moldova enter a new strategic phase with a clear vision: people in Moldova lead better lives in a society where all communities have access to essential social, educational, and health services, and where the dignity, inclusion, and well-being of every person are respected and promoted.



  
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**When human dignity is respected and human rights are recognized and guaranteed, creativity and ingenuity also flourish, and the human person can bring to bear his or her many initiatives for the common good.**

Pope Francis

# SAFE project



01.01.2024 - 31.12.2026



Chişinău, Stârcea, Râbnița and Raşcov



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The main goal of the SAFE project is to surround those who have been left alone in the face of old age and illness with care and love, embodying the Christian calling to serve our fellow human beings. We strive not only to provide the elderly with the necessary medications and care, but also to give them the feeling that they are not forgotten, that their lives are precious and important.

## The Day Center in Râbnița

The day center in Râbnița is one of Caritas Moldova's most valuable initiatives, serving as a living example of how our services transform the lives of our beneficiaries.

Before discovering the day center, many of our beneficiaries lived in isolation. Advanced age, health issues, and limited mobility kept them trapped in their own homes. The days passed monotonously, without intellectual stimulation, social interaction, or joy. Loneliness became an increasingly heavy burden, affecting not only their emotional well-being but also their physical and cognitive health.

**20**

**beneficiaries** cross the threshold of this center, which has become a second home to them a place of joy and a rediscovery of life.

The transformation we see in the day center's participants is profound and multifaceted:

- ♥ Improved physical health: Regular exercise enhances balance, muscle strength, and joint mobility;
- ♥ Cognitive stimulation: Intellectual games and activities keep the mind active;
- ♥ Combating isolation: The center provides a vital social network;
- ♥ Improving emotional well-being: Depression and anxiety are significantly reduced;
- ♥ Sense of belonging: the fact that they are expected, that their absence is noticed, that their opinions matter within the group;
- ♥ Support for families: the beneficiaries' relatives can work or attend to their own affairs, knowing that their loved one is in a safe environment.

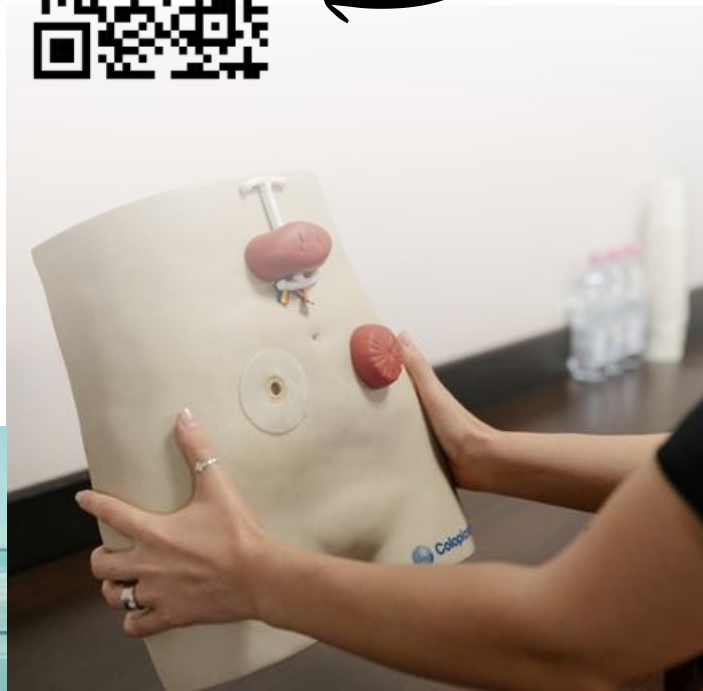


# SAFE

The direct beneficiaries of the project are elderly people living alone who suffer from chronic illnesses and have very low incomes. In 2025, the SAFE project provided assistance to a **total of 293 beneficiaries, including 89 men and 207 women**. The primary category of beneficiaries consists of elderly individuals in situations of social and medical vulnerability who require ongoing support to maintain a dignified life.



Discover the story of Grandma Anna from Râbnîța



In 2025, we paid special attention to family caregivers, who face immense challenges in providing adequate care.

## 11.200

**medical visits** during which beneficiaries received qualified care from professionals

## 9.304 hot meals

that mean food security, comfort, dignity, and the prevention of malnutrition

## 18 beneficiaries

were given eye-glasses, reopening their window to the world colors

## 25 telemedicine consultations

from neurologists, cardiologists, and endocrinologists for people with limited mobility

## 159 trained caregivers


mobilization techniques, pressure injury prevention, medication administration, nutrition, and stress management

## 4.032

**social visits** by social workers to people with disabilities

# Locally led humanitarian initiatives in Ukraine and Moldova



 2024 - 2027

 The entire territory of the Republic of Moldova, including the Transnistrian region



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Caritas Norway



Norway

The project beneficiaries were vulnerable households throughout the Republic of Moldova, including in the Transnistria region, comprising both members of the host community and Ukrainian refugees. Support was provided to people affected by food insecurity, protection risks, lack of access to basic services, risks related to the cold season, and situations of socio-economic vulnerability.

The project provided beneficiaries with access to essential resources, protection, and support in high-risk situations, boosting their confidence and sense of security.

- ♥ They received food, clothing, medicine, kitchen kits, water filters, and hygiene kits, meeting their basic needs.
- ♥ Transparent registration and distribution systems ensured that resources actually reached those in need, strengthening trust in the services provided.
- ♥ The ability to provide feedback and report irregularities fostered a sense of respect and accountability toward the services received.
- ♥ Interaction with mobile teams and authorities facilitated access to social and medical services, particularly in isolated or highly vulnerable areas, improving the inclusion and protection of affected communities.



Local community - 51.3%

Ukrainian refugees - 48.7%



In 2025, Caritas Moldova continued to invest in strengthening the professional capacities of its internal team and institutional partners through a comprehensive training and development program.

