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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADA	Austrian Development Agency
ARAP	Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan
ATU	Autonomous Territorial Unit
BoQ	Bill of Quantities
CERC	Contingent Emergency Response Component
CWSC	Citizen Water and Sanitation Committees
DED	Detailed Engineering Design
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EOI	Expression of Interest
ES	Environmental and Social
ESS	Environmental and Social Standards
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
EU	European Union
FM	Financial Manager
GD	Government Decision
GoM	Government of Moldova
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
HBS	Household Budget Survey
HCF	Health Care Facility
HR	Human Resources
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LPA	Local Public Administration
LEA	Local Environmental Agency
NWSSDP	National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan
MCN	Moldovan Construction Normative
MER	Ministry of Education and Research
MH	Ministry of Health
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIRD	Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development
MIS	Management Information System
MTBF	Medium-Term Budget Framework
MWSSP	Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project
NORLD	National Office of Regional and Local Development
NAER	National Agency for Energy Regulation
N/A	Not applicable
NRW	Nonrevenue Water



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NWSSDP	National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan
PAD	Project Appraisal Document
PDO	Project Development Objective
PIA	Project Implementation Agreement
PIE	Project Implementing Entity
PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
POM	Project Operations Manual
RDA	Regional Development Agency
QCBS	Consultants Quality and Cost-based Selection
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
SSVEDC	State Service for Verification and Expertise of Design and Construction
SPN	Specific Procurement Notice
TA	Technical Assistance
ToR	Terms of Reference
TTL	Task Team Leader
TUM	Technical University of Moldova
VAT	Value Added Tax
WB	World Bank
WSS	Water Supply and Sanitation
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant

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Executive summary

Project title	MOLDOVA WATER SECURITY AND SANITATION PROJECT
Project ID	P173076
Implementing Agency	P.I. National Office for Regional and Local Development under Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development on the basis of Government Decision No 271 of April 20, 2022 and Project Implementation Agreement signed between NORLD and MIRD on August 01, 2022.
Project duration	August 05, 2022 – January 31, 2027
Reported period	January 01 – June 30, 2025
The Project Development Objective (PDO)	(i) to increase access to safely managed water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns, and to strengthen national and local institutional capacity for water supply and sanitation service delivery; (ii) in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, respond promptly and effectively to it.
PDO Level Indicators or Outputs / specific objectives	<i>PDO 1: Increase access to safely managed water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns:</i> (a) People provided with access to safely managed water services in selected rural areas and towns (number/gender disaggregated) (b) People provided with access to safely managed sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns (number/gender disaggregated) <i>PDO 2: Strengthen national and local institutional capacity for water supply and sanitation delivery:</i> (c) National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan (NWSSDP) with prioritized investment program and financing strategy developed and under implementation (text) (d) Number of participating operators demonstrating core institutional capacities for improved water supply and sanitation service delivery (Number).
Project Components:	Component 1: Increasing access to safely managed water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and small towns Subcomponent 1.1: Expanding Access and Quality of WSS services Subcomponent 1.2: Improving WASH facilities in public social institutions Component 2: Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for WSS service delivery. Subcomponent 2.1: Building national institutional capacity for WSS Subcomponent 2.2: Improving performance of WSS service providers Component 3: Project Management and Coordination Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC).
Project partners, stakeholders and target groups	Target groups: participating WSS operators, and the population in selected LPAs from the three Development Regions: North, South and ATU Gagauzia Key partners of the project: MIRD, MSIF, RDAs, MoH, MoER, MoEnv, NAER, TUM, AMAC
Key achievements for reported period	-The SPN for the Cahul-Vulcanesti sub-project was published and the opening meeting of the Technical Bids was held. -The updated design and BoQ for Riscani sub-project were submitted to the SVEDC and the ESIA/ ESMP and Biodiversity Study was received and the Certificates of Acceptance signed. -For Soroca subproject the Combined Bid Evaluation Report, for design and construction of wastewater system, was approved and the Evaluation Committee decided to cancel the tender. The Environmental Agreement for Soroca sub-project was issued by the Environment Agency. -The FS and ESIA for the Comrat sub-project were received and approved. -The locality was selected and Cooperation Agreement for on-site sanitation pilot was signed. The contract for preparation of plans for the location of the on-site sanitation solution, was signed -Works for the WASH sub-component, in 10 educational institutions were completed, and in remaining institutions were in progress -The contract for preparation of the NWSSDP was signed. The Inception Report and Theme-program were received and approved. -Regarding the <i>Human capital development Program</i> , the first program of requalification study (12-month program) was completed.

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	<p>-The preparation of the concept for National MIS and benchmarking of operators was completed.</p> <p>-The contract for preparation of the PIP for WWS Operators was signed and the <i>Inception Report</i> was received and approved.</p>
Project budget	<p>The project budget amounts to 46.5 million Euro, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Financing Agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the International Development Association (ratified by Law 169/2022) in the amount of 44.1 million Euro;2. Single Donor (Austrian Development Agency) Trust Fund Grant Agreement, signed between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / International Development Association (TF0B7739) in the amount of 1.5 million Euro.3. Estimated local contribution around of 0.881 million Euro.



Introduction

The current Semiannual Progress Report covers the progress of the Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project (MWSSP) implementation process during the 1st semester of year 2025 (January 01 – June 30, 2025), and includes relevant data concerning Project Implementation Unit activities under the Project. According to the Financing Agreement, the Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five days after the end of the calendar semester, covering the calendar semester. According to the PAD the PIU, through its M&E specialist, with the support of the stakeholders, coordinates all data collection, consolidates, and integrates progress and results in semiannual project progress reports.

This is the sixth Report since the beginning of the project. The information, regarding the date of presentation of the Semiannual Progress Reports and the date of approval, are presented in the table below.

Table 1. Presentation and approval dates of the Semiannual reports of the MWSSP

No.	Reports	Reporting period	Intended submission date	Effective submission date to WB experts	Effective submission date to ADA representatives
1.	Semiannual report no. 1	August 5, 2022 - February 5, 2023	March 5, 2023	March 05, 2023	August 22, 2023
2.	Semiannual report no. 2	February 5- June 30, 2023	August 14, 2023	August 01, 2023	April 02, 2024
3.	Semiannual report no. 3	July 01- December 31, 2023	February 14, 2024	February 13, 2024	
4.	Semiannual report no. 4	January 1- June 30, 2024	August 14, 2024	August 12, 2024	September 12, 2024
5.	Semiannual report no. 5	July 01- December 31, 2024	February 14, 2025	January 28, 2025	January 28, 2025
6.	Semiannual report no. 6	January 1- June 30, 2025	August 14, 2025	August 14, 2025	

Source: Developed by the PIU

The Report outlines the implementation progress of the sub-projects and components and the degree of project development objectives and specific intermediate result's achievement. This report is prepared in the context of the implementation of M&E System.

The purpose of the Progress Report is to:

- 1) report actual activities, achievements in terms of actual or foreseen outputs and outcomes within the implementation of Project's basic components;
- 2) report expenditures/investments/inputs that allow comparison with outputs;
- 3) maintain an efficient communication between NORLD/PIU, the World Bank (WB) and other stakeholders.

The report contains 4 main chapters:

- 1) The first chapter, KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, describes the results achieved in the reporting semester only (semester 1 of 2025).
- 2) The second chapter PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES, describes the cumulative results of the MWSSP as of June 30, 2025.

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- 3) The third chapter describes the project management activities (financial management, procurement activities, communication and visibility and monitoring and evaluation)
- 4) The fourth chapter concerned COMPONENT 4. CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMPONENT



Project description and background

The Government of Moldova (GoM) is currently implementing a project supported by the World Bank (IDA) financing the **Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project (MWSSP)**. The Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project directly supports the Government’s commitment to Sustainable Development Goal No. 6: “*to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030 through its Action Program and the National Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy 2014-2030*”.

The World Bank’s Water Security Diagnostic and Future Outlook¹ showed that there are several pressing challenges to Moldova’s water security, such as:

- (i) inequalities in access, inadequate quality of water supply in small towns and weak performance of service providers;
- (ii) poor environmental health and environmental pollution due to lack of sanitation and wastewater collection and treatment;
- (iii) weak institutions, fragmented financing streams and unresolved reform areas which hinder programmatic delivery of services.

The Project Development Objective(s) (PDO) is:

- (i) to increase access to safely managed water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns, and to strengthen national and local institutional capacity for water supply and sanitation service delivery;
- (ii) in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, respond promptly and effectively to it.

Access in water supply and sanitation (WSS) is constrained by large coverage gaps in rural areas, compounded by income status. Compared to other countries in the Danube region, the share of population with access to basic water and sanitation services in Moldova is low. The gap between urban and rural remains one of the largest in Europe and is one of the key water security issues the country is facing. Based on JMP-data², gains were made in rural water supply access to drinking water services from piped networks, from 33 percent in 2000 to an estimate 40 percent in 2017, while urban piped service remained almost stable at 85 percent.

Household Budget Survey (HBS) (2018) data provide the picture on national access to a public piped water supply being 70 percent, with urban access at 92.4 percent and rural access at 52.2 percent. However, the water quality of rural piped system is often compromised and is below drinking water quality standard. Those not served by public centralized systems rely on so-called self-supply, through private shallow wells. Around one in three people rely on self-supply for their drinking water with 80 percent of wells not compliant with drinking water norms (e.g. nitrates, e-coli). The poorest quintile of the rural population faces the largest obstacles to get connected to a public system and is least able to invest in private piped supply by wells (9 percent), with 42.2 percent of the poorest households

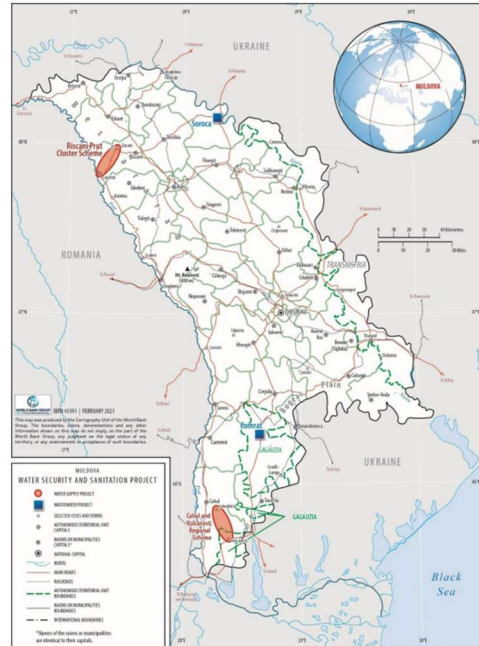
¹ <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/34809>

² Joint Monitoring Program data is derived based on linear extrapolations using national survey data and JMP population estimates; discrepancies between nationally reported data can be found due to differences in estimation methods and definitions. See also: <https://washdata.org/data>

collecting water with buckets or carts. In 2018, out of a total of 1,220 centralized water systems, 1,168 were functional, although performance data is not systematically available.

In response to these challenges, the Project Development Objective (PDO) of the MWSSP is **to increase access to safely managed water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns, and to strengthen institutional capacities for water supply and sanitation service delivery**. Strengthening institutional capacities for water supply and sanitation service delivery refers to both national level planning and sector development capacities, as well as to improved operational efficiency and delivery at utility level.

Figure 1. The map of the MWSSP



Source: Project Appraisal Document of the MWSSP

The MWSSP has four components:

Component 1: Increasing access to safely managed WSS services in selected rural areas and towns. This component will develop new and rehabilitate existing WSS infrastructure and WASH facilities in rural areas and towns, thus expanding access and quality of services for households, businesses, and public institutions and supporting resilience. Component 1 supports climate adaptation through (a) providing reliable centralized water supply protecting vulnerable households from drought and poor water quality; (b) improving wastewater systems, sanitation, and WASH facilities, reducing environmental exposure to pathogens exacerbated by flooding, particularly in towns facing frequent flooding; and (c) ensuring climate-resilient design of all infrastructure for robust functioning under extreme weather events. It consists of two subcomponents:

Subcomponent 1.1: Expanding access and quality of WSS services. This subcomponent will finance climate-resilient investments in towns and rural areas. This includes the following:

- (a) **Water supply investments:** Expansion and rehabilitation of the regional water systems for water supply production and distribution, and service connections for LPAs in selected

districts, including the preparation of relevant technical studies and management documents; technical supervision; and citizen engagement activities. This refers to water supply infrastructure in two preliminarily identified subprojects, that is, regional water system expansion for LPAs in Cahul District and the ATU of Gagauzia and a regional water supply system with a surface water treatment plant in Riscani District. Many LPAs, particularly in the south (Cahul) as well as in the northern part along the Prut (Riscani), face shortages of water in the summer, with shallow wells/springs posing a challenge such as in the Prut cluster villages, in the Vulcanesti town, and other villages in Cahul District.

- (b) **Wastewater investments:** Expansion and rehabilitation of wastewater systems in selected towns, including the construction and rehabilitation of sewer networks and service connections, and the construction of new wastewater treatment plants, including the preparation of relevant technical studies and management documents; technical supervision; and citizen engagement activities. This refers to two preliminarily identified subprojects in Soroca and Comrat towns. There are areas in the Comrat town that face frequent flooding, and the Soroca town is also vulnerable directly on the right bank of the Dniester. The project will support the assessment of flood risk and impact at the household level and, in addition to ensuring resilient design of infrastructure, provide measures to reduce the impact of floods where possible.
- (c) **Pilot for on-site household sanitation:** selected rural or peri-urban villages, will benefit from the improvement of on-site household sanitation following a demand-led approach through the provision of technical assistance, the implementation of information campaigns, and the carrying out of civil works. The pilot will be co-financed through the ADA grant. This pilot will demonstrate the use of climate-resilient low-cost technologies for rural sanitation.

Subcomponent 1.2: Improving resilient WASH facilities in public social institutions. This subcomponent will finance works, goods, consulting services, non-consulting services and training/workshops to realize climate-resilient WASH facilities in HCFs and education institutions and implement hygiene education and behavior change communication program.

Component 2: Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for WSS service delivery. This component focusses on institutional capacities of national and subnational entities and WSS operators for management, planning, regulation and reform implementation, and performance improvement of service providers for green, resilience, and inclusive service delivery. At the national level, development of plans, policies, and regulatory documents will support climate adaptation through climate-resilient planning, and at the local level, performance improvements will deliver climate benefits through reduction of NRW and improvement of energy efficiency. It consists of two subcomponents:

Subcomponent 2.1: Building national institutional capacity for WSS. This subcomponent aims to strengthen critical functions of facilitating and implementing WSS sector reform, investment planning and monitoring, and sector modernization and build capacities to this end of the assigned lead unit/entity within MIRD's structure. It finances goods, non-consulting services, consulting services,

and training/workshops for activities that strengthen institutional capacities for planning, financing, economic regulation, performance monitoring, professional development, and the revision and development of new policies and normative documents.

Subcomponent 2.2: Improving performance of WSS service providers Subcomponent 2.2 will finance works, goods, consulting services, non-consulting services, and training to support the implementation of a prioritized rolling multiyear PIP of selected WSS operators involved under Subcomponent 1.1. WSS operators will carry out annual assessments on PIP implementation and KPIs, including publication of results and feedback rounds with customers. The financing for selected WSS operators will be allocated based on results. Investments and TA activities identified in the PIPs are based on utility diagnostics and include, but are not limited to, the following: improving technical and commercial operations, improving financial management (FM), HR management, and organization and strategy aspects, including improving asset management systems and inventories, energy efficiency, NRW reduction programs, water metering practices and equipment to improve climate resilience, water safety, and business continuity, and enhancing responsiveness to customers.

Component 3: Project management and coordination. This component will finance operational costs, consulting services, non-consulting services, goods, and training to finance the overall project management cost, including the project team at the Project Implementation Unit (PIU), implementation support consultants at the regional level within MIRD's RDAs for environmental and social standards implementation, and, at the national level, MIRD as the project implementing entity (PIE). It will finance training costs, including for capacity building in procurement, environmental, and social standards, specialized short-term implementation support consultants, financial audits, project communication and citizen consultations, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

Component 4: Contingent emergency response component (CERC). A provisional zero-amount component is included, which will allow for rapid reallocation of credit/loan proceeds from other components during an emergency under streamlined procurement and disbursement procedures. This component allows the Government to request the World Bank to recategorize and reallocate financing from other project components to cover emergency response and recovery costs.

Institutional and Implementation arrangements

The basic legal documents of this Project are: the **Financing Agreement of the Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project (MWSSP)** between the Republic of Moldova and the International Development Association, ratified by Decree of the President of the Republic of Moldova No 368 of 09.03.2022 approving the signing of the Financing Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the International Development Association for the implementation of the Project "Security of Water Supply and Sanitation in Moldova", and also the Law no.169/2022 for the ratification of the Financing Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the International Association for Development and **Single Donor (Austrian Development Agency) Trust Fund Grant Agreement**, signed between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / International Development Association (TF0B7739) in order to realize the "Moldova water security and sanitation project".

The project is implemented by the National Office for Regional and Local Development under MIDR on the basis of Government Decision No 271 of 20.04.2022.

The *Project Appraisal Document (PAD)*, as per Report No: PAD4095, including all the World Bank policies, institutional, financial, procurement, technical, social and environmental conditions and the *Project Operational Manual* for the implementation of MWSSP are the basic documents guiding the project implementation activities.

The following WB Standards and Rules are considered relevant to the Project:

✓ *Regarding **Procurement** issues:*

- the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers – Procurement in IPF of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, and
- with the Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, as on July 1, 2016

✓ *Regarding **Financial Management** issues:*

- Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, dated February 2017
- MWSSP Disbursement Letter
- Financial Agreement ratified under the Law No 169 on June 23, 2022, and via Presidential Decree 528 on July 07, 2022

✓ *Regarding **Environmental and Social Standards** issues:*

- ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts
- ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions
- ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and management
- ESS4 Community Health and Safety
- ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restriction on land Use and Involuntary Resettlement
- ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources
- ESS10 Stakeholder Engagements and Information Disclosure



Project Implementation Agreement (PIA). The PIA has been signed by the MIRD and NORLD/PIU on August 02, 2022. It includes the responsibilities of each institution in the implementation of the project, the PIU's commitments to implement the project in accordance with this agreement, the Environment and Social Standards, the Environment and Social Commitment Plan, the Anti-Corruption Guidelines, the Procurement Regulations, and the Project Operations Manual (POM), as applicable.

