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Increasing resilience to climate change in the water and sanitation sector: lessons learned from the Republic of Moldova

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Protocol on Water and Health



Improved legal framework

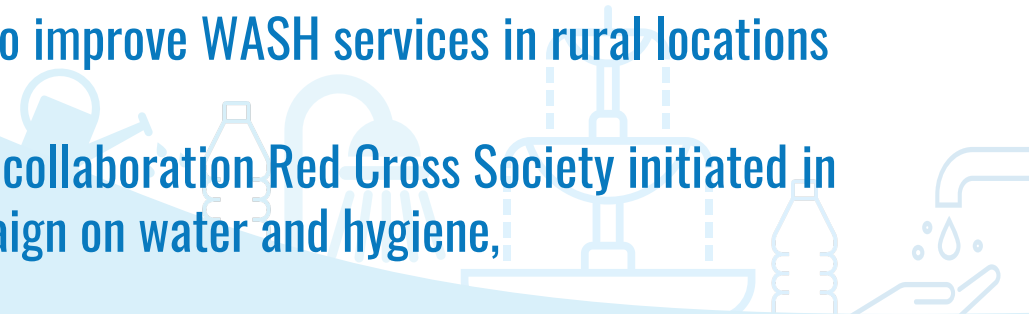
- ✓ Approval of the National Climate Change Adaptation Program until 2030 (GD 624/2023) with action plan for 6 priority sectors, incl. Water Resources and Health.

Among the adopted actions for implementation:

- ✓ 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,
 - ✓ Increasing access to services for remote locations and vulnerable groups of population
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Improving access to safely managed drinking water supply and sanitation services

- 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 waters) and evaluated number of the population under health risks related to water quality
- Started implementation of projects to improve WASH services in rural locations in 30 schools and 30 HCF,
- National Agency for Public Health in collaboration Red Cross Society initiated in 2024 a public communication campaign on water and hygiene,



Legal framework to ensure equitable access

- Published report on results of the First National Survey on Equitable Access to Water in Sanitation based on Score-Card, carried in the Republic of Moldova in 2013 reveals significant geographical disparities and difficulties in ensuring affordable water and sanitation services for all groups of the population,
- Were recognized that is necessary to implement specific actions from legal – to introduce in the legal framework and create mechanisms to offer equitable access to water and sanitation services for all
- National Program for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova includes a specific action. As a result, in 2021 was made an analysis of the legal framework with specific recommendations.
- Ministry of Health initiated in 2024 a Draft Law to amend Law 182/2019 on DWQ – to introduce provisions providing access to water and water consumption for

Other related activities

- ✓ Development of the health sectorial policy on adaptation to climate change
- ✓ Implementation of the UNDA supported project for supporting adaptation policies in the Republic of Moldova
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Carried situational analysis on National Program for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health for 2016-2025 y.



What next?

Development of the second National Program for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health 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,
- ✓Republic of Moldova is interested to carry a National Survey on Equitable access to Water and Sanitation based



Thank you for your attention!

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