

Partnerships for Every Child Strategic Plan 2022-2026. Executive summary

For more than 25 years Partnerships for Every Child (P4EC) has been instrumental in supporting Local and Central authorities in Moldova to reform the child welfare system, supporting legislative and policy change, developing alternative childcare services, and providing extensive capacity building opportunities to social work practitioners at local and national levels.



P4EC vision: A world where every child and youth enjoy the right to live in a safe and caring family, free from poverty, violence and exploitation.

P4EC Mission: to work to give vulnerable children and youth who are, or risk to be separated from their family or community, or be subject to violence and exploitation, a safe and secure future

P4EC has supported the Government of Moldova to reorganize/close 22 large-scale residential institutions and develop inclusive education programs for children with special educational needs, develop family based social service system, cash benefit system for vulnerable households, inter-agency collaboration mechanism on child protection issues and primary prevention; as well as establish a range of preventive programs for vulnerable children, youth and families. Thanks to P4EC direct support 69 013 children were prevented from separation from their families, 30 000 families were strengthened to care for and keep their children home, 1750 children were deinstitutionalized and reintegrated with their families or placed in family type alternative care, 1500 children with disabilities were supported to integrate in mainstream schools, 12405 pupils were prepared to accept integration of children with disabilities in educational settings, 813 children members of Advisory Board for Children strengthened to promote the rights of children in their community and ensure their implementation.

We believe that positive outcomes in the lives of our beneficiaries and their families will be achieved by making profound changes in the way they are supported by communities, practitioners, decision- and policy-makers, all of them working together in a coordinated way with the view to tackling the children's needs early to avoid problems developing and bigger concerns. Primary prevention and family strengthening are the fundamental approaches in making the reform of the child care irreversible.

For the period 2022-2026, the P4EC Strategic Plan will target children and youth who are at risk of being separated or have been separated as a result of family poverty, violence, disability and migration.

Building on the previous achievements and lessons learned P4EC will continue to demonstrate its long-term commitment to social welfare reform and development of social services, with a very strong focus on supporting the authorities to advance the child care reforms, to strengthen family and community-based services, to enable social welfare system to provide vulnerable children and youth with a nurturing environment helping them to fulfill their rights and aspirations.

Appropriate interventions were selected that would address the issues identified by examining their potential to achieve the greatest impact, consistency with Rights Based Approach, potential fundability, added value without duplication, and feasibility of interventions within 4 years, given available resources.

The innovations that will bring added value to P4EC intervention portfolio in the next 4 years will be Parenting and Psycho-social assistance programmes, and a variety of Household/Family Economic Strengthening interventions within reintegration and family support services including microloans, small grants, start-up kits for business and agricultural activities, vocational skills training for older children, links with savings programs and support for income-generation activities.

To have a long-lasting positive impact on the total population of children and youth including those with disabilities, their families & communities in Moldova, P4EC will continue to operate at 3 levels: community, district and national ones, focusing on the development of primary social services and programmes (family support and educational-type) and specialized services (alternative family care); reducing reliance on highly specialized services (residential care); as well as ensuring distribution of resources from institutions to community-based social and educational services.

The P4EC Strategic Plan is driven by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which anchors all of the P4EC work. At the same time it is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the new strategic directions outlined in the Country Child Protection Programme (2022- 2026) that is under development at the moment.