Project Coordination Group (PCG). The PCG was established by MIRD via a Ministerial Decree issued on December 14, 2022, with structure and functions as per the POM prepared by PIU and approved by the Bank team, with the objective of coordinating the implementation of the Project and endorsing its annual implementation plans.

The PCG will have several members representing among others MIRD, MoER, MoH, MoEnv, Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and other relevant entities. The PCG will convene at least annually to review and endorse the project's annual program or upon request as and when required. The POM includes composition and responsibilities of the PCG.

Members of PCG of the Project have the rights, but not limited to:

- Propose topics for current or future PCG meetings;
- Request, if necessary, the inclusion of complex subjects related to the objectives of the Project or the involvement of certain independent experts;
- Present the views on each of the issues raised during the meeting;
- Give a separate opinion on certain items on the agenda of the Council meeting, with the request that it be appended to the decisions adopted.

The main responsibilities of the PCG, but not limited to:

- Participate within the meetings when planned or / and convened;
- Respect the principle of objectivity in the process of examining the subjects on the meeting's agenda;
- Inform the members in the case of a conflict of interest, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation on conflict of interest (*if the case*);
- Review materials related to the topics discussed / proposed in the meetings;
- Approve the annual planning documents;
- Review and comment on the content of minutes and decisions approved during the meetings.

Implementation Support Agreements. The RDAs, which have comparative advantage and experience in the implementation of WSS infrastructure as well as local presence, will be the employers of major civil works under the project. The Bank Team provided comments on the draft Support Agreement developed by the NORLD/PIU, between MIRD, NORLD / PIU and the RDAs North, South and Gagauzia. The agreements provide details on:

- (i) the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of sub-component 1.1 of the Project,
- (ii) cooperation mechanism between the parties, and

- (iii) RDA's commitment to implement its relevant part of the Project. The agreements also specify the agreed local government contributions towards the civil works, which will be transferred by the LPAs in the PIU Account, and the responsibilities of all parties at each stage of the project implementation process.

The above agreements, with MIRD, NORLD, RDAs, were sign on March 22, 2023.

Trust Funds supported Activities. On March 03, 2023 was hold a workshop on Governance and Technical Advisory Support by SKAT Consultants. More than 30 representatives of WB, MIRD, North RDA, South RDA, Gagauzia RDA, PIUs /NORLD and Riscani Rayon Council attended the workshop.

On June 16, 2023, the second workshop was held with the participation of 34 representatives of the WB, Embassy of Japan, MIDR, South RDA, Gagauzia RDA, PIU/NORLD and LPAs from Cahul, Comrat, Vulcanesti and Soroca. The issues that were discussed: technical assistance for WS infrastructure management (management delegation contracts, tariff application, licensing and capacity building of operators) as well as technical assistance to optimize design and incorporate resilience into the regional water supply system.

1. KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

1.1. Component 1. Increasing access to safely management water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns

1.1.1. Subcomponent 1.1 Supporting the expansion of the access and quality of WSS

No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
Subcomponent 1.1			
1. Expansion and improvement water supply services in Cahul and Vulcanesti rayons			
1.1. Procurement for the Construction Works			
a	Approval of the Request for Bids for Construction Works by the WB experts	January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) was sent for approval and possible publication on January 17, 2025 through the STEP system. - The SPN was approved by the WB experts on January 30, 2025.
b	Publication the SPN for construction of water supply system	January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SPN was published on the World Bank's external electronic website and UNDB online on January 30, 2025. At the same time, the SPN was also published on the UNDB electronic page and sent for publication in the next issue of the Public Procurement Bulletin. The deadline for submission of bids is March 31, 2025, subsequently extended until April 23, 2025. - On February 27, 2025, the PIU organized a site visit for potential bidders to the project site (existing and planned infrastructure objects). - During the month of February & March 2025, requests for clarifications on the Procurement Documentation were received to which responses were formulated and sent to the potential Bidders
c	Archaeological activities	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The contract with the National Agency for Archaeology was signed on February 10, 2025 - Certificate of archeological rescue no. 01 of June 30, 2025, was issued by the National Agency for Archaeology
d	Evaluation of technical bids	July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On April 23, 2025, the opening meeting of the Technical Bids was held. 7 bids were received. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all bidders who submitted bids, Evaluation Committee members and placed in the STEP system for the information of WB experts. - On June 16, 2025 the contracted design company submitted the Technical Data Sheet Evaluation Report - Evaluation of bids (technical part) - ongoing
1.2. Procurement for Technical Supervision			
e	Contracting the Consultant for Technical Supervision		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ToR were sent for review to World Bank experts on March 28, 2025. At the same time, the STEP system activity was reviewed in line with the current situation. - On April 11, 2025, a meeting was held at the Cahul Rayon Council, where the ToR were presented and approved by the relevant public authorities. - ToR approved by STEP on April 16, 2025 - The REoI was published on April 22, 2025. - By the deadline, May 12, 2025, 19 expressions of interest were received. - The evaluation is ongoing
2. Expansion and improvement water supply services in the Prut cluster, Riscani rayon			
2.1. Update of the DED and BoQ			

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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
c, d	Updating of the design and BoQ	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On April 14, 2024, a meeting was held at the headquarters of the Riscani Rayon Council for the presentation and approval of version 1 (preliminary) of the design by the relevant public authorities - On May 28, 2025, the Ministry of Environment of Romania gave its consent for the works foreseen in the technical documentation in the Prut River area - Activity was in progress
e	Verification of the design at the <i>Service for Verification and Expertise of Design and Construction</i>	May 2025	As of May 31, 2025, the revised and adjusted design was submitted to the <i>Service for Verification and Expertise of Design and Construction</i>
g	Preparation of the Request for Bids for Construction Works	June 2025	Activity was initiated
2.2. Preparation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)			
a	Preparation of the Resettlement Screening Report	January 2025	- The <i>Resettlement Screening Report</i> was received on January 10, 2025.
b	Preparation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)	July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 3, 2025, the Screening on Affected Land was submitted to the WB consultants for information. - On February 11, 2025, a request was submitted to Institute for Spatial Planning for cost estimate of services for assessment of affected lands - On February 19, 2025, during the meeting with LPA representatives, they were briefed on the steps to be followed for RAP preparation - On March 10, 2025, letters were sent to LPAs requesting the completion of information on owners of affected land, by deadline -March 31, 2025 the requested information has been received. - Public consultations were held from May 15, 2025 to May 23, 2025 - As of June 30, 2025, for 489 lands out of 525 affected lands, the Informed Agreements were signed by owners/tenants of lands likely to be temporarily affected by the project works. In addition to this, 28 permission letters for public landfills were signed by LPA.
2.3. Preparation of the ESIA/ ESMP and Biodiversity Study			
f	Preparation of the ESIA/ ESMP and Biodiversity Study	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public consultations for the Environmental Impact Assessment, national procedure were held on January 16, 2025. - On February 19, 2025 the ESIA report was submitted for "no objections" to the WB and on March 18, 2025 it was received. - On March 31, 2025, the Consultant submitted the final versions of the ESIA/ESMP and Biodiversity Study and on March 31, 2025, the Certificate of Acceptance of deliverables was signed
3. Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Soroca			
3.1. Design and Build bidding package			
a	Bid Evaluation Report and Recommendation	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation was in progress. On January 20, 2025 an Evaluation Committee meeting was held. - On February 18, 2025, an Evaluation Committee meeting was held where it was decided to finalize the evaluation process of the Technical Bids and to notify the Bidders regarding the opening meeting of the Financial Bids.



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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
	award (technical and financial part)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 28, 2025 a complaint was received from a Bidder regarding the results of the evaluation of the Bids. The response to the complaint was mailed to the Bidder on March 11, 2025 (copied to all concerned institutions). - The Public Opening of Financial Bids took place on March 12, 2025. Minutes of the meeting was sent both to the Bidder whose Bid was opened and to the members of the Evaluation Committee. The evaluation of the financial bids with the completion of the combined Evaluation Report was finalized. - In view of the fact that the price offered by the Bidder is higher than the estimated price, it was decided to involve the Consultant who prepared the Technical Specifications and Price Schedules in the review of the proposed prices for equipment, materials, design and civil works and installation. Thus, a request was sent to the World Bank on contracting the consultant company from a single source. The proposed work has been accepted, i.e., the Consultancy Company was dispatched the Request for Proposal on March 27, 2025 with the request to submit the Technical and Financial Bid by April 02, 2025. The contract was signed on April 04, 2025. - On April 15, 2025, a meeting of the Evaluation Committee was held on the Detailed Financial Bid Review at which the Price Review Report prepared by the Consultant was presented. Based on the decisions taken at the meeting (as per the signed Minutes) the Combined Bid Evaluation Report was prepared and following coordination was signed by the Evaluation Committee on April 24, 2025. - On April 30, 2025, the bidder was notified by NORLD letter No. 02-25/614 dated 29.04.2025 with regard to the decision of the Evaluation Committee to cancel the tender. - In accordance with the procurement procedures, the Procurement Documentation is to be revised and the call for tender is to be re-launched in the near future
b	Contract signing	March 2025	
	Revision of the Procurement Documentation for design and construction of wastewater system		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On June 9, 2025, a meeting was held with the participation of representatives of the Soroca LPA, MIRD, RDA North, and NORLD with the aim of approving the "Proposals for amending the selection criteria in the tender documentation". - On June 13, 2025 was held the meeting with the potential bidders -„Early Market Engagement”. - The revision of the Procurement Documentation was initiated
3.2. Obtaining the Environmental Agreement in accordance with legislation of the RM			
f	Preparation of the Biodiversity Assessment Study and Biodiversity Management Plan	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On January 24, 2025 the <i>Inception Report</i> was received which was subsequently approved on February 04, 2025 - On February 11, 2025 the final version of the Biodiversity Assessment Study and Biodiversity Management Plan were received and on March 10, 2025 the acceptance Certificate was signed.
	Obtaining the Environmental Agreement in accordance with legislation of the RM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On September 09, 2024 the decision on the preliminary environmental assessment was issued by the Environment Agency - On February 13, 2025, the package of documents (ESIA and Biodiversity Study) was sent to the Environment Agency for obtaining the Environmental Agreement (EA). - Public consultations on environmental and social issues were held on March 28, 2025.

No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On April 22, 2025 the package of documents: the final versions of the Environmental Assessment Report and Biodiversity Report, which included the Public Consultation Report, were sent by the Municipality of Soroca to the Environment Agency. - On May 13, 2025 the Environmental Agreement No. 16 (Registration No. 10/2689/2025 of May 13, 2025) was issued by the Environment Agency
3.3. Preparation of the Detailed Urban Spatial Plan for Vasilcau village			
f	Preparation of the Detailed Urban Spatial Plan for Vasilcau village	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is the responsibility of LPA
3.4. Technical Supervision			
	Contracting the Consultant for Technical Supervision		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for submission of Technical and Financial Proposals was February 18, 2025. At the request of certain consultants and review by the Client, an Amendment No. 1 to the Request for Proposals was issued, adjusting the requirements for a key expert and extending the deadline for submission of Proposals to February 28, 2025 - On February 28, 2025, the public opening meeting for technical proposals was held. Minutes of the meeting were prepared and sent to the submitting companies and Evaluation Committee members - In March, April and May 2025 evaluation was ongoing - On April 15, 2025 an Evaluation Committee meeting was held to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the bids against the selection criteria - On June 09, 2025 the meeting for public opening of the financial proposals was held
4. Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Comrat municipality			
4.1. Feasibility Study and ESIA			
a	Completing the approval of the Feasibility Study and ESIA	February 2025	<p>Feasibility Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On January 24, 2025, a request, from the Consultant to extend the contract implementation period, was received. On the basis of this request, Amendment No. 3 to the Contract was signed, according to which the implementation term was extended until June 01, 2025. - The final version of the Interim Report in English was received on February 18, 2025. - On March 03, 2025 the presentation meeting, of the FS to the stakeholders from Comrat, was held - On March 17, 2025 the final version of the Interim Report was received in Romanian and Russian. - In the period of March 24-27, 2025, the final version of the Feasibility Study Report in English and Russian was received. - On April 08, 2025 the Feasibility Study Report was approved by Comrat LPA (LC Decision no.4/2) and on April 22, 2025 by the World Bank (via email). - On April 25, 2025 the final versions of the Feasibility Study Report were received in Romanian and Russian. - On May 08, 2025 the final deliverable Acceptance Certificate was signed - On May 28, 2025 at the NORLD headquarters a meeting was held with the participation of representatives of NORLD, PIU, MIRD, RDA UTA Gagauzia, LPA mun. Comrat, Comrat water supply operator and the Consultant regarding the approval of the Feasibility Study Report

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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
			<p>Environment and Social Impact Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On January 20, 2025 the 2nd draft ESIA/ESMP with reply to comments was received and based on it on January 24, 2025 the "no objections" note was received from WB experts for ESIA/ESMP. - Public consultations for the ESIA/ESMP were held on March 3, 2025 - The ESIA/ESMP report was received on April 23, 2025. - On May 28, 2025 confirmation was received from WB with the request to send the final ESIA/ ESMP report after addressing all comments. On the same day the report was sent to the consultant for final version adjustment - On June 12, 2025, the “No Objection” note for the ESIA/ESMP, including information on public consultations, was received from the World Bank experts. - On June 23, 2025 the Romanian and Russian final versions of the ESIA/ESMP were received
4.2. Procurement for preparation of the Employer's Requirements chapter			
b	Preparation of the ToR for the <i>Employer's Requirements chapter</i>	Match 2025	
c	Contract signing for the <i>Employer's Requirements chapter</i>	June 2025	
4.3. Obtaining the Environmental Agreement in accordance with legislation of the RM			
a.1	Procurement for the preliminary environmental assessment procedure for the Comrat sub-project.	March 2025	
a.2	Procurement for preparation of the Biodiversity Assessment Study and Biodiversity Management Plan	May 2025	
4.4. Preparation of the ToR for contracting design services			
	Preparation of the ToR for contracting design services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ToR were developed. - On May 28, 2025 a meeting with the participation of representatives of NORLD, PIU, MIRD, RDA UTA Gagauzia, LPA mun. Comrat, the water supply operator of Comrat, during which was presented and discussed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the design of the treatment plant and sewerage infrastructure in mun. Comrat

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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On June 06, 2025 the agreement was received from Su-Kanal Comrat. In it was stipulate that the specifications (ToR) for the design of the WWTP will be made with step 1 (mechanical) and 2 (biological) inclusive, which provide only carbon removal, which was discussed/agreed during the meeting on 28.05.2025 at NORLD.
5. On-site sanitation pilot and sewerage connection programs			
a	Approval/coordination of final results of the selection of the beneficiary locality	January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On January 29, 2025, the PIU was informed by MIRD that Singureni locality has sewerage networks, which are not functional at the moment, but which are planned to be connected together with Corlăteni village to the sewerage network of mun. of Balti. The Commission was notified and on February 7, 2025 a field visit was carried out in Andrușul de Jos locality. On February 20, 2025 the evaluation report for Phase II was signed and submitted to MIRD to be presented at the PCG meeting. - On April 30, 2025, the PCG meeting was held during which the final result of the selection of beneficiary LPA was approved
b	Preparation of the list of beneficiaries with cadastral numbers	January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In May 2025 the list of beneficiaries, with cadastral numbers prepared by the beneficiary LPA, was received by the PIU
c	Preparation of ToR for the contracting of services of preparation of plans and BoQ for the location of the on-site sanitation solutions for each household	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -On April 03, 2025 ToR were approved by WB experts
d	Contract signing for services of preparation of plans and BoQ for the location of the on-site sanitation solutions for each household	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -On April 03, 2025 the SPN was published with deadline April 17, 2025. -An EoI was received on April 16, 2025 for which clarifications were requested. -On May 06, 2025 the Evaluation Report was finalized. -On May 07, 2025 the Request for Proposal was submitted. Evaluation was completed. -On June 09, 2025 the contract was signed
e	Preparation of plans and BoQ for the location of on-site sanitation solutions for each household and drawing up the cost estimate	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity was initiated
f	Signing the cooperation agreement	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In May 2025 the Cooperation Agreement has been prepared to be signed with LPA and the Beneficiaries. The agreement was coordinated with WB and ADA - On June 04, 2025 the Cooperation agreement was signed



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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
	and financing contracts		
g	Preparing bidding documentation for construction works and publication of the SPN	April 2025	

1.1.2. Subcomponent 1.2 Improving WASH facilities in selected Health Care facilities and Educational Institutions

No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
Subcomponenta 1.2			
6. Improving WASH facilities in selected Health Care and Educational Institutions			
6.1. Improving WASH facilities in selected Educational Institutions			
a	Construction works in educational institutions in ATU Gagauzia (5 institutions)	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On October 10, 2024 construction works were started in 4 schools in the region of ATU Gagauzia - On May 30, 2025 the Acceptance Commission carried out the acceptance upon completion of works for the object in Ceadir Lunga - On January 31, 2025 the contract for Vulcanesti Package (educational institutions) was signed. - As of June 30, 2025 construction works were completed in 4 educational institutions
b	Construction works in educational institutions in Cahul rayon (2 institutions)	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On November 4, 2024 construction works started in 2 schools in Cahul rayon and completed in June 2025
c	Finalization of the design and BoQ development services in the educational institutions in NORTH Region (10 institutions)	January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of January 30, 2025, 9 verified designs and 1 BoQ for the North Region have been received.
d	Signing of the financing contracts	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 26, 2025, 10 Financing Agreements were signed for educational institutions in the NORTH region.
e	Publication of the SPN for the construction works for educational institutions in NORTH Region (10 institutions)	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 21, 2025, the SPN for works (NORTH Region package for educational institutions) was published. On April 04, 2025 bids were opened for 10 schools in the North Region. Bids were received for 3 lots out of 4. - Lot 4 (s. Rudi and s. Dărcăuți) was re-published on April 25, 2025 with a deadline of June 11, 2025. On June 11, 2025 bids were opened for the last North II lot. 2 bids were submitted, at the administrative stage both bids were disqualified due to incomplete bids being submitted. The lot was re-published. - On June 11, 2025 bids were opened for the last North II lot. 2 bids were submitted, at the administrative stage both bids were disqualified due to incomplete bids. - On June 30, 2025, the Nord II (lot 4) was republished. Deadline - July 21, 2025
f	Contract signing for works in the educational institutions in NORTH Region (10 institutions)	May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On May 12, 2025, 2 contracts were signed for the North Region construction work (for 3 lots out of 4)

