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Increasing resilience to climate change- Formulation of climate-sensitive targets

Progress of the Republic of Moldova

Working Group on Water and Health

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Protocol on Water and Health



Progress made- Improved legal framework

✓ **Approval of the National Climate Change Adaptation Program until 2030 (GD 624/2023) with action plan for 6 priority sectors, incl. Water Resources and Health.**

Among the proposed actions:

- ✓ **To establish an health surveillance system of disease and conditions related to climate change**
 - ✓ **Strengthening capacities for prevention of water- and foodborne disease related to climate change**
 - ✓ **Adoption and implementation of new standards for construction of water supply and sanitation systems**
 - ✓ **Increasing climate resilience for water and sanitation treatment facilities**
 - ✓ **Increasing reuse of treated waste waters**
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Progress made

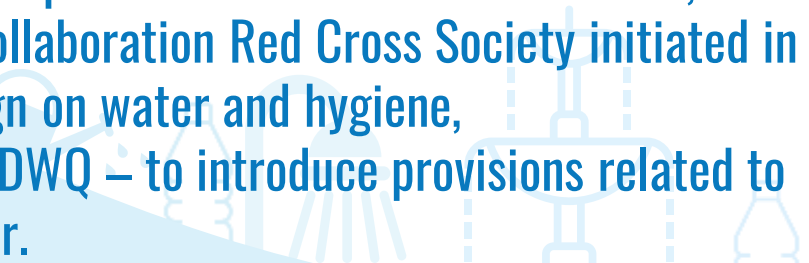
Water resources management

- ✓ Water Law no. 272/2011
- ✓ River Basin Management Plans (Danube-Prut and Black Sea, Cycle II (2023-2028) (GD 444/2022) (Dniester, cycle II under development)
- ✓ Floods management plans (for both River Basin Management Districts, GD 562/2020)
- ✓ Code of Good Agricultural Practices on the Protection of Waters Against Nitrate Pollution from Agricultural Sources
- ✓ Methodologies for the identification and designation of nitrate-vulnerable areas and nutrient-sensitive areas (GD 736/2020)



Progress made

Health

- By the GD 651/2023 adopted Sanitary Regulation for Drinking Water Quality monitoring, which provides legal framework for DWQ surveillance based on risk assessment approach,
 - Developed a Registry of drinking water sources (underground and surface)
 - Started implementation of projects to improve WASH in 30 rural locations,
 - National Agency for Public Health in collaboration Red Cross Society initiated in 2024 a public communication campaign on water and hygiene,
 - Draft Law to amend Law 182/2019 on DWQ – to introduce provisions related to water consumption and access to water.
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Lessons learnt for future work

- ✓ Implementation of the sectorial policy and normative framework
 - ✓ Continue the implementation of the EU Directives
 - ✓ Identifying and attracting investments for future project Health and Climate increase resilience of health sector to climate change in MDA
 - ✓ Need for strengthened institutional capacities
 - ✓ Speeding up the process of initiating the newly proposed activities
 - ✓ Carried situational analysis on National Program for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health for 2016-2025 y.
 - ✓ Recommendation for setting new climate related targets in next National Program for 2026-2030y.
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Plans for future work in this area

Development of a National Program for 2026-2030y

Based on the assessment of the implementation of the National Program on implementation of Water and Health Protocol in Moldova (2016-2025) it is proposed to revise the target indicators and include aspects related to:

- ✓ Climate change impacts on water resources, water supply and sanitation systems and health
- ✓ integration and prioritization of the Gender aspect in assuring equitable access to water, sanitation, hygiene and health
- ✓ ensuring the implementation of the legal and institutional framework for providing access to safely managed water and sanitation systems for vulnerable and marginalized groups,
- ✓ Implementation of effective water demand management measures (rainwater harvesting; runoff catchment basins; increased level of water recycling for industrial and domestic use



Thank you for your attention!

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