

Changing the Way We Care in Moldova

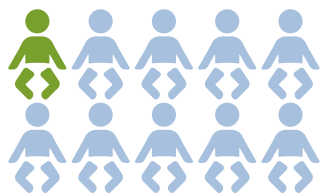
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Transforming the lives of a generation of at-risk youth and children

Changing the Way We CareSM (CTWWC) Moldova is creating transformational change at scale for vulnerable children and families across Moldova by working to end the placement of children in residential care institutions and ensuring that family support systems are strengthened.

CTWWC Moldova works with governments, civil society, and faith-based communities to change how we care for children and families. By strengthening systems, improving policies, investing in the care workforce, and engaging diverse stakeholders, CTWWC is building a movement in which all children can grow up in safe, nurturing family environments.

As a CTWWC demonstration country, Moldova is on the forefront of care reform innovation, both contributing to and benefiting from global best practices.



1 in 10 children
in residential
care facilities
in Moldova are
under the age
of 3.

Areas of Focus

1. Strengthening government systems.

Working in close partnership with the Government of Moldova, to **promote family strengthening** at the national and local level; strengthen national and community regulatory and legal frameworks; investing in the **care workforce** including professional development, mentoring, and training; and **improving case management** tools, referrals, and coordination of services at the local level.

2. Preventing unnecessary family separation.

Protecting children requires a **multi-sectoral approach** that supports both families at-risk and those already impacted by separation. CTWWC is working to strengthen social services provided by government, civil society, and faith communities to **help families at-risk and those where reintegration has occurred**.

3. Reintegration of children from residential care facilities.

Conducting systematic assessments of children, families and facilities to **facilitate integration of children** into safe and nurturing family care. In addition, supporting transition of large-scale institutions to **family-focused and community-based models**.

4. Elevating the Voices of People with Lived Experience (PWLE)

Establishing and supporting the operation of an advisory group of PWLE to ensure their voices are heard in care reform discussions. Partnering with communities to identify and understand assets and interests of local networks including foster care providers, parents of children with disabilities, and care leavers.

Collective Impact Approach

A **Collective Impact approach** brings national and local government officials, civil society organizations, people with lived experience, local communities, faith leaders, donors, and academia together to build a sustainable mechanism for care reform infrastructure, **where solutions are developed, tested, measured, and funded in consortium.**

This innovative approach includes developing a **common agenda** and **mutually reinforcing activities**, **identifying and tracking shared measurements**, and facilitating strong **communication** and **coordination** to achieve joint solutions.

Bringing government and community stakeholders to work together ensures that child protection and care policies and services **are effective, relevant to needs, adequately resourced, and accessible to all.**



During a humanitarian crisis, **children are at high risk of being separated from their families and caregivers.**

Often, there is a tension during the crisis between the immediate need to protect children from danger and the potential harm to children that may result from a move to a new location.

Changing the Way We Care Moldova is working to support vulnerable families and children who fled Ukraine to seek refuge in Moldova including unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) and strengthen the abilities of social service providers to respond to the emergency.



Social Services Strengthening

+1,000 Social Workers Trained

Throughout the crisis, social service providers will be on the frontlines working with unaccompanied and separated children (UASC). CTWWC will work to strengthen social workers in Moldova to be able to effectively respond to the needs of UASC including training, up-skilling case management practices, and ensuring that international standards are being implemented.



Family/Alternative Care

Unaccompanied and Separated Children Supported

Supporting Unaccompanied and Separated Children to be placed in family-type/alternative care, including emergency foster care. Working to ensure a child's rights, safety, and best interests are at the forefront.