A total of 25 Caritas Moldova employees received training in key areas such as governance, integrity, and corruption prevention, helping to strengthen an organizational framework based on transparency and accountability.

At the same time, in collaboration with local offices under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, 71 social workers from 10 ATAS and 33 STAS, along with Caritas Moldova’s mobile teams, were trained in disaster risk management. This initiative contributed to enhancing emergency response capacity and protecting vulnerable communities.



I am writing to you from Soroca. I would like to thank the entire Caritas Moldova team for the unexpected help they provided to school-age children. The children are delighted by all this beauty and such interesting content!

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support during these difficult times, and for being by our side from the very beginning.

We wish you all the best!



**22.050**

direct beneficiaries who received multisectoral interventions **for 8,567 households**

**6.150** vouchers

Food certificates were distributed throughout 2025

**1.200** vouchers

for clothing and winter safety gear

**2.471** pers.

participated in PSS sessions, including children and adults from host communities and refugees

**529** kits

feminine hygiene products

**200** hygiene kits

distributed as part of other Caritas Moldova activities

# Integrated support services for Ukrainian single mothers with children and elderly people in Ungheni



2024 - 2025



Ungheni, "St. Anne" Parish



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The services provided included safe and dignified accommodation for **25 beneficiaries per day** (single mothers, seniors, and children), educational support and creative activities for children, workshops for parents, and employment and professional development counseling for adults. Activities were adapted seasonally to address needs such as heating in winter, hygiene products, and community integration.

The project specifically targeted the most vulnerable groups: single mothers, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with complex needs. Beneficiaries were identified through direct referrals from local authorities, partner NGOs, UNHCR, Caritas Moldova teams, and self-referrals.

To ensure inclusion and participation, the center organized focus groups, individual consultations, and community meetings, allowing beneficiaries to express their needs and priorities. All activities were implemented with a focus on protection and gender sensitivity, and staff received regular training on child protection, abuse prevention, and psychosocial support.

Accountability and feedback mechanisms were implemented, including anonymous suggestion boxes, direct consultations with social workers, and a protection focal point. Each beneficiary had a personal file to monitor their health and progress. Beneficiaries actively participated in organizing activities and maintaining the space, ensuring the relevance of the services provided.

Through these measures, the project succeeded in supporting marginalized and disadvantaged groups, promoting dignity, resilience, social cohesion, and long-term integration.

The center provided shelter to refugees from various categories: children, the elderly, single mothers, people with disabilities, and families with complex needs (chronic illnesses or war trauma).



## How has the project changed the lives of the beneficiaries?

- ♥ Beneficiaries, including single mothers, children, and the elderly, had access to safe and dignified shelter, providing them with stability, protection, and support for their complex needs.
- ♥ Children continued their education in local schools and kindergartens and participated in educational and recreational activities, which increased social inclusion, community cohesion, and emotional well-being.
- ♥ Adults received employment support, retraining courses, and career guidance, which increased their chances of social and economic integration.
- ♥ The active participation of beneficiaries in organizing activities and making decisions at the center strengthened their sense of responsibility, involvement, and autonomy.
- ♥ Services were tailored to marginalized groups, including older adults, single mothers, and people with disabilities, ensuring safe, dignified, and equitable access.



Feedback from beneficiaries led to adjustments in services, providing hygiene products, food, and activities tailored to their specific needs.

**25** hosted beneficiaries

who are cared for at the center every day, including single mothers, the elderly, and children

**52** unique beneficiaries

supported throughout the project (33 women, 9 girls, 10 boys)

**11** adults

received employment support, retraining courses, and vocational training

**35** adults


participated in individual and group activities for emotional support and integration



# Livelihoods - supporting vulnerable refugees from Ukraine in Moldova



 01.03.2025 – 31.03.2026

 Bălți and Chișinău



The Livelihoods Project - which focuses on supporting livelihoods, aims to strengthen economic inclusion, self-reliance, and labor market integration to help refugees become self-sufficient.

The project provides support services through direct assistance, including:

The project offers Ukrainian refugees the opportunity to increase their economic self-sufficiency by providing business grants, vocational training, and job readiness programs, as well as improved access to employment, helping them regain their dignity, independence, stability, and long-term integration into their host communities.

- ♥ Developing action plans for livelihoods based on participants' skills and knowledge.
- ♥ Providing basic training in business planning and small business grants to help people start or expand their own businesses.
- ♥ Grants for vocational training and training opportunities tailored to individual skills and market demands for job access.
- ♥ Connection to employment opportunities, access to information, and referrals to other complementary services.

The project aims to directly support 200 vulnerable refugee households that have the potential to become self-sufficient with the appropriate knowledge, skills, and resources.





>> With over 20 years of entrepreneurial experience, my journey in confectionery began as a passion inspired by my mother's recipes. Driven by a desire to bring joy, I developed my own recipes and sweet gift sets that were loved by family and friends and eventually became a dream for the future. The war in Ukraine forced me to leave everything behind and seek safety in the Republic of Moldova. Here, I chose not to give up. Thanks to the Livelihoods project, I took pastry-making courses, earning a certificate of qualification and the courage to start over. Today, I'm turning this passion into a source of income by making artisanal sweets that I sell at local fairs and markets. Step by step, I'm rebuilding my life and looking confidently toward the future, with the desire to grow a business that brings stability and joy to those around me.



