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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
NITS	National Inspectorate for Technical Supervision
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
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	July 01 – December 31, 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 works contract and the contract for technical supervision for the Cahul-Vulcanesti sub-project were signed, - The adjusted, verified and expertized design was received, SPN for works and technical supervision were published and RAP received “No objections” note for Riscani sub-project, -For Soroca subproject the Procurement Documentation for design and construction of wastewater system was revised, SPN was published and the contract for technical supervision was signed, -The plans for the location of on-site sanitation solutions were received and SPN for works was published -Works for the WASH sub-component, in 7 educational institutions were completed with Work Completion Certificate signed by NITS, and in remaining institutions were in progress -The National Council for Territorial Planning (NCTP) meeting was held to analyze the current progress of the Feasibility Study under NWSSDP. -The contract for preparation of the MCN “External water supply networks” was signed and the consultant presented the deliverables for Phase I.

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	<p>-Regarding the <i>Human capital development Program</i>, the program of requalification study (18-month program) is in the process of being completed.</p> <p>-The SPN for MIS development for benchmarking of WWS utilities was published.</p> <p>-The Cooperation Agreements for subcomponent 2.2. were signed and the 3 deliverables (under PIP preparation contract) were 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 2nd semester of year 2025 (July 01 – December 31, 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 seventh 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	September 25, 2025
7.	Semiannual report no. 7	July 01- December 31, 2025	February 14, 2026	February 13, 2026	February 13, 2026

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 II of 2025).

- 2) The second chapter PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES, describes the cumulative results of the MWSSP as of December 31, 2025.
- 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 support 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>



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			
c	Evaluation of technical bids	July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On July 9, 2025, the Evaluation Committee meeting was held. - On July 17, 2025, the Technical Evaluation Report of the bids was uploaded to STEP for review and approval. Comments on the Report were received on July 29, 2025. - The evaluation report was revised and sent for review and approval by the WB through the STEP system on August 7, 2025. The World Bank's approval was received on August 18, 2025. On the same day, notifications regarding the evaluation results were sent to the bidders who submitted bids. The public opening of financial bids was set for September 2, 2025. Considering that complaints were received following the issuance of the Notifications, the financial bid opening meeting was postponed until all complaints will be resolved. - On October 3, 2025, the public opening meeting of the financial bids took place. The WB's approval of the award recommendation was received on October 21, 2025. On November 6, 2025, the Notice of Contract Award was sent to the winning bidder.
d	Contract signing for works	September 2025	- The works contract was signed on November 20, 2025.
e	Approval of the Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (C-ESMP),	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On December 3, 2025, a kick-off meeting was held with environmental and social specialists from both the contractor and the supervisory company. - On December 22, 2025, the draft C-SEMP was sent to the supervisory company. On December 23, 2025, ES specialists from the supervisory company came up with recommendations for adjusting the document
f	Commencement of construction works	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On November 28, 2025, the launch meeting for the activities under the Works and Technical Supervision Contracts took place at the South RDA premises. - In accordance with the contractual provisions, for the contract to enter into force and for the issuance of the <i>Commencement Notice</i> for the works, it was necessary for the Parties to fulfill several prior conditions, as follows: The Contractor's obligations included the submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Performance Security</i>, received on December 5, 2025 (the deadline for submission being December 4, 2025); • <i>Advance payment Security</i>, received on December 19, 2025 (the deadline being December 4, 2025); • <i>Documentation related to environmental and social activities</i>, to be prepared by the Contractor in accordance with the contract and submitted for approval to the Engineer and the Employer, as well as coordination with World Bank experts. On December 22, 2025, the Contractor submitted a preliminary version of the <i>Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (C-ESMP)</i>, which, after review, was returned for revision due to poor quality. The revised documentation was not received in December 2025.

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			<p>The obligations of the Employer / PIU included: making the advance payment and obtaining the <i>Construction Authorization</i>. The <i>Construction Authorization</i> was received by the PIU on December 12, 2025. The documentation related to the advance payment was submitted to the World Bank immediately after receipt of the <i>Advance Payment Security</i>. However, the payment was not processed in 2025 due to the late submission of the documents required for payment (the World Bank processed payments until December 19, 2025, while the <i>Advance Payment Security</i> was received on Friday, December 19, 2025, in the second half of the day). This situation made it impossible to complete the related contractual procedures in a timely manner, namely the review of the documents by the Employer, the Engineer, and the PIU, the issuance of the Advance Payment Certificate, its signing by the Engineer, the Employer, the Client, and the PIU, and, finally, the uploading of the documentation into the World Bank’s payment system).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under these circumstances, in December 2025, due to the late submission of the Advance Payment Security and the environmental and social documentation of inadequate quality, the <i>Commencement Notice</i> for the works could not be issued.
1.2. Procurement for Technical Supervision			
	Contracting the Consultant for Technical Supervision		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a result of the evaluation, a shortlist of 8 companies (or consortia) was prepared. - The evaluation report was finalized on July 9, 2025. - On July 10, 2025, requests for proposals were sent to them. The deadline for submitting proposals is August 26, 2025. - On August 12, 2025, the adjusted RFP was sent to potential bidders. The deadline for submitting was set for September 9, 2025. - The opening meeting of the financial bids took place on October 16, 2025. - On October 28, 2025, the Combined Evaluation Report was completed. - On November 20, 2025, the contract was signed. - On November 28, 2025, the launch meeting for the activities under the Works and Technical Supervision Contracts took place at the South RDA premises
2. Expansion and improvement water supply services in the Prut cluster, Riscani rayon			
2.1. Update of the DED and BoQ			
f	Verification of the design at the <i>Service for Verification and Expertise of Design and Construction</i>	May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 17, 2025, the final adjusted design (verified and expertized) was received by the PIU. • On August 1, 2025, at the Riscani Rayon Council was held a meeting to present the final version of the design and receive the approval by the stakeholders involved.
2.2. Contract signing for works			
h	Preparation of the Request for Bids for Construction Works	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On September 15, 2025, the tender documentation was sent to the World Bank experts via STEP. The World Bank's comments and observations were received on October 20–21, 2025. After incorporating all comments and recommendations received, the revised version of the Procurement Documentation was resubmitted to the World Bank for review and approval via the STEP platform, and on November 11, 2025, approval of the documentation was received, conditional on the revision of certain requirements in the procurement documentation. - On November 13, 2025, the Specific Procurement Notice was sent for review and possible publication through the STEP platform.

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i	Initiation of the procurement procedures for Construction Works	July 2025	- On November 14, 2025, the SPN was published on the World Bank's external website. At the same time, the announcement was published on the NORLD website and in PAB No. 91. Deadline for submission of bids: January 27, 2026
h	Evaluation of bids for Construction Works	December 2025	- Deadline for submission of bids: January 27, 2026
	Contract signing for works		- On November 14, 2025, the SPN was published , deadline for submission of bids: January 27, 2026 - On December 9, 2025, a pre-bidding meeting and a site visit were organized. The meeting was attended by potential bidders, representatives of the North RDA, and the Riscani District Council. - At the same time, during December 2025, requests for clarification were received and responses to clarifications were issued
2.3. Contract of the Technical Supervision services			
	Contracting of the Technical Supervision services		- On December 2, 2025, the announcement was published, and on December 16, 2025, through the republication of the announcement, the deadline was extended until January 23, 2026.
2.4. Signing of the Financing Agreement for Rîșcani sub-project			
	Signing of the Financing Agreement for Rîșcani sub-project		On August 7, 2025, the financing agreement was sent to the WB experts for a "no objection" note and on September 30, 2025, the "no objection" note was obtained. The Agreement was sent to the Beneficiaries for analysis, proposals, or comments. The Financing Agreement was signed on December 9, 2025.
2.5. Preparation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)			
b	Preparation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)	July 2025	- As of July 31, 2025, out of 525, 490 agreements have been signed for private and/or leased land likely to be affected by the sub-project works. Declarations/ letters signed by LPAs for 28 public lands - The draft RAP was sent to the WB experts for comments on September 5, 2025. On October 20, 2025 comments were received and on November 14, 2025 the RAP was sent to the WB experts with the comments addressed - On December 18, 2025, the RAP received “No objections” note from WB experts.
3. Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Soroca			
3.1. Design and Build bidding package			
	Revision of the Procurement Documentation for design and construction of wastewater system and publication of the SPN	July 2025	- The procurement documentation was reviewed jointly with the consultant selected to review the cost of the procurement package. - On July 30, 2025, the final deliverable was presented—Proposed changes to the procurement documentation. - The revised procurement document was sent through the STEP for review and approval on August 12, 2025. The WB's response, conditional on a series of changes to be made to the final document, was received on August 21, 2025. - The tender was launched on August 29, 2025, with the publication of the SPN . Expected date for opening technical bids was October 21, 2025