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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
6.2. Improving WASH facilities in selected Health Care Institutions			
a	Finalization of the design and BoQ development services in healthcare institutions (14 institutions)	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of January 27, 2025, 9 designs have been received, of which 6 for the SOUTH region and 3 for the NORTH region. - On February 17, 2025, 4 designs were received (1 locality in Soroca district was excluded from the list of beneficiary institutions – health care institutions, because the necessary permits for the design process were not submitted).
b	Signing of the financing contracts	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 06, 2025, 6 Financing Agreements were signed for health care institutions in the SOUTH region. - On March 07, 2025, 7 Financing Agreements were signed for health care institutions in the NORTH region.
c	Preparing bidding documentation and publication of the SPN for construction works for healthcare institutions from SOUTH Region (6 institutions)	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 21, 2025, the SPN for works (SOUTH Region package for health care institutions) was published with deadline April 02, 2025. Until the deadline no bids were received and the deadline was extended until May 14, 2025. - Bids were opened on May 14, 2025. The evaluation report was signed on May 27, 2025.
d	Preparing bidding documentation and publication of the SPN for construction works for healthcare institutions from NORTH Region (7 institutions)	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On March 07, 2025, the SPN for works (NORTH Region package for health care institutions) was published with deadline April 16, 2025. The bids were received and the evaluation was completed.
e	Contract signing for works in the healthcare institutions in SOUTH Region (6 institutions)	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On June 19, 2025 the contract was signed
f	Contract signing for works in the healthcare institutions in NORTH Region (7 institutions)	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On May 12, 2025 the contract was signed
g	Works in the healthcare institutions in NORTH Region (7 institutions)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On May 22-26, 2025 the sites have been handed over for all 7 objects for NORTH Region package - health care institutions
h	Environment, Social, Health and Safety	Re-current (at least	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On June 17, 2025 the inspection was carried out in Pociumbeni, Zaicani and Singureni from Riscani rayon



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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
	inspections at WASH sites	once a month)	
6.3. Technical supervision of the construction works for the WASH intervention			
a	Selection of the Company for the technical supervision of the construction works for the WASH intervention		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPN (educational and health care institutions in the NORTH region) was published on February 12, 2025. By the deadline - February 28, 2025 was received 1 EoI. The EoI evaluation was completed. The RFP was sent out on March 10, 2025 with a deadline of March 24, 2025. Evaluation was finalized and the contract was signed on April 07, 2025. - SPN (health care institutions in the SOUTH region) was published on February 12, 2025. By the deadline - February 28, 2025 was received 1 EoI. The evaluation of EoI was completed. The RFP was sent out on March 10, 2025 with a deadline of March 24, 2025. Evaluation was finalized and the contract was signed on April 07, 2025.

1.2. Component 2. Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels of WSS service delivery

1.2.1. Subcomponent 2.1 Building national institutional capacity for WSSS

No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
Subcomponent 2.1.			
7. Sector planning and financing for programmatic delivery			
7.1. Contracting a consultancy company for preparing the NWSSDP			
a	Contract signing for preparation of the NWSSDP	January 2025	- On February 18, 2025 the Contract was signed
b	Initiation of the process of preparation of the Theme-program and its approval by MIRD and National Spatial Planning Council	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 18, 2025 a kick-off meeting was held with MIRD where the project implementation team and its objectives were presented. - Between February 26-27, 2025, two meetings were held within the MIRD with a number of stakeholders (National Inspectorate of Technical Supervision, Office for Spatial Planning, Town and Country Planning, Building and Housing, Ministry of Environment, Environment Agency, Moldovan Waters Agency, Institute of Geography and Ecology, etc.). The purpose of the meetings was the general presentation of the Project and the involvement of stakeholders in the process of data collection for the implementation of the activity. - On March 15, 2025, the Inception Report and Theme- program were received. - The meeting of the National Spatial Planning Council was held on April 16, 2025, during which the Inception Report and the Theme- Program were approved.
	Preparation of the Feasibility Study of the NWSSDP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A joint meeting was held on April 29, 2025 with MIRD and Consultant to discuss the structure of the FS, the structure of the information collection forms and the next steps for the development of the FS; - On May 21, 2025, the official letters were prepared and submitted to the district councils, territorial offices of the State Chancellery and WW operators to collect information on the water supply and sewerage infrastructure necessary for the feasibility study. - In June 2025 collection of the information, on the water supply and sewerage infrastructure necessary for the feasibility study, is in progress
7.2. Capacity Development of the Lead WSS Unit			
a	Preparation of the Capacity Development Program of the Lead WSS Unit	January 2025	- On January 02, 2025 the Certificate of Acceptance was signed
7.3. Support in legislative and design reform			
a	Approval of the draft GD "On the establishment of preliminary research	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05 February 2025, the meeting of the Preliminary Research Commission on the need for declaration of public utility for the Soroca subproject was held. - On February 19, 2025 the meeting of the Preliminary Research Commission on the need to declaration of public utility for the Cahul and Riscani sub-projects was held.

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No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
	commissions for the declaration of public utility of national interest of the works for water supply and sanitation infrastructure within some sub-projects of the MWSSP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a result of the work of the Preliminary Research Commissions and their conclusions, the process of drafting the draft law on declaring the public utility of national interest for the works for water supply and sanitation infrastructure within some subprojects of the MWSSP was initiated
b	Approval of the draft law on declaration of public utility of national interest the works for the water supply and sanitation infrastructure within the framework of some sub-projects of the MWSSP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In March 2025, the meeting of the General Secretaries was held, after which the draft law was submitted to the competent authorities for endorsement. - On June 11, 2025, the draft law was approved by the Government meeting by protocol Decision and submitted to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova for adoption. - On June 13, 2025 the draft law was approved in the first reading.
c	Preparation and promotion of the proposals for amending the provisions of GD 950/2013	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft GD on the amendment of GD no. 950/2013 was prepared and submitted to MIDR. - During the meeting of June 06, 2025, within MIRD with the participation of representatives of MoE, Environment Agency and other stakeholders, the provisions of the draft amending GD no. 950/2013 were discussed. - Therefore, the decision was made that MIRD and MoE with the support of PIU, will initiate the process of harmonization of GD no. 950/2013 with the provisions of Directive (EU) 2024/3019 of the European Parliament and the Council of November 27, 2024 on urban wastewater treatment
d	Preparation and promotion of the proposals for amending the Water Law 272/2011	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the draft law amending the Water Law no. 272/2011, in the context of clarifying the issues related to the authorization of activities concerning the discharge of domestic wastewater from wastewater treatment plants, to facilitate the implementation of the pilot project on-site sanitation for educational institutions - During the meeting of June 06, 2025, within MIRD with the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Agency of Environment etc, the provisions of the draft law amending the Law no. 272/2011 were discussed, and the proposed amendments were approved. - The draft law for the amendment of Law no. 272/2011 prepared by the PIU was sent for promotion through the legislative initiative, whose provisions were included in a broader package of legislative amendments

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No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
e	Preparation and promotion of the proposals for amending the GD 492/2024	April 2025	- On June 06, 2025 the amendments were approved at the Government meeting
f	Contracting of the consultant for the preparation of the draft GD that will ensure the harmonization of the legislative framework of the Republic of Moldova in the field of wastewater treatment with the provisions of the European Council Directive 91/271/EEC on urban wastewater treatment and the European Council Directive 2024/3019 on urban wastewater treatment		- On June 25, 2025 ToR received the “no objections” note from WB experts - On June 27, 2025 the advertisement was published. Deadline - July 11, 2025.
7.4. Development of new normative in construction.			
g	Publication of the SPN for preparation of the MCN “External water supply networks”	January 2025	- In order to increase the interest of local companies and taking into account that the deliverables within this procurement package will be in Romanian, it was decided to translate the ToR and the REI into Romanian and to publish them repeatedly on January 24, 2025.
h	Contract signing for preparation of the MCN “External	April 2025	- By the deadline February 14, 2025 1 EoI was received. The EoI Evaluation Report was finalized in March 2025.

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No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
	water supply networks”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RFP was mailed to the selected consultant on April 7, 2025 with a deadline for submission of the technical and financial proposal by April 30, 2025. At the request of the Consultant the deadline for submission of the Bid has been extended to May 02, 2025. Bid was received and evaluation completed. - The negotiation of the financial proposal with the selected consultant took place on June 20, 2025
7.5. Human capital development Program			
a.	Completion of the first program of study (in the 12-month program)	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On January 23-24, 2025, the defense of theses took place. - The requalification thesis was defended by 18 people (including 4 women) out of the 22 people admitted.
7.6. National MIS and benchmarking of operators			
a	Preparation of the set of documents (GD, concept, regulation and specifications)	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On January 14, 2025 a meeting was held with representatives of WWS operators regarding the MIS concept - On January 21, 2025 a meeting was held with the Public Health Agency regarding the MIS concept. - Draft deliverables were received on February 13, 2025. - On February 20, 2025 a meeting was held with MIDR and ANRE representatives during which the draft MIS concept was presented. - On February 20, 2025 the Certificate of Acceptance was signed.
b	Approval of GD on MIS	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February 27, 2025 the draft GD was received and subsequently forwarded to MIRD to be included in the Informational System of the Electronic Government Agency for endorsement. - In April 2025 the Electronic Governance Agency's approval has been received. - On April 07, 2025 the draft GD was approved in the meeting of the General Secretaries, subsequently the endorsement procedure was initiated - In June 2025 the Terms of Reference were submitted to the Electronic Government Agency for approval
c	Publication of the SPN for MIS development services	May 2025	



1.2.2. Subcomponent 2.2 Improving performance of WSS service providers

No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
Subcomponent 2.2.			
Improving performance of WSS service providers			
8. Performance Improvement Plan and baseline assessment for 5 WW operators			
a	Evaluation of the EoI for PIP preparation	January 2025	- The evaluation meeting was held on January 13, 2025 and the EI evaluation report was signed on January 13, 2025.
b	Request for technical and financial proposals for PIP and their evaluation	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The technical and financial proposal was received on February 10, 2025. A request for clarifications was sent to the Consultant on February 25, 2025 and a response to it was received on March 3, 2025. An Evaluation Committee meeting was held on March 21, 2025. The technical bid evaluation was finalized. - On March 31, 2025 the request for technical and financial proposal for Consultant II was submitted. - On April 07, 2025 the technical and financial offer from Consultant II were received. - On April 15, 2025 Evaluation Committee meeting was held on the technical bid. - On April 29, 2025 the Evaluation Committee meeting was held on the evaluation of the financial offer and negotiation
c	Contract signing for Performance Improvement Plan and baseline assessment for (5+4) WW operators	April 2025	- On May 21, 2025 the contract MD-PIU-NORLD-376569-CS-CQS was signed
d	Preparation and approval of the PIP	January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On May 29, 2025, a kick-off meeting was held with representatives of the WW operators and their founders, during which the progress by sub-component was presented and the team of experts was presented - The <i>Inception Report</i> was received on June 03, 2025 and, after addressing comments, was approved on June 17, 2025. - On June 16, 2025, the Consultant provided a draft of the <i>Baseline/ Baseline Assessment Study, based on performance indicators, of SA "Apă-Canal Cahul"</i>, the PIU submitted comments on this report on June 19, 2025
	Signing of the Cooperation Agreement for the implementation of sub-component 2.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation Agreement drafted and submitted to WB experts for no objections on May 19, 2025 and on June 09, 2025 the "no objections" note was received. - On May 20, 2025 the official letter was sent to all the WW operators participating in the project and their founders. With this official letter, the draft Cooperation Agreement was sent for analysis and proposals as well as the approval of the agreement was requested by decisions of the Local Councils - The Cooperation Agreement was approved by the Soroca City Hall by Local Council Decision no. 16/4 of June 16, 2025. - The Cooperation Agreement was approved by the Cahul City Hall by Local Council Decision no. 5/26(17/26) of June 19, 2025
Legend:			
	Completed activity		
	Activity in progress		
	Activity not yet started		

2. PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES

2.1. Component 1. Increasing access to safely management water supply and sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns

This component will develop new and rehabilitate existing WSS infrastructure and WASH facilities in rural areas and towns, thus expanding access and quality of services for households, businesses and public institutions and supporting resilience. Component 1 supports climate adaption through:

- (a) providing reliable centralized water supply protecting vulnerable households from drought and poor water quality;
- (b) improving wastewater systems, sanitation, and WASH facilities, reducing environmental exposure to pathogens exacerbated by flooding, particularly in towns facing frequent flooding; and
- (c) ensuring climate-resilient design of all infrastructure for robust functioning under extreme weather events.

It consists of two subcomponents: *Subcomponent 1.1 Expanding access and quality of WSS services* and *Subcomponent 1.2 Improving resilient WASH facilities in public social institutions*.

2.1.1 Subcomponent 1.1 Expanding access and quality of WSS services

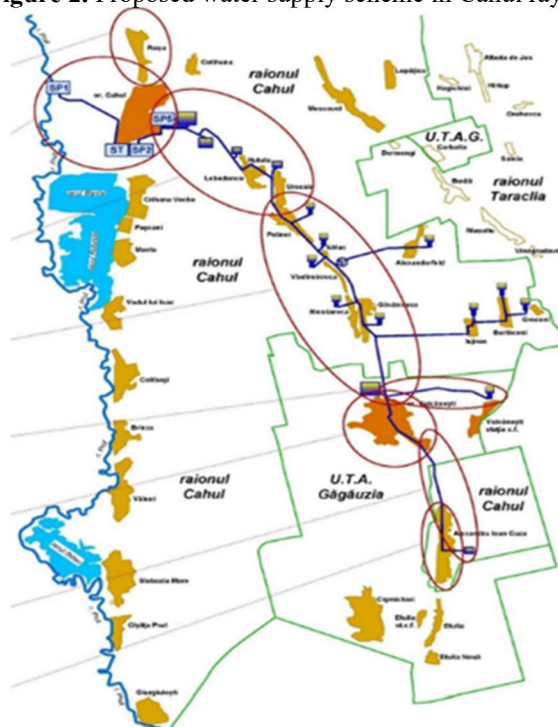
a) *Water supply investments*

Expansion and rehabilitation of the regional water systems for water supply production and distribution, and service connections for LPAs in selected rayons, including the preparation of relevant technical studies and management documents; technical supervision; and citizen engagement activities. This refers to water supply infrastructure in two preliminarily identified subprojects, that is, regional water system expansion for LPAs in Cahul District and the ATU of Gagauzia and a regional water supply system with a surface water treatment plant in Riscani Rayon. Many LPAs, particularly in the south (Cahul) as well as in the northern part along the Prut (Riscani), face shortages of water in the summer, with shallow wells/springs posing a challenge such as in the Prut cluster villages, in the Vulcanesti town, and other villages in Cahul District.

a.1. Expansion and improvement of water supply services in Cahul and Vulcanesti rayons.

The Cahul water supply subproject represents a construction for the expansion of the water supply system in Cahul Rayon (using Prut water) to connect villages in several LPAs in Cahul Rayon as well as Vulcanesti town (ATU Gagauzia).

Figure 2. Proposed water supply scheme in Cahul rayon



Source: 2019_10_18_Factsheet_WSS_Cahul_Project

The beneficiaries of the mentioned subproject are the following localities: (i) Pelinei commune (including Pelinei and Satuc village), (ii) Gavanoasa commune (including Gavanoasa, Vladimirovca and Nicolaevca villages), (iii) Alexanderfeld village, (iv) Alexandru Ioan Cuza village, (v) Vulcanesti Town and (vi) and Vulcanesti Railway Station.

The localities for which water distribution networks will be built and will be connected to the main water supply pipeline are: Pelinei, Gavanoasa, Vladimirovca, Nicolaevca and Vulcanesti Railway and the Free Economic Zone. Localities to be connected to the main water supply pipeline, that already have water distribution networks are: Alexanderfeld, Alexandru Ioan Cuza and Vulcanesti town.

Water supply infrastructure components are planned, within the subproject, as shown in the table 4 below.

Table 2. Water supply infrastructure components that are planned for the subproject “Expansion and improvement of water supply services in Cahul and Vulcanesti rayons”

Item	mu	Quantity
From the water source		
Main water pipeline	km	97.24
Disinfection stations	unit	10
Pumping/ Repumping stations	unit	3
Pelinei village		
Water supply distribution networks	km	22.83
Water tank (50m ³)	unit	2
Satuc village		
Water supply distribution networks	km	0
Water tank (25m ³)	unit	1

Item	mu	Quantity
Gavanoasa village		
Water supply distribution networks	km	17.3
Water tank (50m ³)	unit	2
Vladimirovca village		
Water supply distribution networks	km	7
Water tank (25m ³)	unit	2
Nicolaevca village		
Water supply distribution networks	km	8.6
Water tank (25m ³)	unit	2
Vulcanesti railway Station and Vulcanesti Free Economic zone		
Water tank (50m ³)	unit	2
Main water pipeline	km	4.4
Water supply distribution networks	km	4.65
Repumping stations	unit	1

Source: Reviewed detailed engineering design for Cahul -Vulcanesti subproject 2024

Since the beginning of the project, the following key actions were carried out:

- The **Cooperation Agreement** was signed, by the P.I. NORLD, RDAs and LPAs based on the LC Decisions;
- The contract for **review and update of the DED** was signed. The reviewed and updated detailed engineering design was approved by the concerned LPAs. The design documentation with Verification Report of the SSVEDC, BoQ, the bidding documentation package and technical specifications were received, based on this Certificate of Acceptance was signed. The full package of documents (Request for Bids for construction works) was sent to the WB experts for review and approval (through the STEP platform).
- The contract for **preparation of the ESIA and ESMP** was signed. Public consultations on the ESIA and ESMP were held in Cahul district and Vulcanesti town. The ESIA and ESMP reports were approved by the WB experts and the Certificate of Acceptance signed.
- The preparation of the **Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan (ARAP)** was completed. The LPAs were contacted for getting agreement on the list of impacted landowners (total 139). The initial public consultations for the ARAP were held. The agreements signed with the owners/tenants of lands temporarily affected by the project works. However, in some cases, the owners could not be found, and other methods were used for information (e.g., media announcements etc.).
- The **Financing Contract**, between NORLD, RDA South, RDA TAU Gagauzia, Cahul Rayon Council and the LPAs involved in the Cahul-Vulcanesti subproject, was signed.
- The **Local Water and Sanitation Committee (LWSC)** formed and training held, on their roles and responsibilities, including a special emphasis on GRM and gender related issues. The LWSC has participated in public consultations on the proposed technical design of the sub-project.

