



IFAD Country Strategic Opportunity Program (2025-2030)

Republic of Moldova

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IFAD portfolio coverage in the Republic of Moldova

Map of Moldova showing IFAD coverage



COSOP at a glance

Duration 6 years (2025 to 2030)

Focus Areas

Nation-wide prioritizing investment in highly vulnerable areas to ensure adequate environmental, economic, and social benefits of interventions

Target groups

- small-scale family farmers, including the poorest segment of the rural communities
- micro and small rural enterprises
- Women and youth, with a focus on those near the poverty line and vulnerable to climate threats

Goal

Improve rural livelihoods and enhance the resilience of family farms, including small-scale farmers with commercial potential, by enhancing their adaptive capacity and increasing value addition

Financing*

Approx. US\$65.7 million + US\$34.2 million co-financing

Beneficiaries

58,063 people / 20,000 households



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COSOP Strategic Objectives

Strategic objectives

Detailed approach

1 Enhance the adaptive capacity of farmers, to ensure climate resilient livelihoods

This will be achieved through e.g. more focus on **higher value-added crops** (e.g. medicinal and aromatic plants) where irrigation is cost-effective, as well as more focus on **climate-smart agricultural practices** that are contextualized according to market and agronomic conditions.

2 Increased productivity, and incomes, and inclusive employment by enhancing rural competitiveness and improving access to finance

This objective will be achieved through promoting **higher productivity methods** and regimes in all aspects of the value chains, with particular focus on models that are appropriate for smallholders. Moreover, IFAD will leverage the decade long **partnerships with financial institutions** to further amplify impact, with particular emphasis on sustainable product development relevant to smallholders.

Key Priorities of the COSOP



Private Sector Engagement

- Scale up engagement with private sector actors in terms of **co-financing, direct investment (NSO) and financial inclusion**;
- Develop value chains by increasing market orientation to EU stimulate better quality management system and improved food safety



South-South Triangular Cooperation

- Encourage **regional partnerships** with countries facing similar challenges on key focus area: conservation agriculture, ICT4D services and rural finance.



Partnerships

Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders, including:

- Government
- National Agencies
- NGOs
- Development partners (World Bank and AFD)
- Climate Financiers
- Rome-based agencies



Sustainability and Scaling

- Policy engagement
- Strong focus on **value chain integration** and wider private sector involvement
- Building institutional capacities
- Scale up successful models (combination of financial incentives and provision of advisory & mentoring services).



Other Elements of the COSOP



Loans and Grants

- The programme will be financed through a combination of lending instruments: **US\$ 20.75 million** PBAS under IFAD11 and potentially BRAM* under IFAD13**
- Potential **co-financing** with GEF, AF and Development Partners under exploration



Country-level Policy Engagement

- Project investments to provide Government with **evidence** about the drivers for **urban/rural and intra-rural inequalities**
- Operationalization of the **National Strategy on Agriculture and Rural Development** and its associated programmes



Capacity Building

- Training in **agrobusiness management, financial literacy, and market access** (with a focus on women and youth)
- Address gap with relevant public institutions and private organizations



Knowledge Management

- **Strengthen PMU** communication and outreach
- Develop **knowledge products from lessons learned**
- **Share lessons learned** through partnerships and stakeholders
- Implement a **robust M&E system**



Lessons Learned to be applied by COSOP 2025-2030

IFAD relevance

Adopt a **flexible approach** which can focus on incremental, iterative progress in areas such as conservation agriculture, rural financials services, high-value crops, and reforestation

Rural Finance

Need to **support access to adequate finance services**, considering the high collateral requirements and risks perceived by the financial institution investing in the rural development sector

Value chain approach

Focus on specific value chains with **structured farmers organizations** and robust value chain linkages including export opportunities

Institutional Capacity

A **single IFAD programme management unit (CPIU)** offers a legacy for new project designs, in terms of readiness to implementation

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