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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
a	Completion of technical bid evaluation	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On September 24, 2025, a pre-bidding meeting with potential bidders was held in Soroca. - In total, 23 companies and individuals received the procurement documentation. - On November 11, 2025, the public opening of technical bids took place. The technical part of 7 bids, received by the deadline, were opened. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During December 2025, the first version of the <i>report on the technical evaluation of bids</i> was received from the Consultant. Based on the report, requests for clarification were sent to the bidders.
b	Contract signing for works	November 2025	
3.3. Preparation of the Detailed Urban Spatial Plan for Vasilcau village			
f	Preparation of the Detailed Urban Spatial Plan for Vasilcau village	Mai 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In September 2025, the Detailed Urban Spatial Plan for Vasilcau village was received by the PIU from the Soroca LPA
3.4. Technical Supervision			
	Contracting the Consultant for Technical Supervision		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The combined report (technical and financial) was signed by the members of the Evaluation Committee on July 30, 2025. The invitation to contract negotiations was sent to the winning consultant on July 31, 2025. - Contract negotiations took place between August 6 and 12, 2025, after which the contract text was finalized and the minutes of the negotiations were drawn up. - The service contract was signed on October 6, 2025. The consulting services will be launched simultaneously with the signing of the works contract.
4. Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Comrat municipality			
4.1. Design of wastewater services in Comrat municipality			
b	Preparation of the ToR for contracting design services	May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A draft ToR were developed - In Aide-Mémoire of the WB Implementation Support Mission on November 10 to 12, 2025 the WB team of experts highlighted that: <i>”Considering the risks related to insufficient time and availability of funds for the execution of the Comrat sub-project, it is unlikely that this activity could be completed in its current format even with a project extension. The Project Coordination Group has looked at this issue and possible options in September 2025 and concluded that further implementation of Comrat subproject will finish with preparation of FS, and that the Government will look at the other potential sources of financing for design and construction of Comrat wastewater system. The Bank still expects to receive formal Government confirmation of this position.”</i>
c	Contracting design services	October 2025	
5. On-site sanitation pilot and sewerage connection programs			
5.1. Preparation of plans and SPN for on-site sanitation solutions			

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No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
e	Preparation of plans for the location of on-site sanitation solutions for each household and BoQ	August 2025	- On October 7, 2025, the plans, cost estimates, and BoQs for 100 households were submitted, verified, and accepted.
g	Preparing bidding documentation for construction works and publication of the SPN	October 2025	- On October 31, 2025, the Request for Quotation (RFQ) was published. By the deadline of November 25, 2025, no bids had been received. - On November 28, 2025, the Request for Quotation (RFQ) was republished with a deadline of January 20, 2026.
5.2. Technical Supervision for on-site sanitation solutions			
	Hiring a consultant to provide technical supervision services for on-site sanitation solutions		- The announcement was published on November 14, 2025, with a deadline of December 1, 2025. - By the deadline of December 1, 2025, two CVs had been received. - On December 31, 2025, the draft evaluation report was prepared

No.	Action from PIU 2025 Action Plan	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
Other activities under Subcomponent 1.1			
Contracting of the WW engineer for RDA			
	Contracting of the WW engineer for RDA North		- On December 12, 2025, the job announcement for the WS engineer was published with a deadline of February 2, 2026
	Contracting of the WW engineer for RDA South		- On December 12, 2025, the job announcement for the WS engineer was published with a deadline of February 2, 2026.

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)	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of July 31, 2025, the works were completed for SOUTH region educational institutions (including ATU Gagauzia) - In November 2025 the initiation of acceptance for the Vulcănești educ. institution was requested. - As of December 31, 2025 for 4 educational institutions the Work Completion Certificate was signed by NITS
b	Construction works in educational institutions in Cahul rayon (2 institutions)	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of July 31, 2025, the works were completed for SOUTH region educational institutions (including Cahul rayon) - As of December 31, 2025 for 2 educational institutions the Work Completion Certificate was signed by NITS
i	Construction works in educational institutions in North Region (10 institutions)	September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On November 11, 2025, the acceptance committee carried out the acceptance upon completion of the works for the Zăicani educ. institution. - On December 09, 2025, the acceptance committee carried out the acceptance upon completion of the works for the Bulboci object. - As of December 31, 2025 for 1 educational institutions the Work Completion Certificate was signed by NITS
6.2. Improving WASH facilities in selected Health Care Institutions			
g	Works in the healthcare institutions in SOUTH Region (6 institutions)	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On July 14, work on the Alexandru Ioan Cuza HCI site was suspended because the solutions in the design did not correspond to the site situation. On July 30, 2025, the National Inspectorate for Technical Supervision was notified. On December 5, 2025, an information letter was sent to the Ministry of Health regarding the exclusion of the A.I.Cuza object from the works contract, following the conclusions presented by the technical expertise. The opinion of the Ministry of Health was requested regarding future options for the object - In November 2025 the acceptance procedure has been initiated for the following HCI: Ursoaia, Pelinei, Carabetovca, Basarabeasca - In December 2025, acceptance procedures were initiated for the Lebedenco facilities
h	Works in the healthcare institutions in NORTH Region (8 institutions)	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In November 2025 the acceptance procedure has been initiated for the following HCI: Caracușeni Vechi, Cotiujeni, Mărcăuți, Dîngeni, Volovița - In December 2025, acceptance procedures were initiated for the Cosăuți
h	Environment, Social, Health and Safety inspections at WASH sites	Re-current (at least once a month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On July 24-25, 2025, monitoring visits took place at construction sites in the Soroca district - schools (Racovăț, Pîrlița, Bulboci) and medical institutions (Volovița and Cosăuți) and Vulcănești (High School). - On August 7 and 12, 2025, monitoring visits took place at medical centers in the North and South Regions. - On October 1, 2025, monitoring visit to schools (Pociumbeni, Zăicani, Singureni, Rîșcani rayon) - On October 23, 2025, monitoring visit to the South region, medical institutions (in Pelinei, Ursoaia, and Lebedenco, Basarabeasca, and Carabetovca). - On November 19, 2025, monitoring visit to the North region, educational institutions in Rudi and Dărcăuți

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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 November 24, 2025, monitoring visit to the North region, educational institutions in Braniște, Vărativ, Pociumbeni, and Singureni- On December 22, 2025, monitoring visit to the educational institutions in Rudi and Darcauti

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. Preparation of the NWSSDP			
	Preparation of the Feasibility Study of the NWSSDP and approving it by the MIRD and NCTP	February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On July 17, 2025, a Working Group meeting was held during which the consultant presented the progress report. - On August 5 and August 24, 2025, meetings of the Working Group were held, during which the consultant presented the progress report. - On September 29 and October 29, 2025, working group meetings were held during which the consultant presented the progress report. - On November 13, 2025 the Consultant submitted the first materials from the Feasibility Study for the development of the NWSSDP, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Chapter I of the Feasibility Study. 2) Annex 1 Methodology for sensitive areas and agglomeration delimitation 3) Annex 2 Stakeholder engagement plan 4) Annex 3 Administrative evolution of the Republic of Moldova (set of maps) These materials were submitted to the MIRD, Ministry of Environment and National Council for Territorial Planning (NCTP) for review. - On December 16, 2025, a NCTP meeting was held to analyze the current progress of the Feasibility Study, including the above-mentioned materials, during which the Consultant made two presentations
	Hire strategic planning consultant to provide support to the MIRD in the implementation of Sub-component 2.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On October 06, 2025 the contract was signed
7.2. Capacity Development of the Lead WSS Unit			
a	Implementation of the Capacity Development Program of the Lead WSS Unit	December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the reporting period, the WSS Unit did not have a full staff according to the list of states, and staff turnover was high. For these reasons, implementation of the Capacity Development Program was postponed until next year.
7.3. Support in legislative and design reform			
b	Preparation and promotion of the proposals for amending the provisions of GD 950/2013	July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