- **Preparation of the Request for Bids for Construction Works and publishing the SPN** was completed. PIU organized a site visit for potential bidders to the project site. The opening meeting of the Technical Bids was held and the evaluation of bids (technical part) is ongoing.
- ***Contracting the Consultant for Technical Supervision:*** The REoI was published and, by the deadline, 19 expressions of interest were received. The evaluation is ongoing.
- ***Archaeological activities:*** The contract with the National Archaeological Agency was signed and the *Certificate of archeological rescue* was received.

a.2. Expansion and improvement of water supply services in the Prut cluster, Riscani rayon.

The Riscani water supply subproject represents the construction of a new regional water supply system, taking water from the Prut River, treating it and transporting it through main water supply networks to the beneficiary localities.

The beneficiaries of the mentioned subproject are the following localities: (i) Costesti town (including villages which are part of it: Duruitoarea, Proscureni, Pascauti and Damascani), (ii) Duruitoarea Noua commune (including Duruitoarea Noua and Dumeni villages), (iii) Varatic village, (iv) Horodiste village and (v) Petruseni village.

Figure 3. Proposed water supply scheme in the Prut cluster, Riscani rayon



Source: GIZ Factsheet_WSS_Riscani_Project_12.12.2019 and GIZ Feasibility Study for Aggregating Water Supply Services for “Prut” Cluster of Riscani Rayon

Water supply infrastructure components that are planned, within the subproject, are shown in the table 4.

Table 3. Water supply infrastructure components that are planned for the Riscani subproject

Item	mu	Quantity
Water treatment plant		1
Main pipeline for raw water	km	2.29x2=4.58
Main potable water pipeline	km	24.5x2=49
Water tank 650 m ³	unit	2
Water tank 150 m ³	unit	2
Pumping stations	unit	2
Pascauti village		
Water distribution networks	km	11.2
Water tank 50 m ³	m ³	2
Disinfection station	unit	1
Connections	no	450

Source: Design “Improvement of water supply and sewerage services in Pascauti, Damascani, Proscureni, Galaseni, Malaiesti and Hiliuti localities from Riscani Rayon”. Object no. 06/18. Explanatory memorandum. Chisinau 2019

The raw water from the Prut River will be captured through the water intake, which consists of fish protection structure, two parallel pipes and the first stage water pumping station. The capacity of the water intake was adopted, taking into account the number of inhabitants from 28 localities (Prut Cluster) from the Riscani Rayon

Table 4. Data regarding designed capacity of the water treatment facility for Prut Cluster, Riscani Rayon

	Total no. of inhabitants	q _{sp} , l/c/d	Q _{day avg} , m ³ /day	K _{day max}	Q _{day max} , m ³ /day	Technological water losses for WTP, (20%)	Capacity of water intake, m ³ /day
Water intake	26,019	70	1,821.33	1.25	2,276.66	455.30	2,732.00
Water treatment plant	26,019	70	1,821.33	1.25	2,276.66	455.30	2,732.00

Source: Design "Improvement of water supply and sewerage services in Pascauti, Damascani, Proscureni, Galaseni, Malaiesti and Hiliuti localities from Riscani Rayon". Object no. 06/18. Explanatory memorandum. Chisinau 2019

Since the beginning of the project, the following key actions were carried out:

- The **Cooperation Agreement** was signed, by the P.I. NORLD, RDAs and LPAs based on the LC Decisions. LPA Varatic has refused to participate in the project. In order to continue the implementation of the project, the LPA Varatic will participate in the project as a partner;
- **Updating of the design and BoQ.** The contract was signed. The Inception Report was received and approved. The updating of the design was completed and the revised and adjusted design was submitted to the *Service for Verification and Expertise of Design and Construction*.
- **Preparation of the ESIA and ESMP.** The contract was signed. Initial consultations were held and the Inception Report was received and approved. The report on ESIA/ ESMP as well as Biodiversity Assessment study and Biodiversity Management Plan was received and the Certificate of Acceptance of deliverables was signed
- The **Local Water and Sanitation Committee (LWSC)** formed and training conducted on their roles and responsibilities, including a special emphasis on GRM and gender related issues for the scheme.

b) Wastewater investments

Expansion and rehabilitation of wastewater systems in selected towns, including the construction and rehabilitation of sewer networks and service connections, and the construction of new wastewater treatment plants, including the preparation of relevant technical studies and management documents; technical supervision and citizen engagement activities. This refers to two preliminarily identified subprojects in Soroca and Comrat towns. There are areas in the Comrat town that face frequent flooding, and the Soroca town is also vulnerable directly on the right bank of the Dniester. The project will support the assessment of flood risk and impact at the household level and, in addition to ensuring resilient design of infrastructure, provide measures to reduce the impact of floods where possible.

b.3. Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Soroca.

The Soroca subproject represents construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as construction of the sewer pressure main pipe in Soroca town. Currently untreated wastewater directly pollutes the Dniester River, the main source of water for downstream settlements and is identified as a national priority for prevention of waterway pollution.

Figure 4. Layout of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pressure Sewer and Wastewater Pumping Stations in Soroca



Source: Developed by the PIU/NORLD engineers

For this subproject the following equipment/works are foreseen: **List of equipment/works for Soroca Wastewater Treatment Plant and Main Sewer Pipeline**

1.a. Wastewater treatment plant: Screens; Aerated grit chamber; Imhoff tanks; Intermediate pumping station; Trickling filters; Secondary clarifier; Sludge drying beds; Disinfection unit; Pipelines; Power supply and electrical installations; SCADA system, control system and

measurements; Plant buildings; Utilities; Laboratory Equipment & Ancillary Supplies; Access road to WWTP and landscaping and outside installations.

1.b. Main Sewer Pipeline: Pipe; Automatic screen, chamber; Central pumping station; South pumping station; Automations system; Power supply of the Pumping Stations; Manholes; Installation works and Landscaping and access road³

It has been estimated that only 42% of the population of Soroca town is connected to the sewerage system. All the multi-storey buildings are connected to the existing sewerage system, whereas only 24% of the individual houses and 21% of economic agents and budgetary institutions are connected.

Table 5. Wastewater infrastructure components that are planned for the subproject “*Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Soroca*”

Item	mu	Technical characteristic	Quantity
New construction			
Wastewater treatment plant	unit	2,300 m ³ /day	1
Centre wastewater pumping station	unit	2+1 pumps, 36 l/s, 50 kW	1
South wastewater pumping station	unit	1+1 pumps, 4.4 l/s, 1 kW	1
Wastewater collection pressure networks in 2 lines	km	DN400	5.8
Wastewater collection pressure networks	km	DN90	0.83
Access road to the treatment plant	km		3
Connection of the treatment plant to the electricity networks	km		Est. 2.5
Connection of the treatment plant to the water supply networks	km		Est. 2.5
Other components for STAGE I, depending on the availability of financial sources			
Rehabilitation of existing wastewater networks	km		3.9
Small wastewater pumping stations	unit		2
Connections	unit		388

Source: Feasibility Study and ESIA for Soroca Sanitation Project, 2021

Since the beginning of the project, the following key actions were carried out:

- The **Cooperation Agreement** was signed by the P.I. NORLD, RDA North and Soroca LPA based on the Soroca Municipal Council Decision.
- The **land transfer process**, covering the area for the future WWTP, from Moldsilva (Forestry Department) to the Soroca Municipality was finalized by signing the contract. The decision of the Local Council, to approve the change of the destination of the land from forestry purposes to land for construction purposes, was taken. The registration at Public Services Agency was finalized.
- The contract for the preparation of the **Topographical survey, geological (geotechnical) study and expertise of the wastewater pumping stations’ buildings**, was signed. The final package of documents was received and Certificate of acceptance was signed.

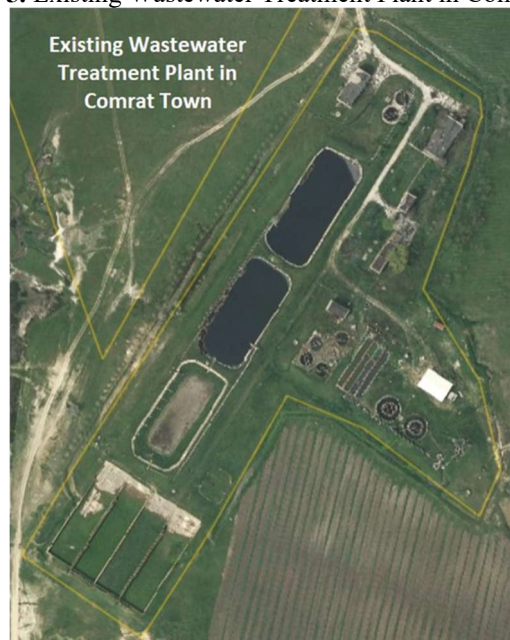
³ Feasibility Study and ESIA for Soroca Sanitation Project, 2021

- Agreement on the acceptance of the World Bank’s Design and Build procurement procedure, with all relevant stakeholders, was made. The contract for the preparation of the **Employer’s Requirements Chapter within the Design and Build bidding package** was signed. The final package of documents was received and Certificate of acceptance was signed.
- TOR for **Technical Supervision** was approved and the announcement was published. EoIs were received and the Evaluation Report of the EoIs approved. The Request for Proposals was drafted and, following coordination, was sent to the Short List Consultants.
- **Procurement for construction of wastewater system.** PIU Team reviewed the Employer’s Requirements and developed the Request for Bids as per the World Bank’s requirements for the international bidding. The Specific Procurement Notice – Request for Bids for Construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant and the sewerage infrastructure in the Municipality of Soroca (Plant Design, Supply and Installation) was published. The public opening of technical bids took place and the evaluation of Technical Bids was completed. The Public Opening of Financial Bids took place. The evaluation of the financial bids with the completion of the combined Evaluation Report was finalized. The Combined Bid Evaluation Report was prepared and signed by the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee decided to cancel the tender. In accordance with the procurement procedures, the Procurement Documentation is in the process of revising and the call for tender will be re-launched in the near future.
- **Obtaining the Environmental Agreement in accordance with legislation of the RM.** Preparation of the **Biodiversity Assessment Study and Biodiversity Management Plan** was completed and the Environmental Agreement in accordance with legislation of the RM was received.
- **Procurement for the Technical Supervision services.** ToR were prepared and approved. REoI was published and by deadline 16 EoI were received. The Evaluation Report of the EoI was approved. The public opening meeting for technical proposals was held and the evaluation is in process.
- The **Financing Contract** between NORLD, RDA North and LPA for the Soroca sub-project was signed
- The Soroca municipality has a **licensed WSS service provider**. The municipality has taken a decision to continue with the same operator and will delegate the operation and maintenance (O&M) services of the WWTP to the existing operator.
- The **Local Water and Sanitation Committee (LWSC)** formed and training conducted on their roles and responsibilities, including a special emphasis on GRM and gender related issues for the scheme.

b.4. Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Comrat municipality.

The Comrat subproject represents construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Comrat town, where untreated wastewater directly pollutes the Ialpug River, Comrat lake, and downstream Congaz lake, affecting the Danube River downstream.

Figure 5. Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant in Comrat town



Source: geodata.gov.md

Existing wastewater collectors are in dire need of rehabilitation, and expansion of sewerage network is required. The old wastewater treatment plant is damaged and not in function. Frequent flooding exacerbates the environmental health impact.

Table 6. Wastewater infrastructure components - current situation in Comrat

Item	mu	Quantity
Wastewater treatment plant (5 700 m ³ /day)	unit	1
Volume of wastewater that was discharged into public sewage networks in 2024 ⁴	th. m ³ / year	324.8
Existing wastewater networks ⁵	km	43.7
Wastewater networks under construction	km	8.5
Wastewater networks included in existing detailed design	km	15.1
Wastewater networks that needed detailed design	km	94.4
Connections ⁶	unit	4 269
Households that need to be connected	unit	5 494

Source: Municipal Company Su-Canal

The collected wastewater is pumped to the Central Wastewater Pumping Station and after that is pumped to the wastewater treatment plant which is not functioning and is a source of pollution for the Ialpug river, where it is discharged.

⁴ NARE Report for 2024

⁵ NARE Report for 2024

⁶ NARE Report for 2024

Since the beginning of the project, the following key actions were carried out:

- the **Cooperation Agreement** was signed, by the P.I. NORLD, RDA Gagauzia and Comrat LPA, based on the Comrat Municipal Council Decision;
- the **procurement procedures for contracting the consultancy company for the preparation of the Feasibility Study and ESIA** started by presented the ToR to the RDA Gagauzia and Comrat LPA in a meeting. The international tender for the Feasibility Study and ESIA was launched and the Contract was signed;
- The **preparation of the Feasibility Study and ESIA** was completed. The *Inception Reports* were received and approved. The Report of FS was received and approved. FS was approved by Comrat LPA and WB experts; The ESIA/ESMP were received and approved by WB experts; The final Acceptance Certificate was signed.
- **Preparation of the ToR for contracting design services** is in progress.
- The **Local Water and Sanitation Committee (LWSC)** formed and training held on their roles and responsibilities, including a special emphasis on GRM and gender related issues for the scheme.

c) Pilot for on-site household sanitation

Selected rural or peri-urban villages, will benefit from the improvement of on-site household sanitation following a demand-led approach through the provision of technical assistance, the implementation of information campaigns, and the carrying out of civil works. The pilot will be co-financed through the ADA grant. This pilot will demonstrate the use of climate-resilient low-cost technologies for rural sanitation.

c.5. Improvements in on-site sanitation services for rural villages. The LPA(s) with rural villages or peri-urban areas below 2,000 persons will be selected based on criteria identified in the POM. These households will sign an “On-site Sanitation Household Agreement” with the PIU and LPA to consent to the conditions of the support scheme, for which appropriate processes and plans will be developed by the PIU. Participating households will be responsible for contributing to the small works contracts, covering the on-site treatment and disposal facility, in a differentiated way depending on socioeconomic status, with the LPA facilitating the collection of household contributions and depositing this in the Project’s Operating Account.

Figure 6. Installation scheme of a septic tank



Source: Draft of Market Study regarding on-site sanitation systems (septic tanks)

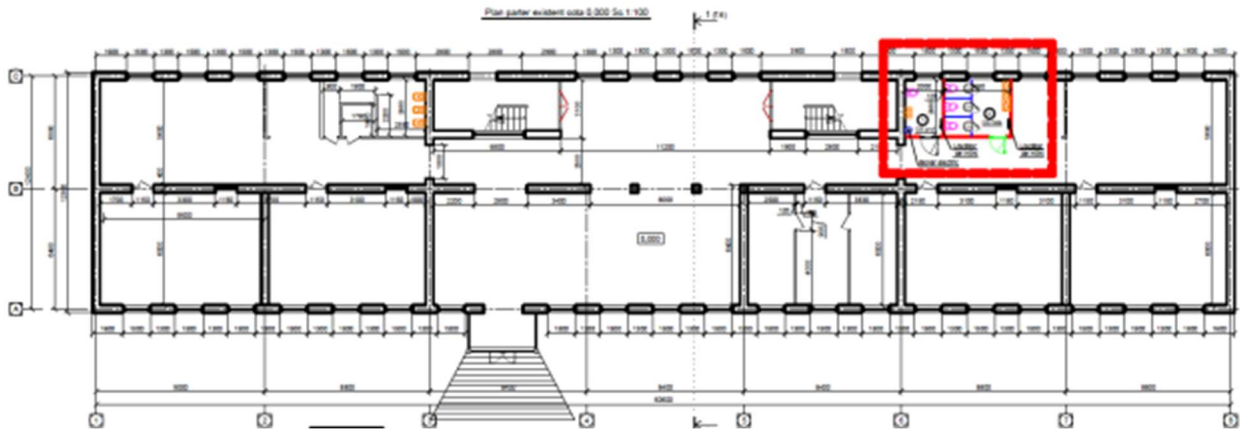
For the implementation of *On-site sanitation pilot project*, since the beginning of the project:

- The contract for **preparation of the Market Study** and the Contract Resolution Agreement were signed. Another contract was signed, the final deliverable was received and the Certificate of Acceptance was signed.
- The *Application Guide for the selection of the beneficiary community/communities of the pilot project on the construction of small-scale sanitation infrastructure in rural and peri-urban households* was prepared.
- The process of **selecting the locality that will implement the on-site household sanitation pilot project** was completed. The PCG meeting was held during which the final result of the selection of beneficiary LPA was approved. The list of beneficiaries with cadastral numbers prepared by the beneficiary LPA was received by the PIU
- The **Cooperation Agreement** was prepared, coordinated with WB and ADA and was signed with LPA and the Beneficiaries.
- **Preparation of the plans and BoQ for the location of the on-site sanitation solutions for each household.** The procurement process was completed and the contract was signed.

2.1.2 Subcomponent 1.2 Improving Wash, Sanitation and Hygiene facilities in selected Health Care facilities and Selected Educational Institutions

According to the Financing Agreement and the Project Appraisal Document, the Wash, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) component will be oriented for improvement of handwashing and hygiene facilities in social institutions, taking in consideration, where appropriate, low carbon emission technologies, and also the design of WASH facilities has to respond to girls'/women's needs (privacy, menstrual hygiene management (MHM) facilities) and be accessible for people with disabilities. In this regard, the implementation of this component depends on the list of institutions which was provided by the Ministry of Health (MH) and Ministry of Education and Research (MER). The planned indicator for the present component is to improve WASH facilities in 100 schools and 25 Health Care Facilities (HCF). MER presented the list with 33 schools and MH presented the list with 31 HCF. These above-mentioned lists were approved by the Ministries.

Figure 7. Plan of a school floor



Source: Report no.1 on November 29, 2023 regarding the implementation of the Design of Sanitary Groups for improving WASH facilities in Schools

For the implementation of the WASH component, since the beginning of the project, the following key actions were carried out:

- concerning **the preparation stage**, the list of institutions, approved for evaluation by MH and MER were received.
- **Evaluation of institutions by the WASH engineer.** The engineer carried out the screening phase for 64 institutions. 64 field visits were made and 64 completed Evaluation Forms were prepared. The reports on the results of the screening phase were developed and presented to the MER and MH for approval decisions regarding the list of institution which will benefit from the project interventions. The Orders, of the MER and MH for approving the *List for the continuation of planned works in selected institutions for the repair/ renovation/ construction of WASH facilities within the project MWSSP*, were received.
- All **Cooperation Agreements for WASH** activities were signed.
- **Procurement procedure for the WASH intervention for design and BoQ development services in educational institutions and in health care institutions.** ToRs were prepared and approved. The Contracts were signed.

