

NRC's operations in Moldova

Humanitarian overview

Since February 2022, more than 1.2 million people have fled from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova. Four years later, approximately 90,000 displaced people from Ukraine remain in Moldova under Temporary Protection.

Since the escalation of the war in Ukraine, the people and government of Moldova have continued to provide support to displaced people from Ukraine. In March 2023, the Government of Moldova introduced a Temporary Protection Mechanism until March 2026, which has since been extended. This affords displaced people from Ukraine legal stay, the right to work, and access to essential government services. However, this status is currently set to end in March 2027.

In Moldova, the majority of displaced people from Ukraine (90 per cent) are women and children, which presents challenges for childcare, schooling and employment. Over 90 per cent of displaced people live in private accommodation within the host community, which presents challenges for tenure security and quality housing.

Despite the enabling approach offered by the Temporary Protection Mechanism, barriers remain and many displaced households struggle to meet their basic needs. Recent reports have highlighted that displaced people support themselves through humanitarian assistance, personal savings, and/or pensions – which is further eroded by increasing inflation. Moreover, Moldova faces a growing energy crisis, with gas and electricity disruptions leaving both displaced and vulnerable host community members struggling to meet their needs.



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Our core activities



Education and Youth



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Livelihoods
and food security



Shelter
and settlements

NRC Moldova

Established	2022
International staff	9
National staff	31

Our areas of operation

- Chişinău (country office)
- Nationwide



Our activities in detail

NRC in Moldova continues to reinforce its coordination and collaboration across our core competencies. The programme teams and ten local partners have developed joint systems and processes to provide a holistic package to project participants, with the goal of increasing programme impact and participant resilience by meeting a greater range of an individual or household's needs.

NRC implements its programmes through both direct and partner-led modalities, ensuring that activities under both approaches are complementary and interconnected. This year, the Education and Youth and Livelihoods and Food Security core competencies are fully partner-led, whilst the ICLA and Shelter and Settlements core competencies continue to operate through a hybrid modality.



2,240 people reached in 2025 ▼

Education and youth

NRC aims to ensure safe pathways back to learning for refugee children and youth by supporting their integration into formal education and building their skills to deal with the effects of the crisis. We work to strengthen teachers' skills and provide support to meet the needs of children who have faced displacement and trauma. 2026 will be the final year for dedicated education activities. The Better Learning Programme, which has now been contextualised to Moldova, will be handed over to a national partner under the White Label Approach.

Our targeted youth programmes support young leaders in developing entrepreneurial skills, establishing small businesses and designing and scaling up youth-led initiatives to respond to the needs of displaced people from Ukraine.



7,147 people reached in 2025 ▼

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

We provide legal information, counselling and assistance through specialised lawyers and implementing partners to help people access rights and services. Our support covers legal identity, legal stay, employment laws and procedures, housing, land and property, business registration, and strengthening tenure security, among other needs in Moldova.

We also provide technical support to other actors in Moldova and work closely with our counterparts in Ukraine to support displaced people based on their current situation and needs.



550 people reached in 2025 ▼

Livelihoods and food security

Our Livelihoods team supports displaced people from Ukraine and vulnerable host communities with employment and entrepreneurial activities. The interventions include business start-up and scale-up support, job counselling, job placement, and provision of capacity building to the National Employment Agency. We collaborate with local authorities in designing and implementing activities with the aim of building sustainable local systems.

2026 will be our final year for dedicated Livelihoods activities and we will continue with specific approaches under the Education and Youth core competency.



9,101 people reached in 2025 ▼

Shelter and settlements

In Shelter, we support displacement-affected people from Ukraine and vulnerable Moldovans with assistance through light to medium shelter (housing) repair through different modalities (cash and contractor). We also provide winter assistance, enabling households to meet essential winter needs and cover utility costs. In response to the energy crisis, we deliver energy-efficiency upgrades to community infrastructure in the Transnistrian region to reduce energy consumption and support the resilience of affected communities.

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