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No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
c	Preparation and promotion of the proposals for amending the Water Law 272/2011	July 2025	By Law No. 243 of July 10, 2025 (Art. 612), effective as of September 22, 2025, Water Law No. 272/2011 was supplemented with Art. 22 para. (12).
	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 and Directive 2024/3019		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By deadline – July 11, 2025 - two CVs were received. - On July 17, 2025, the Evaluation Report was signed. - On August 25, 2025 the contract was signed.
	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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On September 8, 2025, the Inception Report was submitted, and comments were sent to the Consultant (Ministry of the Environment and UIP). - On October 27, 2025, the deliverables were received. Comments from MIRD and ME were sent to the consultant. - A meeting with MIRD and ME representatives was scheduled for December 4, 2025. - On December 29, 2025, the Consultant submitted to MIRD and ME, for review, the adjusted and updated documents, namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Government Decision amending Government Decision No. 950/2013; 2. Table of concordance; 3. Explanatory note; 4. Government Decision No. 950/2013 with all amendments incorporated, sent for internal use and to facilitate the tracking of changes made to the text.
7.4. Development of new normative in construction.			
h	Contract signing for preparation of the MCN “External water supply networks”	June 2025	- On August 01, 2025 the contract was signed
	Preparation and approval of the MCN “External water supply networks”	December 2026	- On September 29, 2025, the consultant presented the deliverables for Phase I.
7.5. Human capital development Program			
b	Completion of the Program of requalification study (in the 18-month program)	August 2025	- On December 20, 2025, 15 people (including 4 women) out of 26 admitted candidates defended their theses (for 18 months requalification studies).



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No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
7.6. National MIS and benchmarking of operators			
c	Publication of the SPN for MIS development services	May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On July 7, 2025, E-government Agency 's notice on MIS was received. On August 26, 2025, the ToR for MIS development, were submitted to the WB experts for approval. Comments were received on September 30, 2025. The comments were addressed in October 2025. On November 17, 2025, the tender document was sent to MIDR and ANRE for approval. On November 25, 2025, comments were received from WB experts. On December 18, 2025, the SPN for SIM development services was published.
d	Contract signing for MIS development services	September 2025	
e	MIS developing	March 2026	
	Hiring a consultant to assist the PIU, MIRD, and ANRE in evaluating bids and developing the SIM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On August 26, 2025, the ToR for hiring the consultant, who will support the UIP in the procurement and evaluation of bids, were submitted to the WB experts for approval. Comments were received on September 30, 2025. The comments were addressed in October 2025. On November 17, 2025, the recruitment announcement was published with a deadline of December 3, 2025. By December 3, 2025, two EoI had been received. On December 27, 2025, the evaluation report was finalized
7.7. Technical Assistance and Coordination Support for Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the WSS Sector			
1	Contract signing with Institutional development and support individual consultant for the MIRD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The job advertisement was published on July 23, 2025, with a deadline of August 6, 2025. No CVs were received. The activity was terminated. Based on the MIDR request, the ToR were modified to <i>Individual consultant for technical assistance and coordination support for MIDR in the AAS sector.</i>
2	Contract signing with Individual Consultant for Technical Assistance and Coordination Support for Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the WSS Sector		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The job advertisement was published on August 20, 2025 with deadline September 05, 2025 On September 22, 2025, the contract was signed.
3	Technical Assistance and Coordination Support for Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the WSS Sector		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October 2025 was analyzed the loan agreement (Government of the Republic of Moldova and Government of the Kingdom of Belgium), applicant selection guide and contract for the <i>Decentralized drinking water supply for Moldova</i> project; Preparation of proposals to inform the authorities involved regarding the need to apply the legal framework approved by Law 133/2024 and proposals for the Government's Activity Plan "Moldova Europeana 2030" In November 2025 was analyzed the GD 306/2025 and GD 950/2013; and drafting proposals for the National EU Accession Plan

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No.	Action	Due dates	Actions in the reporting period
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">In December 2025 was analyzed the documentation regarding the transposition of the Directive 3019/2024 and other activities regarding <i>Decentralized drinking water supply for Moldova</i> project based on the Low 234/2025;

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			
	Signing of the Cooperation Agreement for the implementation of sub-component 2.2	October 31, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cooperation Agreement was approved by the Vulcanesti Town Hall by Local Council Decision no. 7/3 of July 17, 2025. - The Cooperation Agreement was approved by the Riscani Town Hall by Local Council Decision no. 05/08 of July 18, 2025 - The Cooperation Agreement was approved by the Comrat Town Hall by Local Council Decision no. 7/12 of August 01, 2025 - The Cooperation Agreements for subcomponent 2.2. were signed as follows: October 1, 2025, for Comrat and Vulcanesti October 2, 2025, for Soroaca and Riscani; and October 3, 2025, for Cahul.
d	Preparation and approval of the PIP	January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate of Acceptance for Deliverable 2. (5 KPI -based assessment reports) was signed on October 1, 2025 - Certificate of Acceptance No. 3 for Deliverable 3. (4 Capacity assessment reports) was signed on October 16, 2025 - On November 23, 2025, the draft Performance Improvement Plans for 4 water utilities were received. - On December 2, 2025, a meeting was held with the consultant responsible for preparing the PIP presentations. - On December 2, 2025, the UIP comments on the Vulcanesti PIP were sent, on December 5, 2025 for the Comrat PIP, on December 23, 2025 for the Rișcani PIP, and on December 30, 2025 for the Soroaca PIP. - On December 16, 2025, a meeting was held (with Water Utilities and LPA representatives) to present and discuss the PIP for Vulcanesti and Comrat, and on December 19, 2025, for Soroaca and Riscani
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

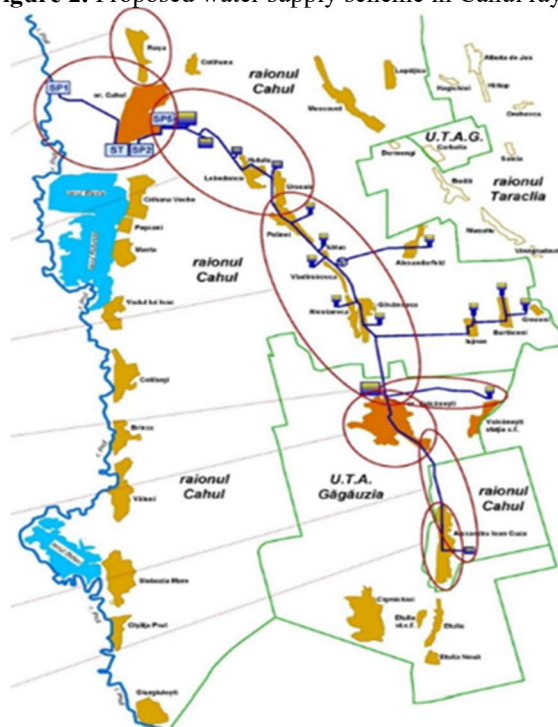
a) *Water supply investments*

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.

- **Signing the contract for works.** 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 meetings of the Technical and Financial Bids were held, the evaluation of bids was completed and the contract for works was signed.
- **Contracting the Consultant for Technical Supervision:** The REoI was published and, by the deadline, 19 expressions of interest were received. The evaluation was completed and the contract was signed.
- **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 transmission main		
Water intake including fish protection structure and first lift water pumping station	unit	1
Water treatment plant including second lift water pumping station	unit	1
Above ground water reservoirs 650 m ³	unit	2
Main water pipeline	m	34,876
Above ground water reservoirs 150 m ³	unit	2
Water repumping station	unit	1
Water towers 25 m ³	unit	1
Water towers 50 m ³	unit	3
Disinfection plants	unit	6
Additional water lines	m	1,111

Item	mu	Quantity
Pascauti village		
Water supply distribution networks	m	11,186
Above ground water reservoirs 50 m ³	unit	2
Disinfection plants	unit	1
Additional water lines	m	193
Household connections	unit	451

Source: Reviewed detailed engineering design “Improvement of water supply and sewerage services in Pascauti, Damascani, Proscureni, Galaseni, Malaiesti and Hiliuti localites from Riscani Rayon”. Object no. 06/18. Explanatory memorandum. Chisinau 2025

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 localites 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.
- The final **adjusted, verified and expertized design was received** by the PIU and at the Riscani Rayon Council was held a meeting to present the final version of the design and receive the approval by the stakeholders involved.
- The **procurement procedures for Construction Works** were initiated by approval of the Procurement Documentation. The SPN for works was published and a pre-bidding meeting with a site visit were organized.