**147** beneficiaries

received individual action plans that were developed

**29** beneficiaries

have received training in business skills

**12** individuals

have applied for small business grants under the project

**28** individuals

received employment preparation training

**18** adults

took part in professional training courses

**55** individuals


received counseling and referral services



# FRONTEX



 01.03.2025-31.03.2026

 the entire territory of the country, including the Transnistrian region



FRONTEX



A social reintegration project for individuals who have voluntarily returned to their country of origin as well as those who have been deported, which provides financial **support of €205 and €615 upon arrival and €1,000 or more upon return** to assist with the reintegration process through available services for:

The beneficiaries of this project are citizens of the Republic of Moldova who have spent a long period of time in European countries (project members) and who applied for this program before returning to the Republic of Moldova or were forcibly deported by the authorities.

Categories of beneficiaries:

- ♥ single adults
- ♥ families with one or more children
- ♥ single mothers

During 2025, approximately **50 repatriated individuals received assistance and benefited from the project's services.** Among these, two success stories involved the development of family businesses.

- ♥ rent
- ♥ processing paperwork
- ♥ medical/psychological treatment
- ♥ starting a business
- ♥ finding employment
- ♥ professional development courses,
- ♥ education
- ♥ home renovation,
- ♥ purchasing necessary household appliances and supplies



Discover Andrei's story and his business



# Fedasil - Voluntary Reintegration Program

 2024-2025  throughout the country



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Several beneficiaries noted that the support they received immediately upon their return gave them “a solid start” and “the feeling that they were not alone in the reintegration process.” The prompt intervention reduced the anxiety and uncertainty associated with returning to the country.



The Voluntary Reintegration Program supports migrants returning from Belgium, with the aim of increasing economic self-sufficiency, stability, and social and psychological well-being in their communities of origin. This support enables beneficiaries to address the challenges that initially led them to migrate.

**157** returned beneficiaries

received support through the project, which addressed both their immediate needs upon returning to the country and their reintegration process in the medium term.

**100%**

Some of the beneficiaries received financial assistance or in-kind support tailored to their individual circumstances: rent payments, the purchase of building materials, household furniture, or appliances.

## Medical support

was provided to individuals with health issues, covering the costs of consultations, diagnostic tests, and necessary medications, thereby preventing their health from deteriorating.

# AID - Action for Immediate and Integrated Support for People Affected by Conflict in Moldova



Through the AID project, we have succeeded in improving the living standards of vulnerable people (Ukrainians and local residents), while simultaneously strengthening the response capacity of the Caritas Moldova team in the face of emerging humanitarian challenges.



01.06.2024 – 31.05.2025



throughout the country



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## 637 families

received vouchers or food packages

## 4334

Total number of beneficiaries in 2025

## 909 families

received household supplies and vouchers for winter clothing

## 632 individuals

received prescription medicine vouchers

## 606 families

received hygiene vouchers or personalized hygiene kits

## 107 individuals

received legal advice





➤➤ Hanna, a widowed grandmother from Căușeni, faces a daily struggle for survival alongside her three fatherless grandchildren. Living in a rented house with no gas or bathroom, the family sacrifices food in order to buy firewood.

Caritas Moldova's intervention transformed this suffering into dignity by donating essential items (blankets, linens, dishes); we brought warmth to a home that, until yesterday, was freezing. The family was enrolled in the rent subsidy program, providing them with the financial resources to move into a decent and safe home.

This assistance provided material goods, also the peace needed for the eldest grandson to work and for the grandmother to care for his health, knowing that her grandchildren no longer sleep in the cold.



The beneficiaries' comments overwhelmingly express gratitude and satisfaction with the assistance they received. Numerous messages highlighted appreciation for the voucher system, which beneficiaries found convenient and well-suited to their specific needs, including medications, food, clothing, and hygiene products. Some mentioned that they were surprised by the exceptional quality of both the items and the services, while others emphasized that the aid came at a critical time for them.



# Cazare pentru refugiații vulnerabili din Ucraina în Moldova



 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025

 throughout the country (with the exception of the Transnistrian region)



The housing program for vulnerable Ukrainian refugees in the Republic of Moldova was launched in 2022 as a direct response to the onset of the refugee crisis and is being implemented in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The program aims to provide safe and dignified temporary housing solutions for Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced within the Republic of Moldova, contributing to stability and protection.

As part of this program, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas Moldova provided cash assistance for rent to refugee households, covering rent and utility costs for a period of six months. In addition, financial support was provided for minor home repairs to ensure basic living conditions, safety, and functionality.

Furthermore, both refugees from Ukraine and vulnerable Moldovans received cash assistance to help them cope with increased costs and material needs during the cold season.

## 313 families

received cash assistance to cover rent and utility costs for 6 months

## 206 families

received cash assistance to help them get through the winter

## 551 families

total number of beneficiaries in 2025





»» When the war started, Olga M. arrived in the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine with her two children and her mother, who has a disability. The family stayed for a while at a temporary shelter in Chişinău until they were notified that the shelter was closing. The need to quickly find a safe place to live became urgent.

Following information sessions organized by Caritas Moldova and CRS staff, Olga learned about the rental assistance available. After finding an apartment, the family received support through this program to cover rent during the transition period. The stability provided by a home of their own made all the difference. Olga found a job close to home, and the children were able to integrate into the community; the older boy started school, and the younger one attends preschool. The support for rent and utilities provided not only a roof over their heads but also the chance for easier integration and a safe new beginning.



Cash assistance for rent and minor repairs has had a positive impact on Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, providing them with safe and stable housing and ensuring dignity and improved living conditions within their host communities.

