ABOUT CM

Comunitatea Mea (My Community) is a five-year, USAID-funded program that works with local public authorities (LPAs) to strengthen local government in Moldova to become more effective, transparent, and accountable to citizens. Our beneficiaries include:

87 COMMUNITIES  1.3 M CITIZENS

ACHIEVEMENTS

Quality and Access to Municipal Services Improved

Comunitatea Mea works with elected officials and LPA staff to engage with their constituents to improve local communal, administrative, and social services. CM also partners with LPAs to co-fund Community Development Projects: small-scale, community-led infrastructure projects that produce "concrete" benefits to citizens for their greater participation in local governance.

- 23 Community Development Projects benefit over 94,000 citizens
- 12 Citizen Information and Services Centers cut processing times by 70%
- 24 Communities implement Service Improvement Action Plans

Citizens Engaged in Local Governance

LPAs now regularly seek and integrate citizen feedback into their decision making through door-to-door canvassing, public surveys, open meetings on annual budgets, and citizen oversight groups. CM also strengthens local community-based organizations to demand greater LPA transparency and accountability through Decentralization Corners in public libraries where citizen can gain greater access to public information critical for local elections and other civic matters.

- 453 Citizens involved in Community Oversight Groups
- 3,780 Citizens participated in Annual Budget Hearings
- 93,000 Citizens directly engaged to define local government priorities

Decentralization Policy Reforms Advanced

Working with the Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova and other local partners, CM provides policy analysis to help improve policy proposals for decentralization and land reform, waste management, the tax code, and others. CM policy analysis contributed to improvements in the Tax Code and draft fiscal policy for 2021, which introduced special fees, eliminated the real estate tax’s early payment discount, and changed the deadline for payment of the real estate tax.

- 6 Draft laws and regulations submitted to Government of Moldova
- 700 Mayors consulted on regulatory proposals
- 7 Regulatory proposals developed in association with CALM

Locally-Owned Revenues Increased and Financial Management Improved

Comunitatea Mea strengthens LPA financial management and revenue generation by improving their skills in budget formulation and analysis, tax collection and administration, local economic development and planning, capital investment planning, and geographic information system mapping. As a result, LPAs have now diversified their revenue sources, reduced levels of fraud, and opened up budgeting to greater civic participation.

- 7.2M Dollars of new revenue created by better asset management
- 48% Average increase in locally-owned revenues for partner LPAs
- 216M Total Moldovan Leu of new locally owned revenue for partner LPAs

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