- For the purpose of **Contracting of the technical supervision services** the SPN was published,
- The **RAP** was completed and received “No objections” note from WB experts
- **The Financing Agreement** was signed

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.
- **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.
- **Revision of the Procurement Documentation for design and construction of wastewater system** was completed, approved and the SPN was published.
- **Procurement based on revised Procurement Documentation for design and construction of wastewater system.** A pre-bidding meeting, with potential bidders, was held in Soroca. A public opening meeting of technical bids took place and the evaluation is in progress.
- **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 EoIs were received. The Evaluation Report of the EoI was approved. The public opening meetings for technical proposals were held and the evaluation was completed. The service contract was signed.
- **The Detailed Urban Spatial Plan for Vasilcau** village was received from the Soroca LPA
- 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 draft ToR for contracting design services** was completed.
- 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:

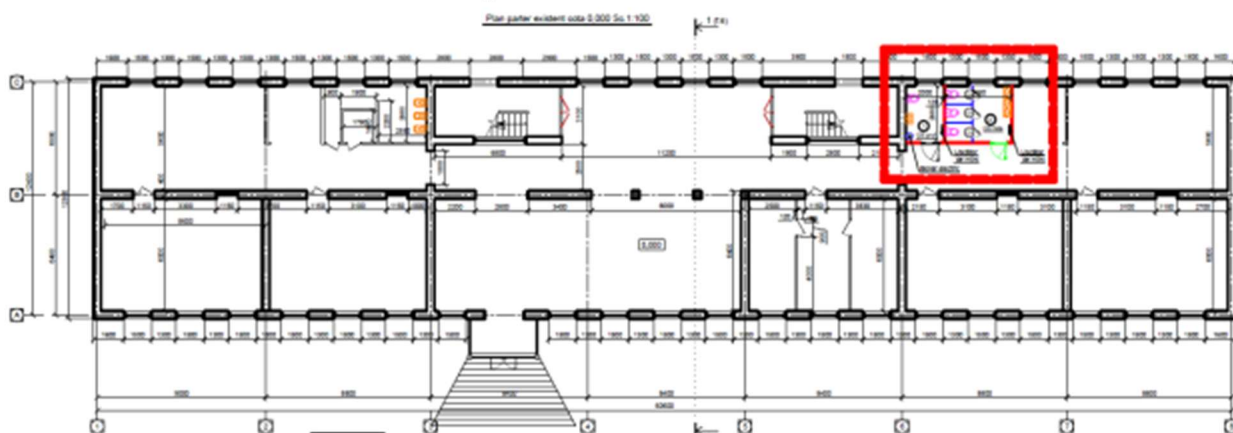
- The contract for **preparation of the Market Study** and the Contract Resolution Agreement were signed. Another contract was signed, the final deliverable was received and the Certificate of Acceptance was signed.
- The *Application Guide for the selection of the beneficiary community/communities of 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. Plans for the location of on-site sanitation solutions for 100 households and BoQ were received and approved.
- **Procurement of works - on-site sanitation solutions for each household.** The bidding documentation for construction works were prepared and the SPN was published.
- **Procurement of technical supervision services for on-site sanitation solutions.** The announcement was published. By the deadline two CVs had been received and the evaluation was ongoing.

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 and in all health care institutions.
- **Construction works in social institutions.** The acceptance Commission carried out the acceptance on completion of works for 7 educational institutions and the sites have been handed over for all objects for package - health care institutions. Table 7 and Annex 9.
- **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 December 31, 2025

Nr.	Locality and Rayon	Status of the construction works			Comment
		not initiated	in progress	completed	
Educational institutions					
North region					
1	Braniște, Riscani				
2	Singureni, Riscani				
3	Văratice, Riscani				
4	Zăicani, Riscani				The Work Completion Certificate no.1 of October 30, 2025 was signed by NITS on December 31, 2025
5	Bulboci, Riscani				
6	Dărcăuți, Soroca				
7	Pîrlîța, Soroca				
8	Racovăț, Soroca				
9	Rudî, Soroca				
10	Pociumbeni, Riscani				
South region					
11	mun. Ceadâr-Lunga, ATU				The Work Completion Certificate no 6 of May 30, 2025 was signed by NITS on August 19, 2025
12	Svetlii, ATU				The Work Completion Certificate no 1 of April 10, 2025 was signed by NITS on May 16, 2025
13	mun. Comrat, ATU				The Work Completion Certificate no 2 of April 10, 2025 was signed by NITS on June 16, 2025
14	Baurci, ATU				The Work Completion Certificate no 3 of April 10, 2025 was signed by NITS on June 26, 2025
15	t. Vulcănești, ATU				
16	Andrușul de Sus, Cahul				The Work Completion Certificate no 4 of April 17, 2025 was signed by NITS on June 16, 2025
17	Doina, Cahul				The Work Completion Certificate no 5 of April 17, 2025 was signed by NITS on June 02, 2025
I. HCF					
North region					

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Nr.	Locality and Rayon	Status of the construction works			Comment
		not initiated	in progress	completed	
1	Cotiujeni, Briceni				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
2	Caracușenii Vechi, Briceni				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
3	Mărcăuți, Briceni				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
4	Tabani, Briceni				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
5	Dîngeni, Ocnita				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
6	Volovița, Soroca				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
7	Cosăuți, Soroca				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
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				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
10	Carabetovca, Basarabeasca				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
11	Lebedenco, Cahul				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
12	Pelinei, Cahul				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
13	Ursoaia, Cahul				As of the reporting date, the process of obtaining the <i>Work Completion Certificate</i> from NITS is ongoing.
14	Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Cahul				The decision from the Ministry of Health regarding the status of the object is awaited, because the works cannot be carried out (the building is structurally damaged).

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** 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, was completed. The Consultant submitted the first materials from the Feasibility Study for the development of the NWSSDP and these materials were submitted to the MIRD, Ministry of Environment and National Council for Territorial Planning (NCTP) for review. A meeting of the NCTP meeting was held to analyze the current progress of the Feasibility Study.

(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, evaluation completed and contract was signed.

(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. The announcement was re-published, evaluation was completed and the contract was signed.

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) Amendment 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, announcement was published 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, announcement was published 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, announcement was published 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 contract was signed. The consultant presented the deliverables for Phase I.

(vi) Amendment of the Water Law No. 272/2011. By Law No. 243 of July 10, 2025 (Art. 612), effective as of September 22, 2025, Water Law No. 272/2011 was supplemented with Art. 22 para. (12).

(vii) Drafting of the Government Decision ensuring the harmonization of the legislative framework of the Republic of Moldova in the field of wastewater treatment with the provisions of Council Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban wastewater treatment and Council Directive (EU) 2024/3019 on urban wastewater treatment.

The ToR was developed and approved by the WB experts, announcement was published and contract was signed. The Consultant submitted to PIU, MIRD and ME, for review, the final deliverables.

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 the GD was completed.
- **Procurement for MIS development.** ToR were prepared and approved by stakeholders (E-Government Agency, NARE, MIRD and WB experts). SPN was published.
- **Hiring of a consultant to assist the PIU, MIRD, and NARE in the evaluation of bids for the development of the MIS.** ToR were approved by WB experts. The recruitment notice was published and by deadline, two EoI had been received. The evaluation report was finalized.

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 (12-month program) was defended by 18 people (including 4 women) out of the 22 admitted candidates.
- The requalification thesis (18-month program) was defended by 15 people (including 4 women) out of the 26 admitted candidates.

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 December 31, 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, A MMI no. 005553 / on 30.07.2015	Yes	12 ⁸	2 ⁹	Decision of NARE no. 294 on 10.06.2025
M.E. "Apa-Canal" Vulcanesti	Yes, AMMI no. 005582 / on 04.09.2015	No	1 ¹⁰	1	Decision of the NARE no. 376 on 08.07.2025
JSC "Regia Apa-Canal Soroca"	Yes, A MMI no. 005557 / on 22.12.2015	Yes	7 ¹¹	1	Decision of NARE no. 562 on 30.09.2025
L.L.C. "Gospodaria Comunala Riscani" ¹²	Yes, A MMI no. 005625 / on 22.12.2015	Yes	3 ¹³	1	Decision of the NARE Management Board no. 385 on 30.06.2023
M.E. "Su-Canal" Comrat	Yes, A MMI no. 005533 / on 05.02.2016	Yes ¹⁴	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

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 (Hutul 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 In Riscani the organizational form of the water company was changed from a municipal enterprise to a limited liability company.