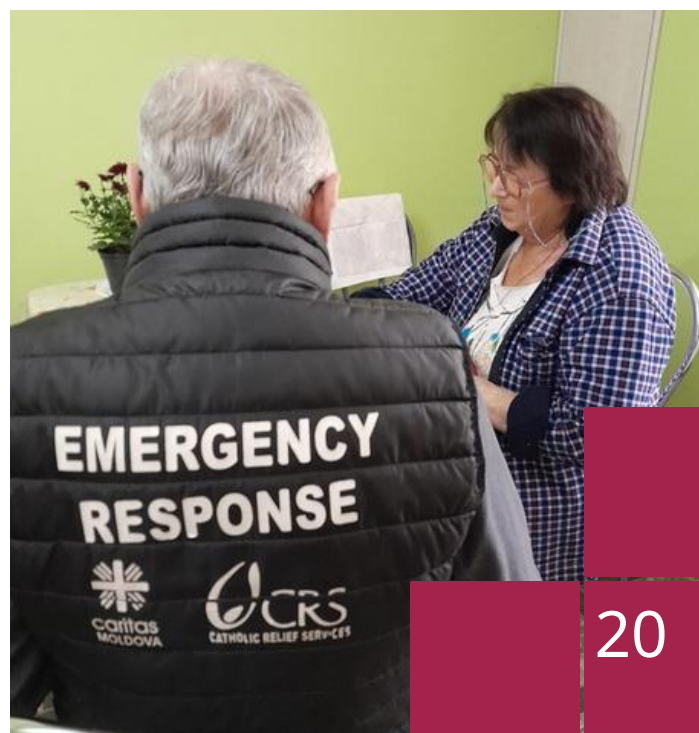
Both refugees from Ukraine and vulnerable Moldovans have received cash assistance to cope with increased costs and material needs during the cold season, including for the purchase of firewood and other heating sources.

These three types of interventions have made a significant contribution to improving living conditions, reducing vulnerabilities, and increasing the self-reliance of both refugees and local communities.

## 27 families

received minor home repairs and winterization in the context of the energy crisis

**The project will continue in 2026** with the provision of cash assistance for rent. Additionally, a new pilot project will be launched: "Housing for All," which aims to provide sustainable and inclusive housing solutions for vulnerable refugees from Ukraine and vulnerable citizens from the Republic of Moldova, ensuring long-term stability and equitable access to adequate living conditions.



# SUSTAIN II



 1.04.2025 - 31.03.2026

 throughout the country



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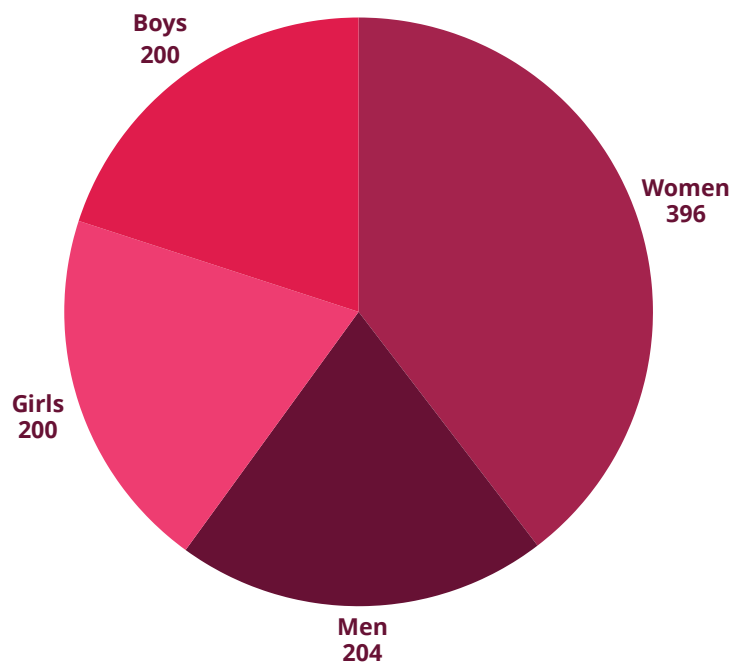
The main objective of the project is to improve the resilience and well-being of people affected by conflict, particularly Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, by enhancing their access to essential resources such as food, hygiene products, and mental health support, thereby contributing to their recovery and long-term stability.

The SUSTAIN II project focuses on supporting vulnerable groups in Moldova, including Ukrainian refugees and host communities, by enhancing food security, improving access to hygiene products, and promoting mental well-being. Using a gender-sensitive and trauma-informed approach, the project aims to empower affected individuals, strengthen community resilience, and promote social inclusion.

Through tailored interventions that address the interconnected needs of refugees and vulnerable populations in Moldova, the SUSTAIN II project aims to ease the burden on the most marginalized and ensure a path toward recovery and stability.

The project's beneficiaries are Ukrainian refugees in northern, central, and southern Moldova, as well as people with disabilities, women, children, boys, and men.

## Distribution of vouchers to Ukrainian refugees and socially vulnerable groups in Moldova





**85** persons

participated in the four group counseling sessions held in the towns of Ciadîr-Lunga, Comrat, Bălți, and Soroca

**1000** vouchers

in the amount of 1,910 lei per beneficiary for food

**8** individual sessions

psychological counseling for 8 women temporarily residing in Soroca, Bălți, Comrat, and Ciadîr-Lunga.



# Social planting of saplings

a new way to combat deforestation, the energy crisis and unemployment in the Republic of Moldova



octombrie 2023 - iulie 2025



Ștefan Vodă District, Carahasani Village



The aim of the project is to create a backup source of renewable energy for municipalities in Moldova that face difficulties in securing heating supplies during the cold season, as well as to create employment opportunities for socially disadvantaged groups.

**6,55** hectare

Paulownia plantation – the first social forest, “St. Anton,” planted in November 2024

**3688** trees

Paulownia were planted and are still growing today

**2035** pupils

participated in training sessions on environmental protection

**100** volunteers

participated in environmental events focused on planting and caring for plants

**28** young

eco-ambassadors trained at the eco-academy

**300** families

will receive firewood between 2026 and 2029





# Integration through literacy



2024-2025



Soroca



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This project provided structured literacy courses for 10 Roma participants from Soroca, particularly those who had been repatriated. The courses focused on developing basic skills in reading, writing, and information technology necessary for daily life.

