

## Breaking the Silence: Elder Abuse in the Republic of Moldova

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Moldova

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### Project description:

The project aims to alleviate all forms of neglect, abuse and violence against older women and men in the Republic in Moldova. Specifically, the project worked to protect older people, with specific attention to older women, against domestic violence, neglect and abuse through strengthened support services; to mobilise the community and state authorities in the awareness raising, promotion and protection of the rights of older victims of domestic violence and abuse.

### Expected results:

- To identify the perceptions and understanding of abuse and violence of older people in Moldova.
- To recognise the phenomenon and to bring up clear statistics through qualitative and quantitative research on the situation of older people in Moldova.
- To identify recommendations and strategies that need to be developed to eliminate all forms of neglect, abuse and violence against older women and men in the Republic of Moldova.
- To carry out a national survey on elder abuse with a sample of 1,596 respondents in order to inform government policy on protection of the rights of older people.
- To carry out capacity building activities which will enable duty-bearers represented by eight Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) of the National Referral System, (NRS) Government structures and institutions such as Social Assistance and Family Protection Directorates at rayon and at local level, Medical Service Providers and Primarias to diversify their services and provide age-appropriate support for older victims of violence and abuse.
- Community based actions developed by project NGOs and volunteers groups will enable older people to understand the issue of abuse and various types of violence and together find solutions, and solicit support, helping to resolve 1,203 cases of violence.
- To increase public awareness about domestic violence and elder abuse through key project campaigns at both local and