¹³ Riscani town, Balanul nou village and Ramazani village

¹⁴ The operator operates on the basis of a service management delegation contract, although, according to Law No. 303/2013, in the case of a municipal enterprise, direct management and, respectively, a decision to transfer management should apply. This inconsistency creates legal risks (notifications from control bodies, lawsuits) and institutional uncertainty.

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

Based on results of the *Capacity Assessment Reports of 4 Water Utilities* the major challenges are:

- The lack of standardized procedures affects the consistency and traceability of processes,
- The low level of digitization limits operational control and decision-making efficiency
- The company's vehicle fleet and machinery are physically and morally worn out, exceeding their normal operating life. Critical equipment for current operations is lacking, such as a multifunctional bulldozer-excavator and modern special vehicles for transporting water and cleaning the sewerage network. In addition, the computer technology is outdated, and a big part of the IT equipment is highly worn, which significantly limits the operator's operational efficiency and response capacity. (Annex 3)
- There is a difference between the planned and the actual number of employees. This problem is resolved by the widespread practice of job sharing- in many cases, the same person occupies between 3 and 5 positions (Annex 7)
- The share of staff over 55 years old vary from 37 to 55%, which implies a high risk of losing technical and operational know-how in the next 5–7 years. The share of staff that are already retired vary from 26 to 31% (Annex 4)
- Compared to the official forecast, **the average wage** recorded in the enterprises vary from 38-85% of the average wage forecast for the economy for 2025, according to Government Decision No. 845/2024. (Annex 5 and 6)

With the aim of improving the performance of water operators, these challenges need to be urgently addressed by the founding local public authorities and the management of water companies.

In order to implement planned activities for the sub-component 2.2, since the beginning of the project the PIU realized the following key actions:

- **The Cooperation Agreements for subcomponent 2.2.** were signed with water Utility and LPA representatives of Comrat, Vulcanesti, Soroca, Cahul and Riscani;
- **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 5 *Baseline performance assessment Reports based on KPIs* (deliverable 2) were received and approved. The 4 *Capacity assessment Reports* (deliverable 3) were received and approved. The draft *Performance Improvement Plans* for 4 Water Utilities were received.

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; June 26-27, 2025; November 10-12, 2025 and December 16-18, 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 Reports 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*
- 7) **The seventh meeting** of the Project Coordination Group (PCG) was held on October 30, 2025. The Minutes no.7 of the meeting was approved. The annexes of the Minutes are: Semestrial Progress Report no.6 and Report on the status of the subproject "Expansion and improvement of sewerage services in the municipality of Comrat"

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 and driver & logistics specialist.

The contract with Project Manager was signed on August 25, 2025.

The contract with the administrative assistant was cancelled on October 17, 2025 and on November 14, 2025, the job advertisement was published with a deadline of December 1, 2025. Six CVs were received by the deadline. At the end of the reporting period the evaluation process was ongoing

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 – December 2025) the PIU has disbursed EUR 4.1 million EUR, of which:

- 3.7 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 December 31, 2025

Description	Approved, Thousand EUR	Disbursed, Thousand EUR			Undisbursed Thousand EUR	Disbursement progress, %
		Previous reporting period	Current semester	Cumulative to the reporting date		
TOTAL	45 650.0	3 545.4	595.8	4 141.2	42 104.6	9.1%
Loan IDA 70270	44 100.0	3 155.2	595.8	3 751.0	40 349.0	8.5%
Grant TF B7739-MD	1 550.0	390.2	-	390.2	1 159.8	25.2%

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 December 31, 2025

Project's components	Planned amount, thousand EURO	Cumulative expenses, as of December 31, 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	1 909.8	4.7%
2. Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for WSS service delivery	3 467.4	384.2	11.1%
3. Project management and coordination	2 079.9	1 272.2	61.2%
4. Contingent emergency response component	-	-	-
Total	46 540.9	3 566.1	7.7%

Source: PIU FM data

The share in total spending of each component has increased. A significant increase has the second component, from 8.9% (as of June 2025) to 11.1% (as of December 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, 2025 – December 31, 2025, will start on March 2026.

Approved project budget in the annual state budget. The project budget for FY2026 has been approved in amount of MDL 69.3 million (equivalent of EUR 3.5 million)¹⁵ which is higher than executed budget for 2025 in amount of MDL 42.8 million. Approved amount includes the central government contribution in amount of MDL 1.1 million (equivalent of EUR 0.06 million) and local public administration's contribution in amount of MDL 4.9 million (EUR 0.2 million).

¹⁵ The EUR equivalent of the planned budget for 2026 is calculated at the exchange rate 19.9 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.

The procurement process is carried out based on the **Project Procurement Strategy for Development** of the MWSSP that was revised in December 2025.

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 December 31, 2025, 52 contracts have been signed, of which 20 are completed, 6 are terminated and remaining 26 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)

The localities included in the MWSSP sub-projects have operational Community/Local Water and Sanitation Committees (CWSCs), which have been and continue to be engaged in stakeholder engagement activities, information meetings, and other consultation processes.

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

During the reporting period, no public consultations were undertaken, as no project activities requiring this form of engagement were scheduled.

(ii) Grievance Redress Mechanism

The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is operational at the national, regional, and local levels. Each Local Water and Sanitation Committee (LWSC) or WASH Committee has a designated member responsible for the GRM.

A leaflet providing information on the GRM was distributed during site visits and other meetings with project beneficiaries. In addition, a dedicated GRM leaflet was distributed to all educational and health institutions benefiting from the WASH sub-component. The leaflet was displayed on the information board of each beneficiary institution.

During the period July–December 2025, no complaints were registered.

(iii) ES Monitoring

Over the reporting period, the construction of sanitary facilities continued in schools and was initiated in healthcare institutions. Contractors were duly informed of the applicable environmental and social requirements, with particular emphasis on occupational health and safety.

In the period July–December 2025, nine environmental and social (E&S) monitoring visits were undertaken, and a total of 31 visits to educational and health institutions were conducted. It should be noted that, in certain institutions, multiple monitoring visits were carried out over this period.

In the course of these visits, the team provided guidance to workers on compliance with health and safety measures, discussed working conditions, and explained the procedures for submitting grievances.

(iv) Gender Action Plan

The Community Water and Sanitation Committees (CWSCs) and the WASH Committee have designated Gender Focal Points. The Gender Action Plan has been updated to reflect revised gender indicator values and to include additional guidance on awareness-raising measures for water utility

companies aimed at promoting gender equality and attracting women to the water supply and sanitation sector.

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

Activities planned for the next 6 months:

- Provide input on social and environmental aspects for procurement documents and procedures.
- Translate and disseminate the Romanian-language Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the Riscani sub-project.
- Consult with the World Bank on the Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (CESMP) for the Cahul sub-project and contribute to monitoring its implementation.
- Monitor compliance with social, occupational health, and safety requirements during the construction phase of the WASH sub-project and the Cahul sub-project.
- Conduct further information and awareness-raising activities related to Local/Citizen Water and Sanitation Committees and the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). The PIU will provide ongoing support to ensure continued engagement and collaboration with project-affected people, including vulnerable groups.
- Manage potential grievances and maintain the GRM log.

3.3.6. Environmental activities

In previous reporting periods, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs) and Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) were prepared and approved for the sub-projects in Cahul, Riscani, Sorooca, and Comrat. The necessary environmental permits have been obtained to ensure compliance with national legislation for all sub-projects, with the exception of Comrat. Relevant ES requirements have been incorporated into the bidding documents to ensure effective management of ES risks during the works stages.

During the reporting period, dedicated efforts were undertaken to contribute to the project team's work on ES aspects throughout the procurement processes, including the preparation of RFBs, the evaluation of bids, and contributions to bid evaluation reports for the Cahul, Sorooca, and Riscani sub-projects. In addition, technical guidance was provided to the Contractor and the Supervision Engineer to facilitate their understanding of applicable ES requirements and available project documentation, as well as to contribute to the preparation of the Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (CESMP), for the Cahul sub-project.

- ***WASH Component***

Several environmental and social site inspections were conducted to supervise compliance with ES and occupational health and safety requirements by teams engaged in the construction of WASH facilities in schools and health institutions across beneficiary localities in the North and South regions.