- **Design and BoQ development services in educational institutions.** The designs for the North (10 units) and South (7 units) and Verification Reports were received.
- **Design and BoQ development services in health care institutions.** All 14-1=13 designs and Verification Reports were received.
- **Contracting the Company for the technical supervision of the construction works for the WASH intervention social institutions.** ToR were approved, SPN was published and the contract was signed for all the social institutions.
- **Contracting construction companies for the works in social institutions.** The contracts were signed for all educational institutions (except lot North II) and in all health care institutions.
- **Construction works in social institutions.** The acceptance Commission carried out the acceptance on completion of works for 6 educational institutions and the sites have been handed over for all 7 objects for NORTH Region package - health care institutions. Table 8
- **Concerning WASH Committees.** All 17 beneficiary educational institutions and all 14 beneficiary health institutions presented the composition of their WASH Committee. Information meetings of the WASH Committees were held.

Table 7. Status of construction works for WASH interventions in social institutions on June 30, 2025

Nr.	Locality and Rayon	Status of the construction works			Comment
		not initiated	in progress	completed	
I. Educational institutions					
North region					
1	Braniște, Riscani				No eligible bids were submitted
2	Singureni, Riscani				
3	Văratice, Riscani				No eligible bids were submitted
4	Zăicani, Riscani				
5	Bulboci, Riscani				
6	Dărcăuți, Soroca				No eligible bids were submitted
7	Pîrlița, Soroca				
8	Racovăț, Soroca				
9	Rudi, Soroca				No eligible bids were submitted
10	Pociumbeni, Riscani				
South region					
11	mun. Ceadr-Lunga, ATU				The Acceptance Commission at the Completion of Works took place on May 30, 2025. The <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> is in the signing process
12	Svetlii, ATU				The <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> was signed on May 16, 2025
13	mun. Comrat, ATU				The <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> was signed on June 16, 2025
14	Baurci, ATU				The <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> was signed on June 26, 2025
15	t. Vulcănești, ATU				
16	Andrușul de Sus, Cahul				The <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> was signed on June 16, 2025

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Nr.	Locality and Rayon	Status of the construction works			Comment
		not initiated	in progress	completed	
17	Doina, Cahul				The <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> was signed on June 02, 2025
	II. HCF				
	North region				
1	Cotiujeni, Briceni				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
2	Caracușenii Vechi, Briceni				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
3	Mărcăuți, Briceni				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
4	Tabani, Briceni				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
5	Dîngeni, Ocnita				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
6	Volovița, Soroca				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
7	Cosăuți, Soroca				The works were initiated in June 20, 2025
8	Rublenița, Soroca				Excluded from the list of beneficiary institutions, because the necessary permits for the design process were not submitted
	South region				
9	t. Basarabeasca, Basarabeasca				In the procurement process
10	Carabetovca, Basarabeasca				In the procurement process
11	Lebedenco, Cahul				In the procurement process
12	Pelinei, Cahul				In the procurement process
13	Ursoaia, Cahul				In the procurement process
14	Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Cahul				In the procurement process

Source: Developed by the PIU/NORLD WASH engineer

2.2. Component 2. Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels of water supply and sanitation service delivery.

This component focusses on institutional capacities of national and subnational entities and WSS operators for management, planning, regulation and reform implementation and performance improvement of service providers for green, resilience, and inclusive service delivery. At the national level, development of plans, policies, and regulatory documents will support climate adaptation through climate-resilient planning, and at the local level, performance improvements will deliver climate benefits through reduction of NRW and improvement of energy efficiency.

2.2.1 Subcomponent 2.1 Building national institutional capacity for water supply and sanitation services

This subcomponent aims to strengthen critical functions of facilitating and implementing WSS sector reform, investment planning and monitoring, and sector modernization and build capacities to this end of the assigned lead unit/entity within MIRD's structure.

a) sector planning and financing for programmatic delivery

The elaboration and implementation of a National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan (NWSSDP), including a national investment program and financing strategy and the capacity development of Directorate of Regional Development Policy under MIRD as lead entity. The NWSSDP outlines a staged process for regionalization, consolidation of funding mechanism and a prioritized investment program.

For the development of the *NWSSDP, Investment program and Financing Strategy*, since the beginning of the project, the PIU has carried out the following key actions:

(i) Action: Preparation of National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan

- By order of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development No. 28 on February 28, 2023, the *Unit for the coordination* of the process of elaboration of the *National Territorial Development Plan* - specialized section *Water supply and sanitation* was designated.
- The Roadmap necessary for the elaboration of the *National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan* (WSSNDP), was developed. The Minutes of **coordination of the final draft of the ToR for NWSSDP** for the Romanian and English versions were signed, by MIRD representatives. The final ToRs were approved by WB. Publication of the REOI for the consulting services (NWSSDP) was made. Fifteen expressions of interest were received by the deadline. Several Evaluation Committee meetings were held, at the last meeting of the Evaluation Committee, following consultation on the subject with World Bank experts, **it was decided by mutual agreement to cancel the procurement procedure**, taking into account the fact that at the end of 2023, during the period of preparation of the expressions of interest, a new *Cod of Urbanism and Construction* was approved by the Parliament.
- The **revised ToR for NWSSDP** were sent by MIRD to the relevant institutions for review and repeated endorsement (including the National Council for Spatial Planning). Following receipt

of endorsements, the adjusted ToR was sent to the World Bank experts for approval and the “No objections” note was received.

- **Contracting the consultancy company.** Re-Publication of the REOI for the consulting services was made. The contract was signed.
- **Preparation of the NWSSDP** is in progress. Kick-off meeting was held with MIRD where the project implementation team and its objectives were presented. Some meetings were held within the MIRD with a number of stakeholders (National Inspectorate of Technical Supervision, Office for Spatial Planning, Town and Country Planning, Building and Housing, Ministry of Environment, Environment Agency, Moldovan Waters Agency, Institute of Geography and Ecology, etc.). The purpose of the meetings was the general presentation of the Project and the involvement of stakeholders in the process of data collection for the implementation of the activity. The Inception Report and Theme- program were received by PIU and approved by the National Spatial Planning Council. The collection process, of the information on the water supply and sewerage infrastructure necessary for the feasibility study, is in progress.

(ii) Action: Hire strategic planning consultant to provide support to the MIRD in the implementation of Sub-component 2.1

The consultant will provide support to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the implementation of Sub-component 2.1, in particular will support the development of the *National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan* and also will assist in planned sector reforms. The contract was signed and terminated after some months. The job advertisement was published.

(iii) Capacity Development of the Lead WSS Unit.

The ToR for capacity building of the Lead Unit/ responsible for WSS was prepared and approved by WB. The contract was signed. The consultant presented the draft *Inception Report*. Comments to the *Inception Report* were submitted to consultant several times and several meetings were held with the Consultant to discuss the comments on the *Inception Report*. Termination Agreement was signed based on the request received from the Consultant.

Thereafter Request for Expression of Interest was published several times. 1 CV was received and the contract was signed. The Inception Report was received and approved. The Capacity Development Program of the Lead WSS Unit was received and approved by the MIRD representatives.

(iv) Hire the institutional development consultant for the MIRD

The ToR received the "no objections" note from WB experts. Publication of the announcement was made. After signing of the Evaluation Report the contract with Consultant was signed and terminated. Thereafter Request for Expression of Interest was published several times. No CV received

b) support in legislative and design reform

Legislative and design reform. The preparation of amendments and/or new legislation (for example, Law 303 and requirements for licensing), policies and normative documents (on regulatory method and tariffs), and design and construction norms for sanitation (updating outdated norms) and related capacity building, as per the NWSSDP.

In order to ensure the initiation of the proposed reforms in the field of WSS according to the Project Appraisal Document, the PIU realized the following key actions:

(i) Ammendment of the Law 303/2013 on water supply and sewerage public service:

On April 01, 2023 the consultant was contracted for work together with MIRD representatives and the Parliamentary Working Group in order to develop the draft Law 303, to support in promoting and public consultation of the draft Law. The amendment of Law 303 was approved by GD 103/2024 and by the Parliament by the Law 133 on June 27, 2024.

(ii) Development of new normative in construction. Preparation of the *Report on the assessment of the need to update/ adjust the normative in construction.*

The ToR was prepared, approved and the contract with the Consultant was signed. The *Report on the assessment of the existing norms for sanitation*, submitted by the consultant to MIRD, was checked by the Technical Committee for Technical Standardization in Construction and the final deliverable approved. The main conclusion of the report was that there is no need for further updates in the sanitation norms, rather updates are required for water supply as the current norms are still based on Soviet norms and standards (SNIP).

(iii) Preparation of the Implementation Plan of Directive 91/271/CEE

The ToR for this activity were prepared and approved and the contract was signed. The deliverables were received and the Certificate of Acceptance was signed. Directive 91/271/EEC approved by Government Decree no. 200/2024 of November 13, 2024.

(iv) Preparation of the Government Decision regarding approval of the criteria for authorization, construction, registration, control, operation and maintenance of appropriate individual wastewater collection and treatment systems

The ToR, for the elaboration of the *GD* was developed and approved by the WB experts and the contract was signed. The Consultant presented the draft GD and the Informative Note followed by a meeting organized by MIRD with representatives of the Ministry of Environment, the National Public Health Agency, and the Ministry of Health for obtaining approvals. The Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) was developed and discussed with the Working Group in a meeting. The Table of Divergences was prepared and a joint meeting with the Ministry of Justice was held. The GD no 508 was approved on July 17, 2024

(v) Development of new normative in construction for design and construction norms for water supply

The ToR was developed and approved by the WB experts. The REoI was published and re-published several times. The evaluation process was completed and the negotiation is in progress.

c) monitoring and benchmarking of operators

The development and roll-out of a national Management Information System (MIS) for WSS operators and definition of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the MIS and start benchmarking are the main points of this activity.

In order to implement this activity, the PIU realized the following key actions:

- **Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreement** was signed.
- **Selection of the Consultant** for development of the concept of **the MIS**. The ToR for contracting a consultant was agreed with WB experts and the procurement process initiated. However, five rounds of advertisements have been conducted and unfortunately EOIs were not received. The PIU revised the ToR for improving competition. The advertisement was published and the contract signed.
- **Development of the set of documents (GD, concept, regulation and specifications) of the Management Informational System**. The deliverables were submitted and the Acceptable Certificate was signed. The approval process of the GD is in progress.

d) human capital development

Human capital development. Implementation of a professional development program, in collaboration with AMAC and TUM and WSS operators, to increase qualifications and advance careers of existing staff and attract people, specifically women, for employment in the sector. The Cooperation Agreement was signed by the P.I. NORLD, TUM and AMAC. The contract with TUM was signed. The courses were held according to the established program for qualification of 24 persons and requalification of another 26 persons. The requalification thesis was defended by 18 people (including 4 women) out of the 22 people admitted.

2.2.2 Subcomponent 2.2: Improving performance of WSS service providers

Improving performance of WSS service providers will finance works, goods, consulting services, non-consulting services, training to support the implementation of a prioritized rolling multi-year Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) of selected WSS operators involved under Subcomponent 1.1. These include five WSS operators: JSC "Apa-Canal Cahul", JSC "Regia Apa-Canal Soroca", Municipal Enterprise "Su-Canal" Comrat and Municipal Enterprise Apa-Canal Vulcanesti. In the PAD was proposed establishment of a new JSC, founded by the LPAs of Costesti town and other LPAs, but the LPAs from Riscani rayon decided to delegate de services to the WSS operator from the Riscani town. WSS operators will carry out annual assessments on PIP implementation and KPIs, including publication of results and feedback rounds with customers.

Table 8. General data regarding the WWS orators as of June 30, 2025

Name of the operator	Licensed operator, No. of the License	Have delegation contract	Number of localities where the operator manages the W service	Number of localities where the operator manages the WW service	Have approved and updated tariffs application to NARE ^{7*}
JSC "Apa-Canal Cahul"	Yes, AC no. 001534 / on 30.07.2015	Yes	12 ⁸	2 ⁹	Decision of NARE no. 441 on 23.07.2024
M.E. "Apa-Canal" Vulcanesti	Yes, AC no. 000531 / on 04.09.2015	No	1 ¹⁰	1	Decision of the NARE Management Board no. 404 on 05.07.2024
JSC "Regia Apa-Canal Soroca"	Yes, AC no. 000559 / on 22.12.2015	Yes	7 ¹¹	1	Decision of NARE no. 469 on 30.07.2024
M.E. "Communal Household Riscani"	Yes, AC no. 000560 / on 22.12.2015	Yes	3 ¹²	1	Decision of the NARE Management Board no. 385 on 30.06.2023
M.E. "Su-Canal" Comrat	Yes, AC no. 000576 / on 05.02.2016	Yes	1	1	Decision of the NARE Management Board no. 48 on 10.02.2023

Source: prepared by PIU based on WWS operator's and NARE data

Investments and technical assistance activities that will be identified in the PIPs will be based on utility diagnostics and include but are not limited to the following: improving technical and commercial operations, improving financial management, human resource management and organization & strategy aspects, including improving asset management systems and inventories, energy efficiency, NRW reduction programs, water metering practices and equipment to improve climate resilience,

⁷ *Decision of NARE – tariff approval. Decision of the NARE Management Board- tariff endorsement. The approval will be made by the LC

⁸ Cahul town (Cotihana), Rosu village, Crihana Veche village, Manta village (Pascani), Lebedenco village (Hutulu and Ursoaia), Pelinei village, Tatarasti village and Alexandru Ioan Cuza village

⁹ Cahul town and Rosu village

¹⁰ Vulcanesti town and the Railway Station Vulcanesti

¹¹ Soroca town, Egoreni village, Hristici village, Regina Maria village, Zastinca village and Rublenita village. Bulboci

¹² Riscani town, Balanul nou village and Ramazani village

water safety and business continuity, and enhancing responsiveness to customers.

In order to implement this activity, since the beginning of the project the PIU realized the following key actions:

- **Contracting the consultant for preparation of PIP.** Initial ToR for the consulting services refers to elaboration of: (1) the multi-year *Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)* exclusively for the *Municipal Enterprise from Comrat and Municipal Enterprise from Vulcanesti* and (2) *Baseline performance assessment* for the five WSS operators: JSC "Apa-Canal Cahul", JSC "Regia Apa-Canal Soroca", Municipal Enterprise "Su-Canal" Comrat, Municipal Enterprise Apa-Canal Vulcanesti and a proposed establishment of a new JSC, founded by the LPAs of Costesti town and other LPAs. ToR was prepared and approved. The Request for Expressions of Interest was published several times. No Consultant was selected. The second round of procurement of services was initiated, for the elaboration of the *Baseline Performance Assessment* and the *Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)*, because the scope of the ToR was extended by including the operators from Riscani and Soroca, as per the decision of the respective LPAs. The revised ToR was approved and the Request for Expression of Interest was published. 6 EOI were received. The evaluation process was finalized. Technical and financial offer were received from the best qualified company. Evaluation was finalized. The negotiations did not result with a contract signing. ToR were adjusted, approved and SPN was published. By the deadline 2 EoIs was received. The evaluation was completed and the contract was signed.
- **Preparation of the multi-year 4 Performance Improvement Plans and Baseline performance assessment for the 5 WSS operators.** Kick-of meeting was held and the *Inception Report* was received and approved. The *Baseline performance assessment* is in process of preparation.

3. COMPONENT 3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

3.1. World Bank Implementation Support Mission conducted in Moldova

The World Bank team conducts systematic missions for implementation support under the Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project (MWSSP) on: July 13-22, 2022, January 16-27, 2023, October 30- November 10, 2023; April 15 – 26, 2024; August 30 – September 03, 2024; October 08-10, 2024, Mid Term Review March 17-20, 2025 and June 26-27, 2025.

3.2. Activities concerning the Project Coordination Group

As provided in the PAD, at the national level, a Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be established within three months after project effectiveness; the PCG will coordinate the implementation and endorse annual implementation plans.

- 1) **The first meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on April 11, 2023. The Minutes no.1 of the meeting was approved. The annexes of the Minutes are: approved Semestrial Progress Report no.1 and approved Action Plan of the PIU for 2023.
- 2) **The second meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on December 01, 2023. The Minutes no.2 of the meeting was approved. The annexes of the Minutes are: approved Semestrial Progress Report no.2 and approved Action Plan of the PIU for 2024.
- 3) **The third meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on June 13, 2024. The Minutes no.3 of the meeting was approved. The annexes of the Minutes are: approved Semestrial Progress Report no.3 and approved of the *Application guidelines for the competition on the selection of a beneficiary community for the pilot project, on the construction of on-site sanitation in individual households in rural localities.*
- 4) **The fourth meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on August 16, 2024. The Minutes no.4 of the meeting was approved. The topic of the meeting was: *The results of phase I of the competition for the selection of a beneficiary community for the on-site project*
- 5) **The fifth meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on September 09, 2024. The Minutes no.5 of the meeting was approved. The annex of the Minutes is: *Report on the results of phase I of the competition for the selection of a beneficiary community for the on-site project*
- 6) **The sixth meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on April 30, 2025. The Minutes no.6 of the meeting was approved. The annexes of the Minutes are: approved Semestrial Progress Report no.4 and 5 and approved of the *Action Plan of the PIU for 2025, coordinating the final result of the selection of the beneficiary LPA for the on-site project, coordinating the M&E System of the MWSSP*

3.3. The Project Implementation Unit's activities

3.3.1. Staffing of the Project Implementation Unit

At the reporting date following positions have been hired for meeting the effectiveness condition: project manager, procurement specialist, procurement specialist II, FM specialist, environmental & citizen engagement specialist, social & gender specialist, chief WSS engineer, WSS engineer, communications specialist, M&E specialist, WASH engineer, legal consultant, administrative assistant and driver & logistics specialist. As of June 30, 2025 the contract of Project Manager was terminated and the job advertisement was published.