Participants learned to read simple texts, write basic messages and documents, and perform elementary calculations. The training also included practical exercises related to real-life situations, such as filling out a resume, creating an email account, and using it. At the same time, 5 participants received vocational training (tailoring). Over the course of 3 months, the trainees acquired skills in manual and machine sewing, starting with straight stitching on special and universal machines, and then moving on to making bed linens and curtains.

The learning outcomes of the vocational training program were designed to ensure that participants achieved the minimum qualification level.

The adult vocational training course featured sessions centered on the beneficiary/trainee.

The trainees were quite satisfied, a factor that contributes to their employment, including the ability to earn additional income by performing various repair tasks.


## 10 beneficiaries

from the Roma community and returned



# Multifunctional centers for children and youth in 10 public schools



 01.11.2024 - 31.10.2025

 10 educational institutions in the Căușeni and Ștefan Vodă regions



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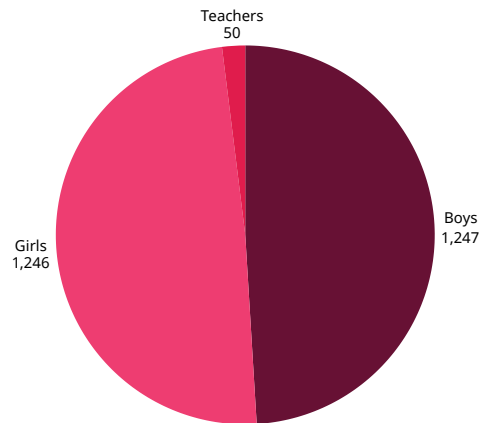
**The aim of the project** is to improve the psychosocial well-being of children and young people by establishing “multifunctional centers” and organizing extracurricular activities in public schools in Moldova.

The initiative targeted 10 schools that need support to improve learning conditions and are interested in establishing multifunctional centers on their premises. The target groups that benefited from the project were Ukrainian refugees and host communities, particularly children and youth, school staff, and psychologists in 10 localities in the districts of Căușeni (the city of Căușeni, the villages of Taraclia, Baimaclia, Cârnațeni, Țănătari) and Ștefan Voda (the town of Ștefan Vodă, the villages of Talmaza, Copceac, Popeasca).

The high school’s involvement in the project helped create the conditions necessary to successfully support and integrate children affected by the consequences of the armed conflict in Ukraine. One of the project participants was Sasha, a seventh-grade student from Ukraine, who, through participation in various extracurricular activities, workshops, and creative events, gradually adapted, made friends, and felt part of the school community.

Sasha’s story demonstrates how the joint efforts of the school, the community, and Caritas Moldova initiatives help children overcome difficulties, discover their talents, and look to the future with confidence.


Number of beneficiaries in 2025




CENTRUL  
MULTIFUNCȚIONAL  
**BAIMACLIA**



# SMART

 01.08.2024 - 31.11.2025

 14 localities in the districts of Cahul, Sângerei, Căușeni, Ștefan Vodă, and the Transnistrian region



The SMART project aims to strengthen the capacities of professionals and caregivers working with children, including refugee children, by providing training in child protection, trauma-informed care, educational support, and parenting skills.

The intervention directly addresses the challenges faced by children, caregivers, and teachers in Moldova, particularly those affected by displacement, economic hardship, and limited access to quality education.

Through this project, educators and caregivers gain essential skills and knowledge, ensuring a safer, more inclusive, and more supportive environment for children.

**SMART: Strengthening academic and creative training methods to improve the quality of care provided to children and their families**

**858** participants

the total number of direct beneficiaries of the project

**310** parents and caregivers

trained in positive parenting methods and child protection

**548** teaching personnel

trained in child protection, trauma-informed care, and educational support



Discover SMART resources



# CARING II



1.01.2024 – 31.12.2026



Tiraspol, Rașcov, Petropavlovca, Zârnești



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The project aims to provide equal opportunities and support to vulnerable children and youth so they can access quality non-formal education in a safe and supportive environment, enabling them to grow, develop, and reach their full potential.



**PETRUSHKA**  
Tiraspol



**DREAM HOUSE**  
Petropavlovca, Sângerei



**HOPE**  
Zârnești, Cahul



**GROW UP**  
Rașcov, Camenca

## How has the project changed the lives of the beneficiaries?

- ♥ **Children** feel safe, talk more openly about their emotions, and are better equipped to handle difficult situations. They build on the skills and knowledge they've gained in school, learn to accept and understand themselves and those around them, and become aware of their rights. At the same time, children acquire practical skills in sewing, woodworking, cooking, video editing, forum theater, and financial education.
- ♥ **Parents** have improved their parenting skills, the parent-child relationship has strengthened, and families demonstrate greater confidence and stability.
- ♥ **The project team** is constantly developing its personal and professional skills to provide high-quality services and to guide and support the children's potential.
- ♥ Building trust and interaction between the centers and families helps create a **sustainable community** where parents, children, and teachers work together. Children raised in this supportive environment become more confident, more capable, and more socially active.



»» Thank you for all the dedication and care you bring to our children's education. The activities you organize with such patience and creativity are not only educational but also a source of joy for the little ones. You can see the excitement on their faces when they talk about what they've learned and experienced with you.

parent - Zărnești



We accept children just as they are and respect them. Involving children in various activities has led to better academic performance, community engagement, increased self-confidence, improved communication skills, and a stronger sense of teamwork.