Overall impression about compliance – 70% compliance. Main non-compliances are:

- “ESMP-Verification checklist” as well as H&S Plan printed copy missing on sites.
- Risks are not identified and workers are not informed about it.
- In dusty environment the majority of workers did not use respirators.
- Use of circular saws without appropriate eye protection.
- Incomplete site fencing.
- Inadequate waste storage/disposal and lack of or improper use of personal protective equipment.

In response to the issues identified, consultations were undertaken with the Technical Supervisor, and formal instructions were issued to contractors to implement corrective measures. Given that further improvements were required, unannounced follow-up inspections were planned to confirm the effective implementation of the corrective actions.

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

The following activities are planned to be undertaken over the next six months:

- Preparation of the ToR for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the National Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Plan and hiring of a consultant to develop the SEA Report.
- Preparation of the Environmental Components (clauses) for the works contracts to be signed with the contractors of the Riscani and Sorooca sub-projects.
- Contract management (in terms of ES and H&S aspects) of the contractor, as well as the Supervision Engineer's contracts for the Cahul sub-project.
- Conduct ES and H&S inspections.
- Conduct all activities related to recurrent tasks.

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 (July-December 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 51 posts has been shared, ensuring regular communication with the target audience.

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

- *Press Releases:* 18 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 was developed and is available on the project's website.

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

- *Communication Strategy and Action Plan:* The implementation of the communication plan is being monitored, and both documents will be updated.
- *Supporting the Water Supply and Sewerage Program of the Technical University of Moldova by promoting its activities (as needed):* A dedicated Facebook page was created and regularly updated with relevant information, with the support of the MWSSP.

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

- *Visibility:* As part of the project, informational materials promoting proper handwashing and safe toilet use were developed for WASH facilities constructed in healthcare and educational institutions under the regional WASH subproject.
- Additionally, 30 informational plaques were designed, produced and will be installed in the sanitary facilities built under the WASH subproject. (Annex no.8).

Planned actions (January-June 2026):

- *Press Releases and Facebook Posts:* Write and publish updates about project activities.
- *Interactive Map:* Develop an interactive map for the entire project, that will be integrated into the interactive map of NORLD.
- *Communication Strategy and Action Plan:* Both documents will be updated.
- *Media engagement:* Providing media support to the communication departments of the South and North Regional Development Agencies for subprojects implemented in the northern and southern regions, and assisting the Water Supply and Sewerage Program of the Technical University of Moldova and other stakeholders with communication, as needed.
- *Visibility:* Develop a video documentary on the WASH facilities constructed in healthcare and educational institutions under the regional WASH subproject.

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 December 31, 2025.

Table 12. Project Development Objective Indicators on December 31, 2025

	Indicator Name	Baseline	Intermediate revised ¹⁶ Targets, Year 3	Frequency	Evaluation Status on December 31, 2025
PDO_I	Increasing access to safely managed water supply services in selected rural areas and towns				
PDO_I_1	People provided with access to safely managed water supply services in selected rural areas and towns (Number)	0	21 280	Semi - annually	0
PDO_I_1g	Out of which female (Percentage)	0			
PDO_I_2	People provided with access to safely managed sanitation services in selected rural areas and towns (Number)	0	8 750	Semi - annually	0
PDO_I_2g	Out of which female (Percentage)	0			
PDO_II	Strengthening institutional capacity at national and local levels for improved WSS service delivery				
PDO_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	Implementation of NWSSDP started	Annually	Feasibility Study under NWSSDP was in progress
PDO_II_4	Number of participating operators demonstrating core institutional capacities for improved water supply and sanitation service delivery (Number)	0	4	Annually	0 ¹⁷

Source: Project Appraisal Document and the PIU's data

Considering the fact that at the current stage the activities related to the procurement for the construction works are ongoing, the Intermediate Results Indicators 1.1 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)*.

¹⁶ Revised Project Indicators based on Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova official letter no. 11/2-7/258 on May 16, 2025

¹⁷ The current status of the institutional capacities of the WSS operators participating in the MWSSP was described in subcomponent 2.2. of chapter 2 of the report.

*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 SPN for development of the MIS was published.



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 (%) ¹⁸	46.6	46.9	49.5	51.3	35.5	40.1	36.2	36.5	27.0	27.2
6	Wastewater treatment coverage (%) ¹⁹	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 ²⁰	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 (%) ²¹	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 (%) ²²	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

¹⁸The total number of households refers to the operational area for water supply services

¹⁹ 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

²⁰ In the summer

²¹ Based on the consumption place

²² 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 translate 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. 6 of MWSSP for the period January 01 - June 30, 2025²³ was prepared, sent to the WB TTL on August 14, 2025 and posted on the project's website.

²³ 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: June, July, August, September, October, November 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: June, July, September and November 2025, were developed and submitted.
- Monthly reporting (June, July, August, September, October, November 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.8 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 (Min. Health, Min. Education, participation in Working Groups and Evaluation Commissions and RDA`s);
- 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;
- Some of the service providers are underperforming contractors;
- The work contract was signed during the cold season, which does not allow the immediate commencement of field works due to weather conditions;
- Due to the extended process of updating and reviewing the design documentations, some initial technical approvals have expired and require renewal (which may be potentially contested by the contractor).

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	31-Dec-27	Direct selection
	<p>Amendment No. 1 dated March 01, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until May 24, 2024 (initial completion date - March 14, 2024).</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Amendment no. 3 dated December 27, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period.</p> <p>Amendment no. 4 dated November 18, 2025 was signed, adding the Author Supervision Services, increasing the contract amount with USD 32,465.22 and extending the implementation period for the period of construction.</p>			
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)
	<p>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.</p>			
3	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	27-Nov-25	30-Mar-28	Consultants' Quality and Cost-based selection (QCBS)
4	MD-PIU-NORLD-346191-CW-RFB Improvement of Water Supply Services in Cahul and Vulcanesti Districts	20-Nov-25	15-Mar-28	Request for Bids
Expansion and improvement water supply services in cluster Prut, Riscani rayon				
5	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
	<p>Amendment no. 1 was signed on April 29, 2025 to extend the implementation period until July 27, 2025 and revision of some conditions related to verification of design.</p> <p>Amendment no. 2 signed on July 25, 2025 extending the implementation period until March 31, 2026. It is expected that the contract will be amended to include additional services, i.e. Author Supervision, according to the local legislation. The amount will be about 0.3% of the works cost (to be decided when the works contract for Riscani will be signed).</p>			
6	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				
7	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)
	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>			
8	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)



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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
9	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)
10	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	06-Oct-25	06-Jun-28	Consultants’ Quality and Cost-based selection (QCBS)
11	MD-PIU-NORLD-485103-CS-CDS / Consulting Services for providing support in assessment of costs and procurement processes under the package no. MD-PIU-NORLD-441235-CW-RFB “Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sewerage Infrastructure in the Municipality of Soroca”	04-Apr-25	30-Apr-26	Consultant Direct Selection
Amendment no. 1 was signed to expand the scope of the services and the implementation period.				
Expansion and improvements of wastewater services in Comrat				
12	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)
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)				
13	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.				
14	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	15-Dec-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
Amendment no. 1 of August 21, 2024 extending the contract implementation until December 15, 2024.				
15	MD-PIU-NORLD-435992-CS-INDV / Rural Sanitation Engineer (part-time assignment)	2-Aug-24	22-Aug-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
Amendment no. 1 was signed extending the contract with one year. Contract terminated due to promotion to another position within the project.				
16	MD-PIU-NORLD-485365-CS-CQS Selection of design company to develop installation drawings for small-capacity wastewater treatment plants and estimate costs for 100 individual households in the Andrușul de Jos locality, Cahul district	9-Jun-25	31-Oct-25	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
Amendment no. 1 was signed on June 25, 2025 adjusting some design aspects and extending the contract duration until August 15, 2025. Amendment no. 2 signed on August 15, 2025 extending the implementation period until October 31, 2025.				
1.2. Sub - component 1.2 Improving resilient WASH facilities in public social institutions				
I Consulting services				
17	MD-PIU-NORLD-376584-CS-CQS Design of Sanitary Groups for improving WASH facilities in Schools	16 Nov-23	15-May-26	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).				