3.3.2. Financial Management

The data included in the report have been reported to NORLD, as a project head office. The PIU is following the procedures and activities planned in the PAD. The annual budget and medium-term budget framework (MTBF) are organized based on project's planned and MoF requirements. All budget projections are prepared based on Project Procurement Plan and the Project Implementation Plan.

The payments for project activities are administrated through the State Treasure System. The ex-ante controls for all contract's payments are managed within the PIU. The direct payments performed via *WB ClientConnection* payment system are included in the local reports too at the official exchange rate at the date of payment. By now we had no such type of payments.

Accounting policies Project's procedures are reflected in the Project Operational Manual as a separate chapter "Financial Management" approved by the Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development and coordinated by the WB dedicated staff.

Disbursement status. For the project propose, during the period (August 2022 – June 2025) the PIU has disbursed EUR 3.5 million EUR, of which:

- 3.1 million EUR from the Loan IDA 70270
- 0.4 million EUR from Grant TF B7739

The disbursement under the grant represents the advance to designated account (DA), separately opened for Loan and Grant in the National Bank of Moldova.

Table 9. Project 173076 Disbursement Record as of June 30, 2025

Description	Approved, Thousand EUR	Disbursed Thousand EUR	Undisbursed Thousand EUR	Documented Thousand EUR	DA Balance, Thousand EUR
TOTAL	45 650.0	3 545.4	42 104.6	2 398.2	1 095.6
Loan IDA 70270	44 100.0	3 155.2	40 944.8	2 208.0	895.6
Grant TF B7739-MD	1 550.0	390.2	1 159.8	190.2	200.0

Source: PIU FM data

The preliminary disbursements plan for the next FY 2026 is in amount of EUR 8,400 thousand (see the data from the table below).

Table 10. Disbursement projection for FY 2026, July, 2025 – June 2026

Quarter	Period	Currency	Disbursement, planned
1st Q	July 2025 - Sept 2025	Thousand EUR	300.0
2nd Q	Oct 2025 - Dec 2025	Thousand EUR	300.0
3rd Q	Jan 2026 - March 2026	Thousand EUR	2 100.0
4th Q	Apr 2026 - June 2026	Thousand EUR	5 700.0
	Total, fiscal year 2026	Thousand EUR	8,400.0

Source: PIU FM data

Project expenses. All payments obligations were paid in time, without delays. The registered expenses are distributed over the project components as presented in the table below.

Table 11: Expenses per components, as of June 30, 2025

Project's components	Planned amount, thousand EURO	Cumulative expenses, as of June 30, 2025 thousand EURO	As % of planned cumulative costs
A	1	2	3=2/1*100
1. Increasing access to safely managed WSS services in selected rural areas and towns	40 993.6	1 063.4	2.6%
2. Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for WSS service delivery	3 467.4	309.1	8.9%
3. Project management and coordination	2 079.9	1 077.2	51.8%
4. Contingent emergency response component	-	-	-
Total	46 540.9	2 449.7	5.3%

Source: PIU FM data

The share in total spending of each component has increased. A significant increase has the second component, from 1.8% (as of December 2024) to 8.9% (as of June 2025). The share of the project managements cost is still high due to modest implementation progress under the component one.

Annual Audit. The audit report for Financing Agreement no. 70270-MD and Grant Agreement TF0B7739-MD for the period January 01, 2024 – December 31, 2024, have been prepared in accordance with the terms of the aforementioned Financing Agreement and Grant Agreement, and in conformity with the cash basis of accounting under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) to the financial statements. As a result of the audit procedures, had not been identified significant issues related to the internal control system of the project that should be reported.

Approved project budget in the annual state budget. The project budget for FY2025 has been approved in amount of MDL 81.5 million (equivalent of EUR 4.2 million)¹³ which is higher than executed budget for 2024 in amount of MDL 17.0 million. Approved amount includes the central government contribution in amount of MDL 0.2 million (equivalent of EUR 0.01 million) and local public administration's contribution in amount of MDL 6.7 million (EUR 0.3 million).

¹³ The EUR equivalent of the planned budget for 2024 is calculated at the exchange rate 19.5 MDL/EUR

3.3.3. Procurement activities

Procurement under the Project is carried out in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers – “Procurement in IPF of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services” issued in July 2016, revised in November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”) and the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants” dated October 2006 and revised in January 2011 and July 2016.

All the procurement activities within the MWSSP are managed by STEP.

STEP (Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement) is an online system that helps the World Bank and Borrowers plan, record, and track key stages of the procurement process under Investment Project Financing (IPF) projects. It is designed to help Borrowers achieve value for money in procurement by transforming data into knowledge, speeding up the procurement process, and improving accountability and transparency. It streamlines and automates some stages of the procurement process and enables monitoring and reporting.

The procurement process has been described within each subcomponent in the chapter 1.

In order to summarize the results of the procurement process, the following tables are presented in the Annex 1:

1. Date regarding the signed contracts within MWSS Project
2. Date regarding the ongoing procurement packages under MWSS Project

Until June 30, 2025, 41 contracts have been signed, of which 16 are completed, 4 are terminated and remaining 21 are in progress. In addition to this, 9 procurement packages are in progress.

3.3.5. Social, citizen engagement and gender activities

In accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs), the project Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and national legislation the below activities were conducted during the reported period:

(i) Citizen engagement aspects

Citizen Water and Sanitation Committees (CWSC)

All localities included in the MWSSP sub-projects have operational Community/Local Water and Sanitation Committees (CWSCs). The CLAS has also been established (June 30, 2025) in the locality (Andrusul de Jos) selected for the on-site sanitation sub-project. The CWSCs have been and continue to be involved in public consultation processes, information meetings, and other consultation activities.

CWSC members have received support from the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for citizen engagement and GRM aspects.

WASH Committees

All schools and health facilities beneficiary of the project have functional WASH committees. Members of the WASH Committee are involved in community outreach, informing the community about the GRM, and monitoring the quality of ongoing work in schools and health facilities, including compliance with environmental and social requirements.

Public Consultations

The following **public consultations** were conducted during the reporting period:

- Public consultations regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment, as part of the national procedure for obtaining the environmental permit, Riscani sub-project, January 16, 2025.
- The final Public Consultation was held for Comrat sub-project ESIA&ESMP, March 3, 2025.
- Public consultations regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment, as part of the national procedure for obtaining the environmental permit, Soroca sub-project, March 28, 2025.
- During May 15- 23, 2025, six public consultation meetings were conducted in the localities covered by the Riscani sub-project, as part of the preparation process for the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).

Further information and awareness activities on the roles of Local/Citizen Water and Sanitation Committees and GRM are conducted during the meetings.

Grievance Redress Mechanism

The Grievance Redress Mechanisms (GRM) are operational at the national, regional, and local levels. In each Local Water and Sanitation Committee (LWSC) or WASH Committee, there is a designated member responsible for GRM.

A leaflet providing information on the GRM was distributed during the public consultations and other meetings with project beneficiaries. Also, the specific GRM leaflet has been distributed to all educational and health institutions benefiting from the WASH sub-component. The leaflet was placed on the information board of each beneficiary institution.

During the period January – June 2025, four grievances were registered in GRM log: one submitted in writing, one by phone, one through an in-person visit to the project office, and one through self-reporting by the project ES team. Three of these grievances relate to the Soroca sub-project—two

concerning the chosen technical solution and related impact concerns, and one involving a request from a land leaseholder to exchange land where the wastewater treatment plant is planned to be built with an alternative plot owned by Moldsilva. This latter issue falls outside the project's mandate. Another grievance was submitted in relation to the Riscani sub-project, by a person potentially subject to temporary impacts from the works; following discussions, the individual conditionally signed the agreement allowing the use of a portion of their land.

(ii) ES Monitoring

During the reporting period, the construction of sanitary facilities was launched for a group of schools in the North region and for medical institutions. Upon contract signing, the contractors were informed about the environmental and social requirements, with an emphasis on health and safety aspects.

On June 17, 2025, the Environmental and Social (ES) team of the Implementation Unit conducted a monitoring visit to schools in the North region (Pociumbeni, Zaicani, and Singureni). During the visit, the team informed the workers about the importance of complying with health and safety measures, discussed working conditions, and explained the procedures for submitting grievances.

(iii) Gender Action Plan

The Gender Focal Point has been nominated by the Community Water and Sanitation Committees (CWSC) and the WASH Committee. This Gender Focal Point has specific responsibilities for gender-related activities, including ensuring the active involvement of women in project activities and facilitating their participation in public consultations and other project events. Additionally, the local Gender Focal Point serves as a resource, providing information and support to women during project citizen engagement.

All Terms of Reference (TORs) elaborated by PIU align with the Gender Action Plan (GAP), emphasizing the promotion of gender equality and nondiscrimination.

Activities planned for the next 6 months:

- Contribution with social and environmental aspects for procurement documents and procedures.
- Elaboration of RAP for Riscani sub-project
- Monitoring compliance with social, health, and safety requirements during the construction phase of a WASH sub-project and Cahul sub-project.
- Further information and awareness activities will be conducted on Local/Citizen Water and Sanitation Committees and the GRM. The PIU will provide support to ensure continued engagement and collaboration with project-affected people, including vulnerable groups.
- Manage potential complaints and maintain the GRM Log.

3.3.6. Environmental activities

In accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and the project Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) the topics mentioned below have been addressed and corresponding activities conducted during the reporting period:

- ***Secure the issuance of Environmental Permits for Soroca and Riscani sub-projects***

As it was already described in previous reports the Screening Stage of the national EIA systems consist of so-called Preliminary EIA evaluation. In procedural terms it means that the project owner should send to the Environmental Authority in charge with issuing environmental permits a general description of the planned project and to seek the decision on whether the planed activity is subject to an EIA or not. Such a requests for Preliminary Assessment was sent to Environmental Agency during the previous reporting periods and the decision to conduct EIA for Soroca and Riscani Sub-projects was taken. As a result of actions undertaken in 2024, the developed ESIA (including the Biodiversity Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan) documents have successfully passed the National Environmental Agency verification process and both sub-projects have obtained the Environmental Permits. (Annex no.4) Thus, the Certificate of Urbanism for design and built activity in Soroca and to apply for Construction Authorization for Riscani sub-project¹⁴ can be requested.

Both documents have obtained the No Objections from the WB experts.

- ***Comrat Sub-Project***

As it was previously mentioned the ESIA for Comrat Sub-Project, after a considerable delay and several rejections has been finalized and Final Draft submitted and approved by the PIU Environmental and Social Specialist. The document has also obtained the No Objection from the WB experts.

It will be a special topic to discuss with the PIU's Engineers and main stakeholders in MIDR, NORLD, Comrat weather a nutrient removal shall only be considered for the second stage of the WWTP implementation or it will be acceptable to design from the very beginning a WWTP with nutrient removal. The reason to thoroughly consider (and eventually re-consider the two-stage approach in construction of the WWTP in Comrat) removing the nutrient is the following: The River Ialbug discharges into the Lake Ialbug in Ukraine. Only carbon removal from the Comrat treated wastewater will affect the Redfield Ratio¹⁵ in favour of nutrients. This creates very favourable condition to trigger the process of eutrophication. Taken into consideration that the recipient of the treated wastewater is a lake the **risk of eutrophication** during the next 10 years is more than real.

¹⁴ Acord de Mediu Nr.16 cu numarul de inregistrare 10/2689 din 13.05.2025 receptionat de Primaria Soroca. Acord de Mediu Nr.11 cu numarul de inregistrare 10/2159 din 18.02.2025 receptionat de Consiliul Raional Riscani.

¹⁵ The Redfield ratio is a well-known stoichiometric ratio that describes the average elemental composition of marine phytoplankton and the deep ocean. It specifically refers to the atomic ratio of carbon (C), nitrogen (N), and phosphorus (P) in marine biomass. Stoichiometric - Stoichiometric refers to the quantitative relationship between elements or compounds in a chemical reaction or biological system, based on fixed ratios determined by the laws of conservation of mass and charge.

- ***WASH Component***

Several ES site inspections have been conducted to supervise compliance with ES as well as H&S requirements of the teams working on construction of the WASH facilities at schools in several localities from Riscani Rayon. :

Averall impression about compliance – 60% compliance. Main non-compliance are:

- “ESMP-Verification list” as well as H&S Plan printed copy missing on site.
- Risks are not identified and workers are not informed about it.
- In dusty environment nobody use respirators.
- Use of circular saw without wearing glasses
- Construction waste in some construction site are not properly stored (the area is not well delineated).

- ***Activities planned for the next 6 months:***

- Participate in the preparation of the RFP documentation for procurement of the works (Design and Built) as well as supervising services within the Soroca Sub-project.
- ToR for Biodiversity Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan (BAMP) drafting and launch the procurement of Biodiversity Consultant to develop the BAMP for Comrat sub-project.
- ToR for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector National Plan drafting and hiring a consulting to develop SEA Report.
- Preparation of the Environmental Components (clauses) for the Woks Contracts to be signed with the Contractors of Soroca and Cahul Sub-Projects.
- Contract management (in terms of ES and HS) of company as well as the Engineer Supervisor’s contracts for Cahul Sub-Project.
- Participate in the preparation of the RFP documentation for procurement of the works as well as supervising services within the Riscani Sub-project.
- Conduct WASH on-site ES – H&S inspections.
- Conduct all the activities related to recurrent task

3.3.7. Communication and visibility of the Project

The Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project aims to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation in selected rural and urban areas of Moldova. To achieve its objectives, the project has implemented various communication and visibility activities, including press releases, social media posts, electronic newsletters, and media engagements.

Actions undertaken during the reporting period (January–June 2025):

Facebook Page: The project's Facebook page serves as an interactive channel for stakeholders and beneficiaries to stay informed and engaged. A total of 55 posts has been shared, ensuring regular communication with the target audience.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089919485925>

Press Releases: 17 press releases were posted on the project's website to highlight events and activities. These releases effectively disseminated information to the media and the public, enhancing awareness and understanding of the project's endeavors.

Link: <https://ondrl.gov.md/categorie/proiectul-saasm/noutati-proiectul-saasm/>

Electronic Newsletter: The fifth-sixth edition of the electronic newsletter is under development and will be posted on the project's website at the end of the year.

Link: <https://ondrl.gov.md/categorie/proiectul-saasm/publicatii/>

Supporting the Water Supply and Sewerage Program by promoting its activities (as needed): A dedicated FB page was developed with the support of MWSSP

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560085778889>

Visibility: As part of the project, we developed informational materials on proper handwashing and toilet use for the six WASH school facilities built in the southern region. (Annex no.3)

Link:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid022UnHG9GewuLKqnXJ4pAN5ZoYvtULczMXpyws45NVKaw6E9BDn9mz8d6i5k1b3bhl&id=100089919485925

Planned actions for the Next Period (July–December 2025):

Electronic Newsletter: Complete the fifth- six edition by December 2025.

Press Releases and Facebook Posts: Write and publish updates about project activities to maintain stakeholder engagement and visibility.

Interactive Map: Develop an interactive map for the entire project.

Communication Strategy and Action Plan: Monitoring the implementation of the both documents.

Supporting the Water Supply and Sewerage Program by promoting its activities (as needed)

Visibility: develop informational materials on proper handwashing and toilet use for the WASH medical and school facilities built in the northern region.

3.3.7. Reporting, monitoring and evaluation activities

Reporting, monitoring and evaluation process refers to: (a) monitoring of the performance of the project toward achievement of the PDO and result indicators on a semiannual basis and (b) implementation progress against all activities and the timely identification of bottlenecks. M&E of results are taking place against the indicators in the Results Framework and procedures are detailed in the POM.

a). Monitoring of the performance of the project toward achievement of the PDO and result indicators

In the table below are presented the results of the Project Development Objective Indicators as of June 30, 2025.

Table 12. Project Development Objective Indicators on June 30, 2025

	Indicator Name	Baseline	Intermediate Targets, Year 2	Frequency	Evaluation Status on June 30, 2025
PDO_I	Increasing access to safely managed water supply services in selected rural areas and towns				
PDOI_I_1	People provided with access to safely managed water supply services in selected rural areas and towns (Number)	0	0	Semi - annually	0
PDOI_I_1g	Out of which female (Percentage)	0			
PDOI_I_2	People provided with access to safely managed sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns (Number)	0	275	Semi - annually	0
PDOI_I_2g	Out of which female (Percentage)	0			
PDOII	Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for improved WSS service delivery				
PDOI_II_3	National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan (NWSSDP) with prioritized investment program and financing strategy developed and under implementation (Text)	No NWSSDP exists	Draft NWSSDP elaborated	Annually	Inception Report and the Theme- Program were approved.
PDOI_II_4	Number of participating operators demonstrating core institutional capacities for improved water supply and sanitation service delivery (Number)	0	3	Annually	0

Source: Project Appraisal Document and the PIU's data

Considering the fact that at the current stage the activities related to the preparation of the documentation for the construction works are ongoing, most of the Intermediate Results Indicators have a value of 0. (Annex 2). The most significant progress was achieved for the indicator PDOI_II_3 *National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Plan (NWSSDP)*.

*For the Indicator *IRI_2.1.1 Number of legislative and/or normative documents developed in support of sector modernization (Number)* under Subcomponent 2.1.: Building national institutional capacity for WSS, (1) the amendment of Law 303 was approved by the Law 133 on June 27, 2024, (2) GD no. 508 approved on July 17, 2024, (3) Government Decree no. 200/2024 of November 13, 2024 was approved and (4) GD no.492/2024 was amended by the GD no. 330 on June 05, 2025.

