



OPENING DOORS FOR EUROPE'S CHILDREN

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES. ENDING INSTITUTIONAL CARE.

MOLDOVA



THE GOVERNMENT OF MOLDOVA HAS ALREADY EVALUATED ITS FIRST FIVE-YEAR STRATEGY ON DEINSTITUTIONALISATION (DI). 18 INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN CLOSED IN THE PERIOD 2009-2012. THE MORE RECENT "DRAFT STRATEGY FOR CHILD AND FAMILY PROTECTION" (2013-2020) AIMS TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAMME OF REFORMS AND ENSURE A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CHILDREN. THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED TO CLOSING 22 MORE INSTITUTIONS IN THE PERIOD 2012-2015. HOWEVER, THERE IS A GENERAL LACK OF ACTION ON INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN WHICH FALLS UNDER THE REMIT OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

During the first phase of the DI strategy the number of children in institutions fell by 62% (exceeding the original target of a 50% reduction). This can be attributed in large part to the high number of care leavers, as well as to NGO efforts to reintegrate children into their birth families and prevent further cases of institutionalisation. Civil society has been instrumental in implementing the reforms since expertise in the public sector is still lacking.

Access to early intervention and community-based services remains a problem, particularly for children with disabilities. Services for young care leavers are unequally distributed throughout the country and they must often rely on help from NGOs. Successful implementation of the reforms requires more investment in services and re-training of staff. EU funds for the neighbourhood region can make an important contribution to the deinstitutionalisation process in Moldova.



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CCF MOLDOVA – CHILDREN, COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES HAS REPRESENTED HHC UK IN MOLDOVA SINCE 2005. DURING THIS TIME, THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CLOSING FOUR RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS – INCLUDING THE FIRST COMPLETE CLOSURE IN MOLDOVA – AS WELL AS DEVELOPED OVER 80 FAMILY TYPE SERVICES, REINTEGRATING OR PREVENTING THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN. PREVENTION, FAMILY SUPPORT, DAY CARE – ARE OTHER TYPES OF SERVICES DEVELOPED BY CCF/ HHC IN MOLDOVA TO ADVANCE THE REFORM.

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The Opening Doors campaign operates at EU level and in 12 countries across Europe.

Working with a network of national partners in each participating country, we are building civil society capacity to advocate at national level.

We are calling on the EU and national governments to prioritise the transition from institutional to family-based care and deliver quality care for children across Member States, pre-accession countries and within the EU neighbourhood.

We believe that the end of institutional care for children in Europe is possible and within our reach – putting the best interests of children back at the heart of Europe's child protection systems.