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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
	<p>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.</p> <p>Amendment No. 3 dated June 29, 2024 was signed, extending the implementation period until September 30, 2024.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Amendment no. 5 was signed extending the implementation period until May 15, 2026 in order to cover the Author supervision services for the remaining object.</p>			
18	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)
	<p>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).</p> <p>Amendment no. 2 was signed extending the implementation period until February 17, 2026.</p>			
19	MD-PIU-NORLD-441583-CS-CQS / Supervision Services for works to improve WASH facilities in public social educational institutions	9-Oct-24	31-Dec-26	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
	<p>Amendment no. 1 was signed on December 19, 2024 establishing the calculation method for monthly payment.</p> <p>Amendment no. 2 signed on December 03, 2025 extending the implementation period until December 31, 2026.</p>			
20	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-26	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
	<p>Amendment no. 1 was signed on December 19, 2024 including additional task related to verification of BOQ errors, increasing the contract price with MDL 11,000.00.</p> <p>Amendment no. 2 signed on December 03, 2025 extending the implementation period until December 31, 2026.</p>			
21	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-26	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
	<p>Amendment no. 1 was signed on December 03, 2025 extending the implementation period until December 31, 2026. Amendment no. 2 signed on December 31, 2025, excluding of one object from the scope of services, decreasing the contract price by MDL 38,439.28.</p>			
22	MD-PIU-NORLD-358033-CS-INDV / WASH Engineer	5-Jun-23	22-Aug-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
	<p>Amendment no. 1 was signed extending the contract with one year.</p> <p>Contract terminated due to promotion to another position within the project.</p>			
II Works				
23	MD-PIU-NORLD-417360-CW-RFB/2 - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - South (Lot 2, 3)	25-Sep-24	30-May-25	RFB- Request for Bids
	<p>Amendment no. 1 signed on March 29, 2025 decreasing the contract amount with MDL 3,798,250.68 according to the revision of the actually works done (based on Variation Orders nos. 1-4). Completion of works: May 10, 2025.</p>			
24	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
	<p>Amendment no. 1 signed on October 15, 2024 increasing the contract amount with MDL 257,050.68 (14,367.03 USD equiv.) according to the revision of the BoQ for one object.</p> <p>Amendment no. 2 signed on March 29, 2025 decreasing the contract price with MDL 299,612.65 and extending the implementation period until April 30, 2025. Completion of works: April 10, 2025.</p>			
25	MD-PIU-NORLD-417360-CW-RFB/V - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools South - Vulcanesti	31-Jan-25	28-Feb-26	RFB- Request for Bids
	<p>Amendment no. 1 signed on July 28, 2025 extending the construction period until October 30, 2025 due to the fact that the works have been suspended (conditioned by the payment of local contribution by the beneficiary).</p> <p>Amendment no. 2 signed on October 29, 2025 extending the implementation period until February 28, 2026.</p>			
26	MD-PIU-NORLD-438934-CW-RFB /1 Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools – North (lot 1)	12-May-25	28-Feb-26	RFB- Request for Bids

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	Amendment no. 1 signed on August 14, 2025 modifying some contract clauses related to the securities within the contract. Amendment no. 2 signed on November 11, 2025 extending the construction period until February 28, 2026.			
27	MD-PIU-NORLD-438934-CW-RFB /2 Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools – North (Lot 3)	12-May-25	28-Febr-26	RFB- Request for Bids
	Amendment no. 1 signed on August 14, 2025 modifying some contract clauses related to the securities within the contract. Amendment no. 2 signed on November 11, 2025 extending the construction period until February 28, 2026.			
28	MD-PIU-NORLD-477294-CW-RFB Execution of works to improve WASH in Healthcare facilities – South (Lot 1 and 2)	19-Jun-25	28-Febr-26	RFB- Request for Bids
	Amendment no. 1 signed on August 14, 2025 modifying some contract clauses related to the securities within the contract. Amendment no. 2 signed on November 11, 2025 excluding on object from the scope of works (from Lot 2), decreasing the contract price with MDL 676,927.93 and extending the construction period until February 28, 2026.			
29	MD-PIU-NORLD-479170-CW-RFB Execution of works to improve WASH in Healthcare facilities -North	12-May-25	28-Febr-26	RFB- Request for Bids
	Amendment no. 1 signed on August 14, 2025 modifying some contract clauses related to the securities within the contract. Amendment no. 2 signed on November 11, 2025 extending the construction period until February 28, 2026.			
30	MD-PIU-NORLD-499566-CW-RFQ - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - North	30-Sep-25	30-Mar-26	RFQ- Request for Quotations
31	MD-PIU-NORLD-499566-CW-RFQ/1 - Execution of works to improve WASH facilities in schools - North	21-Oct-25	21-Apr-26	RFQ- Request for Quotations
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				
32	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
33	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.			
34	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
35	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	25-Aug-25	24-Feb-26	Selection of Individual Consultants
	<i>An amendment is under review to increase the scope of services with 18 expert days (at the request of the ministry) for Law no. 303 modifications that are mandatory to be done before the GD approval. The expected contract increase will be with about +6,379 USD.</i>			
36	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



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	Amendment no. 1 was signed on August 21, 2024 extending the implementation period until December 31, 2024 due to long endorsement process.			
37	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
38	MD-PIU-NORLD-454228-CS-CQS / Consulting company for the development of the Moldovan Construction Normative "External water supply networks and installations"	1-Aug-25	1-Apr-27	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
39	MD-PIU-NORLD-339411-CS-INDV Strategic Planning consultant to provide support to the MIRD in the Implementation of the subcomp.2.1.	17-Jul-23	5-Oct-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
	Amendment no. 1 was signed on July 16, 2024 extending the implementation period for one year based on satisfactory provision of services. Mr. resigned from his duties due to personal reasons.			
40	MD-PIU-NORLD-499542-CS-INDV / Strategic Planning consultant to provide support to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the implementation of the Subcomponent 2.1.	6-Sep-25	5-Sep-26	Selection of Individual Consultants
41	MD-PIU-NORLD-508538-CS-INDV / Individual Consultant for Technical Assistance and Coordination Support for Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development in the WSS Sector	22-Sep-25	21-Sep-26	Selection of Individual Consultants
42	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	15-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	Selection of Individual Consultants
	Termination Agreement signed by parties on May 16, 2024 (Contract terminated by the Consultant in its sole discretion). No payments have been done to consultant.			
43	MD-PIU-NORLD-388307-NC-DIR / Professional development programs for WSS operators and experts with bachelor studies	21-Nov-23	31-May-26	Direct selection
	Amendment no. 1 was signed to extend the implementation period until December 31, 2025. Amendment no. 2 signed on December 23, 2025 extending the implementation period until May 31, 2026.			
44	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				
45	MD-PIU-NORLD-395554-CS-INDV / Institutional development and support individual consultant for the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development	15-May-24	16-Jun-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
	Termination Agreement signed by parties on July 09, 2024 (Contract terminated by the Consultant in its sole discretion). No payments have been done to consultant.			
46	MD-PIU-NORLD-421236-CS-INDV / Legal specialist for support to delegation contracts (part-time assignment)	24-Jun-24	23-Jun-26	Selection of Individual Consultants
	Amendment no. 1 was signed until June 23, 2025 extending the contract implementation period until June 23, 2026			
47	MD-PIU-NORLD-395565-CS-INDV / National consultant to support the development of the Management Informational System (MIS)	30-Sep-24	25-Aug-25	Selection of Individual Consultants
	Amendment no. 1 was signed on January 27, 2025 extending the implementation period until August 25, 2025.			
48	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				
49	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)