***For the Indicator IRI_2.1.2 National Management Information System (MIS) for WSS service providers developed and operational (Text). The contract, for a consultant to prepare the draft GD on the MIS concept, was signed and the draft GD and the concept of MIS were delivered.*



b). Monitoring the Key Performance Indicators for the selected Water and Sewerage Services Operators

Table 13. Key Performance Indicators for the selected WSS Utilities

No	Performance Indicators	Soroca		Cahul		Comrat		Riscani		Vulcanesti	
		Baseline	Current	Baseline	Current	Baseline	Current	Baseline	Current	Baseline	Current
		2022	2024	2022	2024	2022	2024	2022	2024	2022	2024
1	Population in service area (water)	28 288	25 112	40 328	37 390	20 481	19 947	7 492	6 229	12 267	12 084
2	Households in service area (water)	17 034	17 051	19 500	19 694	9 632	9 712	4 815	4 827	5 168	5 186
3	Population served (water)	24 289	21 745	36 095	33 625	18 999	19 103	7 414	6 204	9 908	10 248
4	Water coverage (%)	85.9	86.6	89.5	89.9	92.8	95.8	99.0	99.6	80.8	84.8
5	Sewerage coverage (%) ¹⁶	46.6	46.9	49.5	51.3	35.5	40.1	36.2	36.5	27.0	27.2
6	Wastewater treatment coverage (%) ¹⁷	0	0	115.9	121.0	0	0	0	0	100	100
7	Intake water (m ³ ^000/year)	1445.8	1478.0	2 632	2 838	1 454.3	1 538.9	304.7	335.8	312.5	337.9
8	Sales volume (m ³ ^000/year)	889.4	950.5	1 317	1 410	648.6	700.8	251.4	269.8	229.2	238.0
9	Per capita consumption, (lit/ pers/ day)	100	120	99.9	114.9	93.5	100.5	92.9	119.1	63.4	63.6
10	Continuity of service (hours/day)	24	24	24	24	18 ¹⁸	18	24	24	16	18
11a	Water pipe breaks (number/km/year)	0.9	0.9	1.7	2.5	1.9	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.9
11	Sewerage blockage (number/km/year)	9	14	20.1	20.3	5.4	7.6	3.6	5.7	4.8	4.9
12	Metering level (%) ¹⁹	97.2	97.6	98.2	98.5	95.5	96.5	99.6	99.6	100	100
13	NRW Nonrevenue Water (m ³ ^000/year)	556.4	527.5	1 315.5	1 428.6	805.7	838.1	53.3	66.0	83.3	99.9
14	NRW (%)	38.5	35.7	50.0	50.3	55.4	54.5	17.5	19.7	26.7	29.6
15	NRW (liter/connection/hour)	4.0	3.7	7.7	8.2	10.3	9.6	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.5
16	Staffing level (number/1,000 connection served)	4.1	4.0	5.3	5.6	6.4	5.4	6.1	6.0	9.8	8.7
17	Collection ratio (%) ²⁰	98.9	99.4	107.3	105.3	109.7	100.6	103.6	106.5	105.9	112.4
18	Operating cost coverage (%)	96.8	95.0	90.9	107.3	72.3	86.7	101.1	118.4	90.7	98.8
19	Volume of discharged untreated sewage in emissary (m ³ / year)	590 400	628 640	0	0	263 600	324 800	117 180	122 320	0	0
20	Volume of discharged untreated sewage in emissary (% from the total collected sewerage).	100	100	0	0	100	100	100	100	0	0
21	Number of penalties given to WSS by LEA/ Apele Moldovei for discharging untreated sewage in emissary (no. / year)	1	1	N/Ap	N/Ap	0	0	1	1	N/Ap	N/Ap
22	Value of penalties given to WSS by LEA / Apele Moldovei for discharging untreated sewage in emissary (MDL per year in total)	5744	4500	N/Ap	N/Ap	0	0	3750	2500	0	0
23	Value of penalties given to WSS by LEA/ Apele Moldovei for discharging untreated sewage in emissary (% of MDL from the total WSS revenue per year)	0.03	0.02	N/Ap	N/Ap	0	0	0.06	0.03	0	0

Source: calculated by the PIU based on the data presented by the WW Operators

¹⁶The total number of households refers to the operational area for water supply services

¹⁷ Represent the volume of wastewater that was treated by the WWTP in relation to volume of wastewater that was collected. The value of the indicator is more than 100% because of infiltration in wastewater collecting system

¹⁸ In the summer

¹⁹ Based on the consumption place

²⁰ Receipts includes and historic receivables

Monitoring of the baseline performance assessment of the selected WW Operators, based on KPIs, was conducted for Year 1- 2022 and for previous year – 2024. Table 13 illustrates several key performance indicators (KPIs) of the project WSS Operators.

While *the population in service area* range in 2024 from 37.4 thousand people in Cahul to 6.2 thousand people in Riscani. This indicator decreased for all operators with from 1% to 17%.

The number of households in water service area in 2024 varies from 4826 in Riscani to 19694 in Cahul. This indicator has increased for all operators with from 1% to 10%.

The most significant population decline was recorded in Riscani (17%) and the most significant households increase was recorded in Cahul (10%). The figures indicate that *Water coverage* recorded a minimum value - 84.8% in Vulcanesti and a maximum value 99.6% in Riscani and this KPI increase in all towns, from 0.4 percentage points in Cahul to 3 percentage points in Comrat. No significant variation was recorded for the *Sewerage coverage* in Soroca, Riscani and Vulcanesti, while the indicator increased in Cahul with 1.8 percentage points and in Comrat with 4.6 percentage points. The wastewater is treated only in Cahul and Vulcanesti. In Cahul the WWTP is under rehabilitation.

Although the number of persons connected to the water supply service is decreasing in Soroca, Cahul and Riscani, the consumption of water per person per day is increasing.

Selected WSS Operators' systems, often built 50-70 years ago, are in poor condition due to lack of maintenance, undermining service quality and efficiency. The *Water pipe breaks (number/km/year)* vary in 2024 from 0.8 in Riscani to 2.5 in Cahul, while the *Sewerage blockage (number/km/year)* vary in 2024 from 4.9 in Vulcanesti to 20.3 in Cahul.

Indicator *Continuity of service (hours/day)* is good in Soroca, Cahul and Riscani and need to be improved in Comrat and Vulcanesti.

Weak management capacities and outdated infrastructure translates into high NRW losses, inefficient operations, and low staff productivity for some Operators. The recorded values for *NRW (%)* range in 2024 from 19.7% (Riscani) to 54.5 % (Comrat). This indicator decreased in Soroca and Comrat, increased in Riscani and was the same in Cahul.

The recorded values for *Staffing level* range in 2024 from 4 (Soroca) to 8.7 (Vulcanesti), in Comrat, Soroca, Riscani and Vulcanesti this KPI decreased and in Cahul increased compared to the baseline (2022).

Overall, the quality of water supply service has improved, although technical and financial performance across service providers varies, with some utilities struggling to meet total cost recovery, unable to invest in expansion, rehabilitation, and reinvestment measures to improve efficiency. As example are WWS operators from Comrat (86.7% in 2024) and Soroca (95% in 2024).

In order to inform stakeholders about the progress of the MWSSP the following activities were carried out:

- The Semiannual Progress Report no. 5 of MWSSP for the period July 01 - December 31, 2024²¹ was prepared, sent to the WB TTL on January 29, 2025 and posted on the project's website.

²¹ https://ondrl.gov.md/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/5_Raport_de_progres_semestrial_no.5_PSAASM.pdf

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- The *Checklists on the implementation of the MWSSP actions*, based on Activity Plan for 2025 of the PIU and Aide Memoire, for the months: December 2024, January, February, March, April and May 2025 were developed and submitted to MIRD and NORLD;
- The *Short Progress Reports of the MWSSP, based on Aide Memoire for WB TTL*, for the months: December 2024, January, February, March, April and May 2025, were developed and submitted.
- Monthly reporting (December 2024, January, February, March, April and May 2025), the activities carried out within the MWSSP on the **project.gov.md**;

During the next period are planned the following actions:

- elaboration of the Semiannual Progress Report no.7 of the MWSSP for the WB experts, ADA and Project Coordination Group.
- elaboration of the monthly *Checklists of the implementation of the actions planned* for MIRD;
- elaboration of the monthly *Short Progress Reports of the MWSSP*, based on Aide Memoire for WB TTL;
- monthly reporting the activities carried out within the MWSSP on the **project.gov.md**;
- monitoring and coordinating of the performance assessment for relevant indicators that will be conducted annually, for KPIs and PIP implementation for the selected WSS Operators;

2.4.Challenges and risks for implementation of the project

The key challenges and risks, for the implementation of the MWSSP in the reporting period, that will lead to delays in implementing some actions are:

- Cooperation with national public authorities, including partner institutions (SSVEDC, Min. Health, Min. Education, participation in Working Groups and Evaluation Commissions);
- Lack of qualified personnel in the field or companies with the necessary experience to participate in tenders;
- Limited experience of the stakeholders in examining and coordination of the bidding documentation
- Large number of stakeholders involved in approval and coordination procedures, including difficult institutional mechanism for the implementation of projects under Sub-component 1.1;
- Cooperation with some involved LPAs.

4. COMPONENT 4. CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMPONENT

A provisional zero-amount component is included, which will allow for rapid reallocation of credit/loan proceeds from other components during an emergency under streamlined procurement and disbursement procedures. This component allows the Government to request the World Bank to recategorize and reallocate financing from other project components to cover emergency response and recovery costs. The Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) will be established and managed in accordance with the provisions of the World Bank Policy and World Bank Directive on Investment Project Financing. The CERC, if activated, will be able to finance eligible activities included in the positive list, stipulated in the Project Operations Manual (POM) (dedicated CERC annex).

During the reporting period there were no actions under this component

ANNEXES

Annex 1. Date regarding the contracts within MWSS Project

a. Date regarding the signed contracts within MWSS Project

No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
1.1. Subcomponent 1 Increasing access to safely managed WSS services in selected rural areas and towns				
Subcomponent 1.1 Expanding access and quality of WSS services				
Expansion and improvement water supply services in Cahul and Vulcanesti rayons				
1	MD-PIU-NORLD-346170-CS-CQS / Review and up-date of Detailed Design technical documents for Cahul Sub-project	14-Jul-23	30-Dec-24	Direct selection
Amendment No. 1 dated March 01, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until May 24, 2024 (initial completion date - March 14, 2024). Amendment no. 2 was signed, extending the implementation period until December 30, 2024 (due to long examination of the design by the SSVEDC and to carry out the remaining services as specified in TOR, i.e. provide support during bidding process) Amendment no. 3 dated December 27, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period.				
2	MD-PIU-NORLD-346176-CS-CQS Development the ESIA and ESMP for Cahul-Vulcanesti water supply sub-project	14-Jul-23	29-Mar-24*	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Amendment. No.1 of December 15, 2023, was signed extending the contract completion date until March 29, 2024 considering that necessary technical data for site-specific ES impacts assessment for the construction works within Cahul Sub-project shall be developed based on the design data to be provided by the Consultant that prepares the Technical Design. Furthermore, sufficient time for draft ESIA and ESMPs disclosure, including public consultation in the affected localities is needed.				
Expansion and improvement water supply services in cluster Prut, Riscani rayon				
3	MD-PIU-NORLD-346083-CS-CDS / Review and Update of Detailed Design Technical Documents for Riscani Sub-project implementation	06-Sept-24	31-Mar-26	Direct selection
Amendment no.1 was signed to revise certain requirements from TOR, namely, the method of verification and approval of deliverables and terms of contract. Amendment no. 2 was signed to extend the implementation period due to late technical data receipt from local authorities.				
4	MD-PIU-NORLD-346141-CS-CQS / Consultancy Services to develop the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan for Riscani Water Supply Sub-project	5-Sep-24	30-Apr-25	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Soroca				
5	MD-PIU-NORLD-368215-CS-CQS / Elaboration of the Employer's Requirements chapters for the subproject	15-Sep-23	30-Sept-24	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Amendment No. 1 dated March 15, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until June 30, 2024 (initial completion date - March 15, 2024) and additional services were included in the scope of services, increasing the contract price by Eur 6,800.00. Amendment no. 2 was signed on June 28, 2024, extending the implementation period until September 30, 2024 (due to long examination of the Bidding Document by all involved parties).				
6	MD-PIU-NORLD-346201-CS-CQS / Technical expertise of the existing buildings, the geotechnical study and the topographic survey for the subproject	15-Sep-23	22-Jan-24	Consultants' qualifications-based selection (CQS)
7	MD-PIU-NORLD-457361-CS-CQS "Development of the Biodiversity Assessment Study and Biodiversity Management Plan for Soroca Sanitation Sub-project"	27-Dec-24	16-May-25	Consultants' qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Comrat				
8	MD-PIU-NORLD-346194-CS-QCBS / Feasibility study and ESIA for Comrat Subproject	1-Feb-24	1-Aug-25	Consultants' Quality and Cost-based selection (QCBS)

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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
	Amendment no. 1 was signed on July 25 2024, adjusting the SCC, namely the payment schedule to be in line with that agreed during negotiations and noted in the Minutes of negotiations. Amendment no. 2 was signed, extending the implementation period until January 31, 2025. Amendment no. 3 was signed, extending the implementation period until August 01, 2025.			
	On-site sanitation pilot and sewerage connection programs (septic tanks)			
9	MD-PIU-NORLD-339411-CS-INDV Technical Consultant for the development of a technical market study regarding on-site sanitation systems (septic tanks)	3-Apr-23	Contract terminated on 24-Jul-23*	Selection of Individual Consultants
	The reason for Contract termination is the failure of the Consultant to perform the services as specified in the Annex A “Terms of Reference and Scope of Service” within the established timeline.			
10	MD-PIU-NORLD-440571-CS-INDV / National Technical consultant for the development of a technical market study regarding on-site sanitation systems (septic tanks)	6-Sep-24	5-Nov-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
11	MD-PIU-NORLD-435992-CS-INDV / Rural Sanitation Engineer (part-time assignment)	2-Aug-24	1-Aug-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
12	MD-PIU-NORLD-485365-CS-CQS Execution of design services for the development of installation schematics for small-capacity wastewater treatment plants and cost estimation for 100 individual households in the locality of Andrușul de Jos, Cahul district	9-Jun-25	25-Jul-2025	
1.2.	Sub - component 1.2 Improving resilient WASH facilities in public social institutions			
I	Consulting services			
13	MD-PIU-NORLD-376584-CS-CQS Design of Sanitary Groups for improving WASH facilities in Schools	16 Nov-23	31-Dec-25	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
	Amendment No. 1 dated February 16, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until April 30, 2024 due to delay in obtaining of permissive documentation from local authorities (initial completion date - February 16, 2024). Amendment No. 2 dated April 29, 2024 extending the implementation period until June 30, 2024 due to prolonged verification of design by the State Expertize. Amendment No. 3 dated June 29, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until September 30, 2024. Amendment No.4 dated September 30, 2024 was signed, complementing the scope of services with the Author Supervision of design (according to national legislation) and respectively extending the implementation period until December 31, 2025 - for the entire duration of the construction works (WASH in Schools-South region).			
14	MD-PIU-NORLD-376594-CS-CQS / Design of Sanitary Groups for improving WASH facilities in selected Health Care Facilities	19-Feb-24	17-Febr-26	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
	Amendment no. 1 was signed on July 17, 2024 extending the implementation period until November 18, 2024 due to delay in obtaining of permissive documentation from local authorities (initial completion date - July 18, 2024). Amendment no. 2 was signed extending the implementation period until February 17, 2025 Amendment No.3 was signed, complementing the scope of services with the Author Supervision of design (according to national legislation) and respectively extending the implementation period until February 18, 2026 - for the entire duration of the construction works (WASH in Schools-South region).			
15	MD-PIU-NORLD-441583-CS-CQS / Supervision Services for works to improve WASH facilities in public social educational institutions	9-Oct-24	31-Dec-25	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
16	MD-PIU-NORLD-474308-CS-CQS / Supervision services for works to improve WASH facilities in public social Health Institutions (North) and Educational Institutions (North region)	7-Apr-25	31-Dec-25	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)

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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
17	MD-PIU-NORLD-476624-CS-CQS / Supervision services for works to improve WASH facilities in public social Health Institutions (South regions)	7-Apr-25	31-Dec-25	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
II	Works			
18	MD-PIU-NORLD-417360-CW-RFB/2 - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - South (Lot 2, 3)	25-Sep-24	30-Mar-25	RFB- Request for Bids
	Amendment no. 1 signed on March 29, 2025 increasing the contract amount according to the revision of the BoQ for one object and extending the implementation period. Contract completed on May 30, 2025.			
19	MD-PIU-NORLD-417360-CW-RFB/1 - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - South (Lot1)	25-Sep-24	30-Apr-25	RFB- Request for Bids
	Amendment no. 1 signed on October 15, 2024 increasing the contract amount according to the revision of the BoQ for one object. Amendment no. 2 signed on March 29, 2025 increasing the contract amount according to the revision of the BoQ for one object and extending the implementation period. Contract completed on April 30, 2025.			
20	MD-PIU-NORLD-417360-CW-RFB/V - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools South - Vulcanesti	31-Jan-25	9-Aug-25	RFB- Request for Bids
21	MD-PIU-NORLD-438934-CW-RFB /1 Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - North	12-May-25	12-Nov-25	RFB- Request for Bids
22	MD-PIU-NORLD-438934-CW-RFB /2 Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - North	12-May-25	12-Nov-25	RFB- Request for Bids
23	MD-PIU-NORLD-477294-CW-RFB Execution of works to improve WASH in Healthcare facilities - South	19-Jun-25	19-Dec-25	RFB- Request for Bids
24	MD-PIU-NORLD-479170-CW-RFB Execution of works to improve WASH in Healthcare facilities -North	12-May-25	12-Nov-25	RFB- Request for Bids
Component 2. Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for WSS service delivery				
1.2.	Sub - component 2.1 Building national institutional capacity			
	Support in legislative and design reforms			
25	MD-PIU-NORLD-424191-CS-QCBS / Elaboration of the National Development Plan for the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in Moldova, the Long-Term Investment Programme and the Financing Strategy	18-Feb-25	18-Feb-27	CS-QCBS- Consultants Quality and Cost-based election
26	MD-PIU-NORLD-339414-CS-INDV Legal Consultant for the elaboration of the required amendments for Law no. 303/2013 regarding the public water supply and sewerage service	1-Apr-23	30-Apr-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
	* The Amendment no. 1 of October 01, 2023 was signed extending the contract completion date until April 30, 2024 since additional time is required for the Consultant to provide support during public consultations and in the process of approving and promoting the draft Law and the need for the Consultant to participate together with the representatives of the MIRD and the NAER, in the study visit regarding the familiarization with the normative framework of Romania in this field.			
27	MD-PIU-NORLD-339413-CS-INDV Legal Consultant for the elaboration of the draft Government Decision regarding approval of the criteria for authorization, construction, registration, control, operation and maintenance of appropriate individual wastewater collection and treatment systems	17-Aug-23	28-Jun-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
28	MD-PIU-NORLD-369411-CS-INDV National consultant to develop the Implementation Plan of Directive 91/271/CEE	22-Aug-23	31-Dec-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
	Amendment no. 1 was signed on August 21, 2024 extending the implementation period until December 31, 2024 due to long endorsement process.			