**60 987**

meals to support healthy and timely eating

**369** kids and young people

have developed their skills in a safe and supportive environment

**3984**

development activities were organized for children in centers

**47** employees

(project team members) have strengthened their personal and professional skills

**90** kids

received individual care plans for family reintegration

**271** families


have improved their living conditions by receiving financial assistance




# Education and psychosocial support



for refugees from Ukraine in Moldova - Phase III / Education and Psychosocial Support for Refugees from Ukraine in Moldova - Phase III

 01.10.2024 - 31.12.2025

 Ungheni and Orhei



The project aimed to improve access for refugee children and youth, as well as those from host communities, to safe, inclusive, and high-quality non-formal learning environments and psychosocial support, helping to address educational gaps and strengthen their emotional and social well-being. At the same time, the project supported caregivers in managing stress and supporting children's development in the context of displacement.

Ungheni  
St. Anne Parish  
Child-Friendly Center  
"HOPE"

Orhei, Parish  
"Dormition of the Mother of God"  
Child-Friendly Center  
"The Joyful Cherry"

## What went very well?

- ♥ The centers maintained the stable operation of educational and psychosocial support services, including by strengthening local teams, which improved daily organization, the structure of activities, and the ability to respond to the children's needs.
- ♥ The organization of educational and recreational activities was consistent, providing children with a safe, friendly, and inclusive environment where they could learn, socialize, and develop emotionally.
- ♥ Collaboration with schools and local partners was strengthened, enabling the integration of refugee children into the local education system and facilitating access to educational and social activities even for children in more remote areas.
- ♥ The involvement of parents and caregivers was increased: they participated in positive parenting sessions, learning strategies for managing stress and supporting their children's development.



"This is where my little girl learned to smile again. This place was a real lifesaver for us."

- Mother of an 11-year-old girl, Ungheni



The project had a positive impact on children and caregivers in both host and refugee communities, providing them with a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment for development. For parents and other caregivers, it offered opportunities to learn about positive parenting, stress management, and building relationships with children, leading to better communication and a deeper understanding of children's emotional needs.

**752** kids

participated in educational and psychosocial support activities

**396** community members

participated in / were directly involved in the center's events

**210** kids

participated in games, creative workshops, and social activities in the recreational areas

**46** employees

took part in positive parenting sessions

**51** parents

received PSS (psycho-social support) sessions



# The Development of the Catholic Community in the Village of Petropavlovca



01.08.2025 - 31.07.2026



Petropavlovca, Sângerei District



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The project aims to provide vulnerable children and young people in the village of Petro-Pavlovca with valuable opportunities to participate in high-quality non-formal education programs, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary for their growth and development.

## 76 kids

have improved their life skills, emotional well-being, and academic performance through after-school programs focused on mental and physical health that promote well-being and personal development



## 34 caregivers

have strengthened their capacities and collaboration by exchanging and deepening their knowledge of child protection and practices in the field of non-formal education





## Promoting the development of children's skills in Caritas Moldova's support centers



01.08.2025 - 31.07.2026



Petropavlovca, Tiraspol, Rașcov, Zârnești



# 300 kids

took part in tailoring and handicraft classes

# 169 parents

have improved their parenting skills through workshops, meetings, and individual counseling



Thanks to the invaluable support from RENOVBIS, we were able to **renovate the facilities at our children's center in Petropavlovca and equip the sewing rooms.** This was essential for creating a comfortable and safe environment for the children. The activity rooms are now bright, welcoming, and inspiring. Improving conditions at the center is crucial for fostering a positive attitude toward the center and increasing children's participation. With safe and friendly facilities available, children benefit from an environment conducive to adopting new practices, thereby increasing the likelihood that they will maintain them throughout their lives.

Through **craft therapy**, children learn to master the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to work with various materials and tools, to develop their creative and individual abilities, and to acquire essential skills that can be used in life.



# National Focal Point SPHERE



In 2025, Caritas Moldova implemented a nationwide humanitarian program to address the needs of Ukrainian refugees and the vulnerable host community. Humanitarian interventions combined direct support with capacity-building and protection measures, ensuring the inclusion, dignity, and resilience of the most vulnerable populations, including those in remote and hard-to-reach areas, and were guided by:

- ♥ The Sphere Humanitarian Charter,
- ♥ humanitarian principles,
- ♥ Protection Principles,
- ♥ the Sphere Standards

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Caritas Moldova, as a Sphere Focal Point, promotes the application of international humanitarian standards throughout the country, integrates the Sphere principles into its own programs, provides training to local actors, and facilitates access to tools, guidance, and best practices.

Caritas Moldova collaborates at the national level with public authorities, civil society organizations, and academic institutions to promote the incorporation of the Sphere Standards into emergency response policies, operational procedures, and capacity-building frameworks. Internationally, Caritas Moldova contributes to global Sphere consultations, shares Moldova's experience within humanitarian networks, and builds partnerships with international organizations to expand the use and impact of the standards.

- ♥ 2 workshops on the Sphere Standards and CHS
- ♥ Participation in HNPW 2025, Geneva





## Strengthening internal systems and preparing for sustainable institutional development



01.01.2025 - 31.12.2025



Key results achieved in 2025:

1. Clearer and better-documented internal processes
  - ♥ The Procurement Manual, the Financial Manual, and the revised HR Manual were finalized, including procedures for recruitment, onboarding, and offboarding, as well as job descriptions and career paths.
2. Strengthening team competencies
  - ♥ The team participated in the Project DPro course, which contributed to a more unified approach to project management, risk management, and other areas.
3. Progress in the area of digitalization, with a focus on sustainable solutions
  - ♥ The existing CRM/Intranet system was analyzed, and the need to reevaluate the solution was identified;
  - ♥ Caritas Moldova initiated consultations and exchanges of experience with external partners;
  - ♥ The pilot for the HR module was launched as a first step in testing the viability of the digital platform.
4. Important steps for human resources development and fundraising
  - ♥ The approach to recruiting the fundraising manager was adjusted, shifting toward a junior profile;
  - ♥ A platform for information gathering and prospecting for funding opportunities was acquired;
  - ♥ The directions for developing a fundraising strategy for 2026 were outlined.