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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
29	MD-PIU-NORLD-369172-CS-INDV International consultant for assessment of the need to update/adjust the Moldovan Construction Normatives to conform with the EU standards	5-Sep-23	29-Dec-23	Selection of Individual Consultants
30	MD-PIU-NORLD-339411-CS-INDV Strategic Planning consultant to provide support to the MIRD in the Implementation of the subcomp.2.1. Amendment no. 1 was signed on July 16, 2024 extending the implementation period for one year based on satisfactory provision of services. The contract was terminated based on Consultant's demand to terminate the contract.	17-Jul-23	16-Jul-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
31	MD-PIU-NORLD-377772-CS-INDV / National Consultant for Capacity Development Needs Assessment Report and development of the Capacity Development Plan for Lead Unit MIRD Termination Agreement signed by parted on May 16, 2024 (Contract terminated by the Consultant in its sole discretion). No payments have been done to consultant.	15-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
32	MD-PIU-NORLD-388307-NC-DIR / Professional development programs for WSS operators and experts with bachelor studies	21-Nov-23	21-Jul-25	Direct selection
33	MD-PIU-NORLD-365353-CS-CQS / Video spot promoting WSS program, TUM	14-Jul-23	30-Aug-23	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Institutional development				
34	MD-PIU-NORLD-395554-CS-INDV / Institutional development and support individual consultant for the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development Termination Agreement signed by parted on July 09, 2024 (Contract terminated by the Consultant in its sole discretion). No payments have been done to consultant.	15-May-24	16-Jun-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
35	MD-PIU-NORLD-421236-CS-INDV / Legal specialist for support to delegation contracts (part-time assignment)	24-Jun-24	23-Jun-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
36	MD-PIU-NORLD-395565-CS-INDV / National consultant to support the development of the Management Informational System (MIS) Amendment no. 1 was signed on January 27, 2025 extending the implementation period until August, 25, 2025.	30-Sep-24	25-Aug-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
37	MD-PIU-NORLD-432026-CS-INDV / National Consultant for Capacity Development Needs Assessment Report and development of the Capacity Development Plan for Lead Unit – MIRD	14-Oct-24	28-Feb-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
2.2. Sub - component 2.2. Improving performance of WSS service providers				
38	MD-PIU-NORLD-376569-CS-CQS Elaboration of the Baseline Assessment and the Performance Improvement Plan for the selected WSS Operators of the MWSSP	21-May-25	30-Jan-26	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Component 3. Project management				
39	MD-PIU-NORLD-380722-CS-CQS / Baseline survey on the level of people's satisfaction concerning Water Supply and Sanitation service delivery. Amendment no. 1 dated June 25, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until September 20, 2024 (initial completion date - June 28, 2024), due to reasonable justifications. Amendment no. 2 was signed on September 19, 2024 extending the implementation period until December 31, 2024. Amendment no. 2 was signed, extending the implementation period until December 30, 2024.	11-Jan-24	30-Dec-24	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
40	MD-PIU-NORLD-403014-CS-LCS / Project Financial Audit for FYs 2022,2023	21-Mar-24	21-Dec-25	Least – cost – based Selection
40a	MD-PIU-NORLD-403014-CS-LCS / Project Financial Audit for FYs 2024			Least – cost – based Selection

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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
Deliverables submitted. Subject to satisfactory services provision, an Amedment no. 1 was signed for the FY2024 audit.				
41	MD-PIU-NORLD-371486-NC-RFQ / Printing of promotion materials for the Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project	29-Sep-23	15-Oct-23	Request for Quotations
	<i>Note:</i>	contract completed	ongoing contract	contract terminated

Source: data provided by PIU

b. Date regarding the Ongoing procurement packages under MWSS Project

No	Contract	Package Status
I Consulting Services (Companies)		
1	MD-PIU-NORLD-346202-CS-QCBS / Technical Supervision Services for the design, supply, construction, testing and commissioning of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the sewerage infrastructure in Soroca municipality	Technical Evaluation: ongoing
2	MD-PIU-NORLD-346186-CS-QCBS Construction Supervision services of the civil works contract for Improvement of Water Supply Services in Cahul and Vulcanesti Districts	The Evaluation report of EoI's had been signed. RFP will be sent to short-list Consultants
II Works		
3	MD-PIU-NORLD-346191-CW-RFB Improvement of Water Supply Services in Cahul and Vulcanesti Districts	Bid Opening: April 23, 2025. Evaluation of Technical Part of Bid completed.
4	Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sewerage Infrastructure in the Municipality of Soroca	Revision of the Bidding Document with the revision of the cost estimate - ongoing. Early Market Engagement meeting was held on June 13, 2025.
5	MD-PIU-NORLD-489042-CW-RFB Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - Nord-2	Evaluation: canceled
6	MD-PIU-NORLD-499566-CW-RFQ Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - Nord-3	RFQ was published. Deadline - July 21, 2025.
III Individual Consultants		
7	MD-PIU-NORLD-498718-CS-INDV MWSSP Project Manager	REOI was advertised. Deadline of submission of CVs is July 3, 2025
8	MD-PIU-NORLD-499543-CS-INDV National consultant for drafting the Government Decision that will ensure the harmonization of the legislative framework of the Republic of Moldova in the field of wastewater treatment with the provisions of European Council Directive 91/271/EEC on urban wastewater treatment and European Council Directive 2024/3019 on urban wastewater treatment	REOI was advertised. Deadline of submission of CVs is July 10, 2025
9	MD-PIU-NORLD-339417-CS-INDV Strategic Planning consultant to provide support to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the implementation of the Subcomponent 2.1.	Evaluation ongoing

Source: data provided by PIU

Annex 2. Intermediate Results Indicators (Semi-annually frequency) by Components on June 30, 2025

	Indicator Name	Baseline	Intermediate Targets, Year 2	Frequency	Evaluation Status on June 30, 2025
IRI_1.1	Subcomponent 1.1: Expanding access and quality of WSS services				
IRI_1.1.1	Number of households with a functional connection to a safely managed water supply service (Number)	0	0	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.1.1s	Number of households with increased resilience to droughts resulting from a functional connection to a safely managed water supply service (Number)	0	0	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.1.2	Number of households with a functional sewer connection to a safely managed sanitation service (Number)	0	0	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.1.2e	Number of households contributing to reduction in GHG emissions resulting from a functional sewer connection to a safely managed sanitation service (Number)	0	0	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.1.3	Wastewater and septage treated in selected small towns as per national discharge standards (Cubic meters/year)	0.00	0	Annually	0
IRI_1.1.4	Number of households gaining access to safely managed sanitation through the on-site household sanitation pilot (Number)	0.00	545	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.1.5s	Number of poor and vulnerable households gaining access to safely managed sanitation services (Number)	0.00	15	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.2	Subcomponent 1.2: Improving WASH facilities in public institutions				
IRI_1.2.1	Number of schools with functional safely managed drinking water supply, and basic sanitation and hygiene facilities (Number)	0.00	0	Semi-annually	10
IRI_1.2.2	Number of health care facilities with functional safely managed drinking water supply, basic sanitation and hygiene facilities (Number)	0.00	0	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.2.3	Number of people in schools participating in hygiene education and communication programs (Number)	0.00	0	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.2.3g	Out of which female	0.00		Semi-annually	0
IRI_2.1	Subcomponent 2.1.: Building national institutional capacity for WSS				
IRI_2.1.1	Number of legislative and/or normative documents developed in support of sector modernization (Number)*	0.00	0	Annually	4*
IRI_2.1.2	National Management Information System (MIS) for WSS service providers developed and operational (Text)	No national system exists; KPIs are not yet agreed	MIS tested with at least five Operators	Annually	The concept of MIS (draft GD, concept, regulation and specifications) was prepared and approved.

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	Indicator Name	Baseline	Intermediate Targets, Year 2	Frequency	Evaluation Status on June 30, 2025
					GD is in process of endorsement and approval
IRI_2.1.3	Number of participants that have successfully completed accredited professional development program and that advance or gain employment in technical positions in WSS utility sector (Number)	0.00	70	Annually	18
IRI_2.1.3g	Number of female participants successfully completing the accredited professional development program and that advance or gain employment in technical positions within the WSS utility sector (Number)	0.00	25	Annually	4
IRI_2.1.4	Number of people benefitting from training and workshops related to regulatory framework, policy implementation and the use sector MIS (Number)	0.00	40	Semi-annually	0
IRI_2.1.4g	out of which female (Percentage)	0.00		Semi-annually	0
IRI_2.2	Subcomponent 2.2: Improving performance of WSS service providers				
IRI_2.2.1	Average relative reduction of Non-Revenue Water (expressed in m ³ /km network per year) for participating utilities compared to baseline value (Percentage)	0.00	0	Annually	6.4%²²
IRI_2.2.2	Average relative increase of Total Cost Coverage ratio for participating utilities over the baseline value (Percentage)	0.00	0	Annually	12.4²³
IRI_2.2.3	Share of beneficiaries who report that the project has established effective engagement processes (Percentage)	0.00	75	Annually	19.2%²⁴
IRI_2.2.3g	Share of female beneficiaries who report that the project has established effective engagement processes (Percentage)	0.00	75	Annually	19.6%

Source: Project Appraisal Document and the PIU's data

²² This KPI increased for Cahul (8.6%), Riscani (23.8%) and Vulcanesti (19.9%) and decreased for Soroca (-5.8%), and Comrat (-14.3%) (baseline - 2022 and actual value - 2024)

²³ This KPI increased for Cahul (+18%), Comrat (+19.9%), Riscani (+17.1%), Vulcanesti (8.9%) and decreased for Soroca (-1.9%)

²⁴ The information was collected as part of a sociological survey conducted in April 25, – June 28, 2024.

Average value of the three sub-indicators:

1. Percentage of respondents satisfied (rather/very satisfied) with access to information about the project -23.6%;
2. Percentage of respondents satisfied (rather/very satisfied) with opportunities/channels for feedback and dialogue - 17.6%
3. Percentage of respondents satisfied (rather / very satisfied) with responses received to feedback -16.3%

Annex 3. Informational materials on proper handwashing and toilet use for the six WASH school facilities



NU ARUNCAȚI ÎN VASUL DE TOALETĂ:

 Resturi alimentare	 Scutece și șervețele umede	 Uleiuri și grăsimi vegetale	 Resturi textile	 Produse de igienă
 Resturi de ambalaje de carton	 Medicamente	 Măști și mănuși chirurgicale	 Substanțe toxice, vopsele, diluanți	 Resturi de plastic

DOAR HÂRTIA IGIENICĂ, NIMIC ALTCEVA! 



REGULI DE UTILIZARE A WC-URILOR

 Păstrați curățenia! Aruncați în vasul de toaletă doar hârtia igienică folosită, pentru a evita înfundarea. Aruncați alte deșeuri doar în coșul de gunoi. Folosiți peria pentru a curăța vasul de toaletă.	 Utilizați hârtia igienică în mod responsabil. Folosiți doar cât aveți nevoie pentru a evita risipa.
 Nu deteriorați echipamentele! În cazul oricărei defecțiuni, anunțați personalul responsabil.	 Respectați intimitatea altor utilizatori. În așteptarea rândului, păstrați distanța și evitați să deschideți ușile cabinelor ocupate.

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ПРАВИЛА ПОЛЬЗОВАНИЯ ТУАЛЕТАМИ

Соблюдайте чистоту!
Выбрасывайте в унитаз только использованную туалетную бумагу, чтобы не образовывалось засоров. Остальные отходы бросайте только в мусорное ведро. Для чистки унитаза используйте ершик.

Расходуйте туалетную бумагу ответственно:
отрывайте ровно столько, сколько вам нужно, не тратьте ее зря.

Не выводите из строя оборудование!
В случае обнаружения неисправности сообщите об этом ответственному персоналу.

Не мешайте другим посетителям:
ожидайте, пока подойдет ваша очередь, соблюдайте дистанцию и не открывайте двери занятых кабинок.

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ПРАВИЛА МЫТЬЯ РУК

Намочите руки водой, чтобы первоначально удалить грязь.

Нанесите достаточное количество мыла, чтобы образовалась пена. Мыло помогает смыть микробов и загрязнения.

Мойте руки не менее 20 секунд.

Обязательно потрите все части рук: ладони, тыльную сторону ладоней, места между пальцами, пальцы и кончики ногтей, запястья.

Тщательно ополосните руки. Будьте аккуратны, чтобы не оставлять следов.

Тщательно высушите руки. На влажных руках легче скапливаются грязь и бактерии.

Правильное мытье рук – важный этап предотвращения распространения микробов и сохранения здоровья для всех вокруг!

Annex 4. Environmental Permits issued by the National Environment Agency for Soroca and Riscani sub-projects

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Nr. 10/2689/2025 din 13.05.2025
La nr. 02/1-43/37 din 13.02.2025

Primăria mun. Soroca

ACORD DE MEDIU Nr. 16

Urmare cererii privind examinarea raportului de evaluare a impactului de mediu și social pentru activitatea planificată „Construcția stației de epurare a apelor uzate și reabilitarea rețelilor de canalizare în or. Soroca” din cadrul proiectului „Securitatea aprovizionării cu apă și sanitație în Moldova” și emiterea Acordului de mediu, înaintată de Consiliul municipal Soroca, înregistrată la Agenția de Mediu cu nr. 1048/1-68158 din 13.02.2025, Vă informăm următoarele.

În baza prevederilor art.10⁵ alin. (1) lit. (a) și alin. (5) din Legea nr. 86/2014 privind evaluarea impactului asupra mediului (republicată în Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, 2023, nr. 414-417, art.716), a Legii nr. 94/2007 cu privire la rețeaua ecologică, cu modificările și completările ulterioare, a Legii nr. 1515/1993 privind protecția mediului înconjurător (Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, 1993, nr. 10, art. 283), cu modificările ulterioare, a Regulamentului cu privire la organizarea și funcționarea Agenției de Mediu, aprobat prin Hotărârea Guvernului nr. 549/2018 (Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, 2018, nr. 210 - 223, art. 603), și altor acte normative speciale care prevăd respectarea și implementarea procedurii de evaluare a impactului asupra mediului

CONTINUTUL-CADRU AL ACORDULUI DE MEDIU CARACTERISTICA GENERALĂ A PROIECTULUI, AMPLASAMENTULUI

Descrierea succintă a importanței și contribuției (beneficiul) urmare realizării proiectului

Construcția stației de epurare a apelor uzate și reabilitarea rețelilor de canalizare va permite facilitarea în ceea ce privește organizarea, gestionarea și furnizarea serviciilor publice, îmbunătățirea standardelor de viață a populației, implicit prin reducerea bolilor și susținerea modului sănătos de viață, în asigurarea colectării și epurării apelor uzate.

Activitatea planificată „Construcția stației de epurare a apelor uzate și reabilitarea rețelilor de canalizare în or. Soroca”, în urma analizei comparative multifactoriale urmează a fi desfășurată pe terenul cu numărul cadastral 7857210.028 cu modul de folosință „amenajat” cu suprafața de 2.45 ha (pădurea Vasilcău), situat în extravilanul comunei Vasilcău. Teren care ulterior a trecut în proprietatea APL Soroca.

Obiectivele, scopurile principale și secundare:

Obiectivul general al Proiectului îl reprezintă identificarea direcțiilor de dezvoltare, obiectivele, indicatorii și țintele asumate pentru Republica Moldova, asigurarea dezvoltării durabile în viitor, prin intermediul Strategiei Naționale de Aprovizionare cu Apă și Sanitație 2014-2030 și a Planului de Activitate al Guvernului.



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**Nr. 10/2159/2025 din 18.02.2025
La nr. 02/1-20-347 din
10.12.2024**

**Președintele raionului Rîșcani
Consiliul Raional Rîșcani**

ACORD DE MEDIU Nr. 11

Urmare cererii privind examinarea raportului de evaluare a impactului de mediu și social pentru activitatea planificată „Extinderea și îmbunătățirea serviciilor de alimentare cu apă în clusterul Prut, raionul Rîșcani” din cadrul proiectului „Securitatea aprovizionării cu apă și sanitație în Moldova și emiterea Acordului de mediu, înaintată de Președintele raionului Rîșcani, înregistrată la Agenția de Mediu cu nr. 8385/1-61123 din 07.11.2024, Vă informăm următoarele.

În baza prevederilor art.10⁵ alin. (1) lit. (a) și alin. (5) din [Legea nr. 86/2014](#) privind evaluarea impactului asupra mediului (republicată în Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, 2023, nr. 414-417, art.716), a Legii nr. 94/2007 cu privire la rețeaua ecologică, cu modificările și completările ulterioare, a Legii nr. 1515/1993 privind protecția mediului înconjurător (Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, 1993, nr. 10, art. 283), cu modificările [ulterioare, a Regulamentului cu privire la organizarea și funcționarea Agenției de Mediu, aprobat prin Hotărârea Guvernului nr. 549/2018 \(Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, 2018, nr. 210 - 223, art. 603\)](#), și altor acte normative speciale care prevăd respectarea și implementarea procedurii de evaluare a impactului asupra mediului.

CONTINUTUL-CADRU AL ACORDULUI DE MEDIU

I. CARACTERISTICA GENERALĂ A PROIECTULUI, AMPLASAMENTULUI

1) Descrierea succintă a importanței și contribuției (beneficiul) urmare realizării proiectului

Construcția apeductului magistral și construcția rețelelor de distribuție a apei pentru localitățile raionului Rîșcani va permite facilitarea accesului la apă potabilă sigură și de calitate, ceea ce va duce la îmbunătățirea standardelor de viață a populației, implicit prin reducerea bolilor și susținerea modului sănătos de viață. Raionul Rîșcani și localitățile țintă ale proiectului sunt afectate în ultimii 15 ani de secetă, veri aride și acces limitat la apă potabilă suficientă pentru consumul rezonabil al populației.

Activitatea planificată „Extinderea și îmbunătățirea serviciilor de alimentare cu apă în clusterul Prut, raionul Rîșcani”, include construcția apeductului magistral cu lungimea de cca 35,5 km de la râul Prut spre localitățile raionului Rîșcani și construcția rețelelor de distribuție a apei pentru localitățile: Dumeni, com. Duruitoarea Nouă și s. Păscăuți, com. Costești. Conducta principală de aducțiune va traversa teritoriile publice ale unităților teritorial administrative Duruitoarea Nouă, Văratice, Costești, Horodiște și Petrușeni.