Throughout 2025, Caritas Moldova took significant steps toward strengthening its organizational capacity, with a focus on transparency, accountability, and internal standardization. The activities carried out focused in particular on reviewing key processes, developing internal tools, and preparing the organization for more efficient and coherent operations.



# 30 YEARS OF caritas MOLDOVA



The Caritas Moldova Charitable Foundation was established in 1995 by His Grace Anton Coșa, Bishop of Chișinău, with the mission of caring for vulnerable people in Moldova. On May 10, 2025, we marked 30 years of history and an opportunity to reposition the organization: a rebranding process was launched to reflect Caritas Moldova's maturity and its ongoing commitment to professionalizing its activities.



**1995 - 2024**

**2025 - to be continued**



Three decades of work mean thousands of stories, people met, and communities transformed. In 2025, Caritas Moldova marked 30 years of serving the most vulnerable - a journey built on patience, faith, and perseverance.



» This year - the 2025th year of salvation history-marks an anniversary for Caritas Moldova. When I laid the foundation for this organization, Jesus' command was to be close to his least brothers, and in 30 years, Caritas Moldova has never failed to meet my expectations... And hope has not failed them either."

Bishop Anton Coșa of Chișinău





## CARITAS EUROPA REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHIȘINĂU

From May 6–9, 2025, Caritas Moldova hosted the first Caritas Europa Regional Conference, bringing together **over 100 delegates from across Europe**. At the opening, the president of Caritas Europa and network leaders congratulated the local team for its role as a catalyst for charity. The conference provided a framework for reflecting on global challenges and strengthening common working methodologies. The conference strengthened the cohesion of the Caritas Europa network and raised the international profile of our organization. The meeting strengthened external partners' confidence in Caritas Moldova's ability to coordinate complex projects and provide assistance in crisis situations.

This event served as confirmation: Caritas Moldova's voice matters, and our experience contributes to the European conversation on solidarity and support for the vulnerable.



The discussions and workshops will contribute to future projects and have yielded recommendations for improving project procedures. Participants were impressed by the local hospitality and highlighted the example of the Republic of Moldova, a "small country with a big heart," in welcoming refugees and maintaining active social services.



# PARTNERS' MEETING



In the fall of 2025, Chişinău hosted the annual meeting of Caritas Moldova's strategic partners, an event dedicated to cooperation and strategic planning, recognizing the joint contributions made to date and setting priorities for the coming years. Representatives of the Caritas family, public institutions, and the local non-governmental sector were invited.

The meeting provided a framework for open dialogue regarding the results achieved, the challenges encountered, and future directions for development. At the same time, it facilitated the alignment of expectations and the identification of new opportunities for collaboration.



This event reaffirmed a fundamental principle: that Caritas Moldova's impact is the result of a collective effort built on trust, strong partnerships, and a shared vision.



The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Caritas Moldova 2030 Strategy, a long-term vision document that outlines the organization's path for the next decade. The strategy reflects Caritas Moldova's transition toward a more integrated, digitized, and systemic-impact-oriented organizational model, while maintaining its core values: being close to people and responding to vulnerability.





## PARTNERSHIPS THAT MATTER

In 2025, Caritas Moldova strengthened and expanded its network of partnerships, which are essential to the sustainability and impact of its programs. We signed a memorandum of cooperation with **the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection** to support vulnerable people, a “sustainable” partnership aimed at ensuring equitable access to resources and a coordinated response to social crises. We have also maintained close ties with **Caritas Europa members**, our extended family, and with international donors such as Caritas Austria, Caritas Norway, CRS..., whose constant support has enabled us to reduce poverty and support marginalized people in the local community.



Through this strategic partnership with the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, we work together, grow together, and create a lasting impact

Edward Lucaci,  
Director of Caritas Moldova



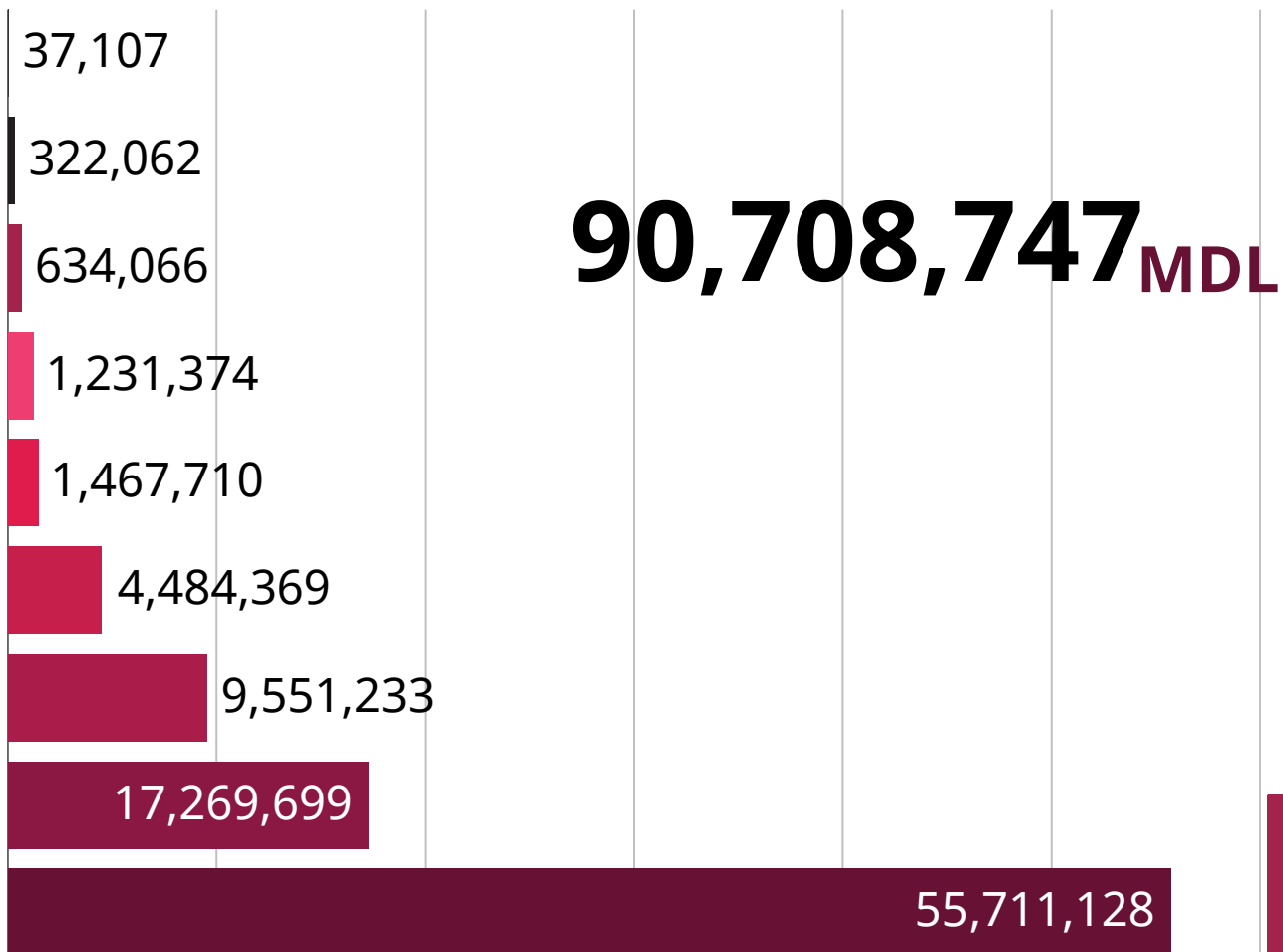
Collaboration with partner organizations has facilitated professional training and the exchange of best practices, and cooperation with local institutions: such as the Catholic Church, NGOs, and universities, has been strengthened through joint volunteer and community development projects.



# FINANCIAL REPORT



- 2% of income tax      ● Campaign donations
- Organizational development      ● Green projects
- Disaster Risk Reduction      ● Medical projects
- Social assistance for returnees
- Educational Support Centers for Children
- Humanitarian support for refugees



# NEW IN 2026

## Cross-border cooperation in preventing human trafficking and counseling for safe return

 July 2025 - December 2027

 throughout the country



**Cáritas  
Española**



The overall objective of the project is to strengthen cooperation between Caritas Moldova, Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Romania to mitigate the negative effects of the war on the vulnerable population in transit from Ukraine and to reduce the negative trends of human trafficking in Ukraine, Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

- ♥ Capacity building: Caritas Moldova, Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Romania strengthen the capacity to identify, refer and provide support to (potential) victims of human trafficking among vulnerable people affected by the war in Ukraine and to facilitate the safe return of refugees to Ukraine.
- ♥ Provision of support services: Vulnerable people affected by the war in Ukraine, including refugees abroad and those intending to return to Ukraine, have access to services that protect them from the risks of human trafficking.
- ♥ Advocacy: In the three participating countries, there is an intensification of collaboration between relevant stakeholders to reduce the risk of human trafficking.



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# NEW DIRECTIONS

## CHILD PROTECTION in disaster situations



2026 - 2028



Hâncești, Cahul,  
Glodeni, Criuleni,  
Căușeni, UTA Găgăuzia



The project aims to strengthen a disaster-resilient child protection system by strengthening institutional, community and educational capacities so that children are protected.

Current situation:

- ♥ Approximately 30% of children live in poverty
- ♥ In rural areas, over 44% of children face extreme poverty
- ♥ Disasters lead to education disruption, family separation, psychological stress and increased risks of abuse and neglect

Although important steps have been taken at the national level in the field of disaster risk reduction (DRR), child protection remains insufficiently integrated into emergency prevention, preparedness and response mechanisms

Main components of the project

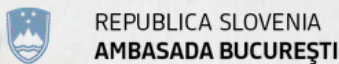
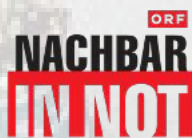
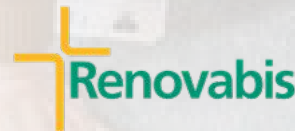
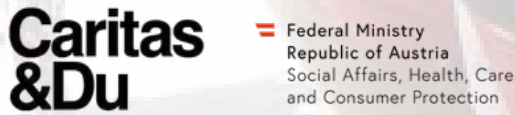
- ♥ Creation of a National Toolkit for Disaster Risk Reduction
- ♥ Capacity building
- ♥ Education and awareness
- ♥ Youth engagement
- ♥ Family resilience

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Prevention TODAY.





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## Local partners



## Media partners



## Donation

Any financial contribution directly supports the organization's activities and helps us respond quickly where the need is greatest.



## Redirecting 2% of tax

It is one of the simplest forms of involvement, but also one of the most valuable, because it demonstrates the solidarity of our community.

# HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

## Volunteering

Caritas Moldova volunteers bring value in activities with beneficiaries, in events, campaigns and community initiatives. The presence of a volunteer means attention, empathy and activism.

## Institutional and corporate partnerships

Through collaboration, resources and expertise multiply, and impact becomes even more sustainable. Partnerships help us develop solid, effective programs closer to the realities on the ground.

## Promoting the mission of Caritas Moldova

Sometimes, help starts simply: by talking about us, by sharing our messages, by bringing people closer who can contribute.



## ATTENTION!

Caritas Moldova declares ZERO tolerance towards violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation and trafficking.

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