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No	Contract	Date of contract signing	Contract completion	Procurement method
Component 3. Project management				
50	MD-PIU-NORLD-380722-CS-CQS / Baseline survey on the level of people's satisfaction concerning Water Supply and Sanitation service delivery.	11-Jan-24	30-Dec-24	Consultant's qualifications-based selection (CQS)
	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.			
51	MD-PIU-NORLD-403014-CS-LCS / Project Financial Audit for FYs 2022, 2023	21-Mar-24	21-Dec-24	Least – cost – based Selection
51a	MD-PIU-NORLD-403014-CS-LCS / Project Financial Audit for FYs 2024		21-Dec-25	Least – cost – based Selection
51b	MD-PIU-NORLD-403014-CS-LCS / Project Financial Audit for FYs 2025		21-Dec-26	Least – cost – based Selection
Deliverables submitted. Subject to satisfactory services provision, an Amendment no. 1 was signed for the FY2024 audit. Deliverables submitted. Subject to satisfactory services provision, an Amendment no. 2 was signed on December 20, 2025 for the FY2026 audit.				
52	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.	Description	Package Status
Consulting Services		
1	MD-PIU-NORLD-523852-CS-QCBS "Construction Supervision services of the civil works contract for Improvement of Water Supply Services in Riscani District"	Status: On 02.12.2025 the REOI was published, the deadline for EOIs submission was extended until 23.01.2026
Individual Consultantants		
1	MD-PIU-NORLD-522896-CS-INDV "Individual Consultant for Technical Supervision Services of the Delivery and installation Works of Septic Tanks and Infiltration Systems in 100 Households in Andrușul de Jos Village, Cahul District"	Status: Contract negotiations expected to be finalized by January 30, 2026.
2	MD-PIU-NORLD-528299-CS-INDV "WSS Engineer within the Regional Development Agency South, Cimișlia"	Status: On 12.12.2025 the REOI was published with the deadline for EOI submission - 02.02.2026
3	MD-PIU-NORLD-469760-CS-INDV "WSS Engineer within the Regional Development Agency North, Bălți"	Status: On 12.12.2025 the REOI was published with the deadline for EOI submission - 02.02.2026
4	MD-PIU-NORLD-522862-CS-INDV "Selection of Individual Consultant to Assist PIU, MIRD and ANRE in the Evaluation of Bids and Monitoring of MIS Development"	Status: Contract negotiations expected to be finalized by January 12, 2026.
Goods		
1	MD-PIU-NORLD-507131-GO-RFB "Procurement of National Management Information System (MIS) for WSS service providers"	Status: On 18.12.2025 the SPN was published with the deadline for Bids submission - 06.02.2026
Works		
1	MD-PIU-NORLD-506303-CW-RFB "Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sewerage Infrastructure in the Municipality of Soroca"	Status: Bid evaluation (technical part)
2	MD-PIU-NORLD-346164-CW-RFB "Improvement of Water Supply Services in Riscani District"	Status: Bidding process ongoing. Bid opening scheduled for January 27, 2026. Extended until February 17, 2026 (Amendment no. 1 to Bidding Documents)
3	MD-PIU-NORLD-521285-CW-RFQ "Delivery and installation Works of Septic Tanks and Infiltration Systems in 100 Households in Andrușul de Jos Village, Cahul District"	Status: retender, published on November 28, 2025. Bid Opening planned for January 20, 2026.

Source: data provided by PIU

Annex 2. Intermediate Results Indicators (Semi-annually frequency) by Components on December 31, 2025

	Indicator Name	Baseline	Intermediate revised ²⁴ Targets, Year 3	Frequency	Evaluation Status on December 31, 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	10 350	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	4 900	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.1.2	Number of households with a functional sewer connection to a safely managed sanitation service (Number)	0	2 900	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	545	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	158 309	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	160	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	8	Semi-annually	7 ²⁵
IRI_1.2.2	Number of health care facilities with functional safely managed drinking water supply, basic sanitation and hygiene facilities (Number)	0.00	2	Semi-annually	0
IRI_1.2.3	Number of people in schools participating in hygiene education and communication programs (Number)	0.00	12 250	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*

²⁴ Revised Project Indicators based on Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova official letter no. 11/2-7/258 on May 16, 2025

²⁵ The *Work Completion Certificate* signed by NITS

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	Indicator Name	Baseline	Intermediate revised²⁴ Targets, Year 3	Frequency	Evaluation Status on December 31, 2025
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 operational with 75 percent of licensed operators	Annually	The concept of MIS was approved by GD SPN for MIS development was published
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	120	Annually	33
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	42	Annually	8
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	100	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	5	Annually	N/A ²⁶
IRI_2.2.2	Average relative increase of Total Cost Coverage ratio for participating utilities over the baseline value (Percentage)	0.00	5	Annually	N/A ²⁷
IRI_2.2.3	Share of beneficiaries who report that the project has established effective engagement processes (Percentage)	0.00	75	Annually	N/A
IRI_2.2.3g	Share of female beneficiaries who report that the project has established effective engagement processes (Percentage)	0.00	75	Annually	N/A

Source: Project Appraisal Document and the PIU's data

²⁶ This data are not available in January 2026. The indicators for 2025 will be calculated in the next Semi-Annual Progress Report.

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Annex 3. Existing equipment owned by the water companies

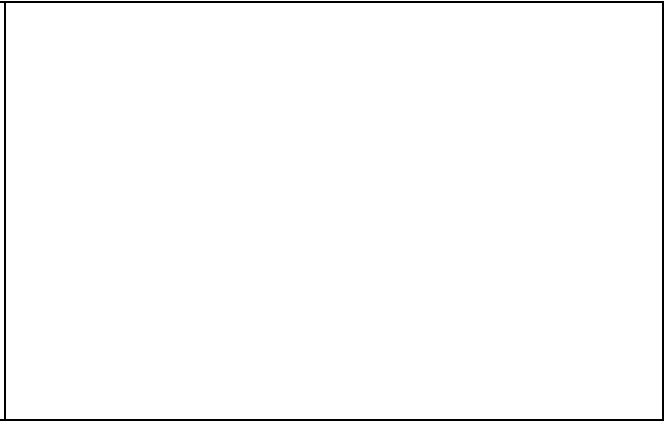
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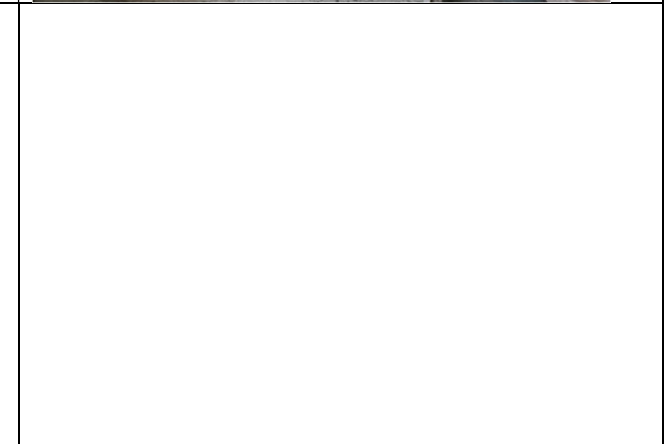


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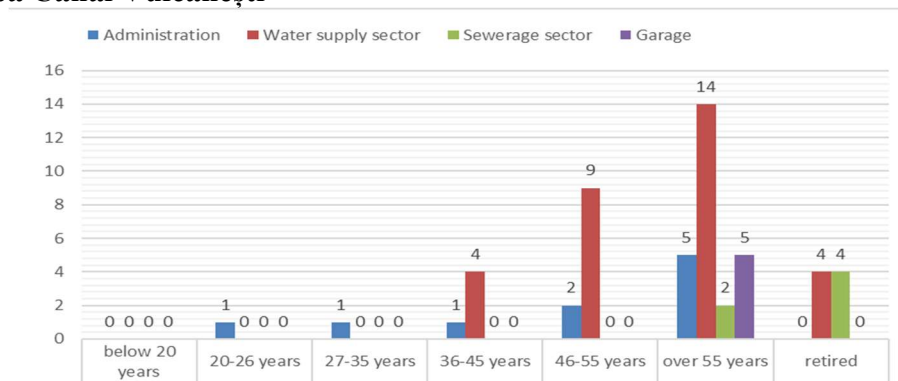


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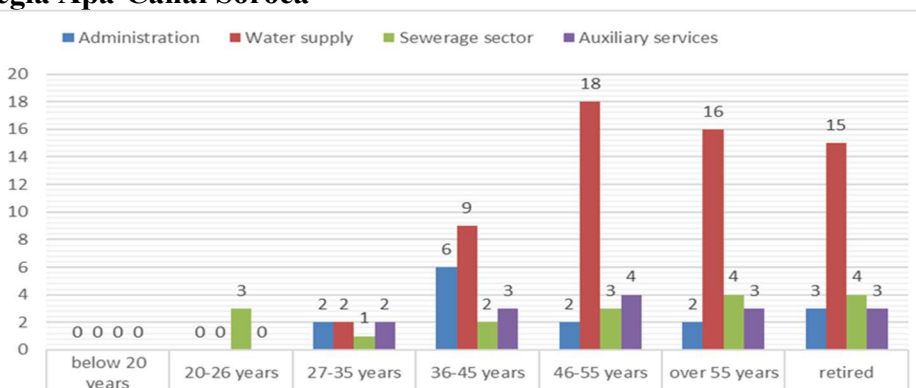


Source: Capacity assessment reports of water companies (November 2025)

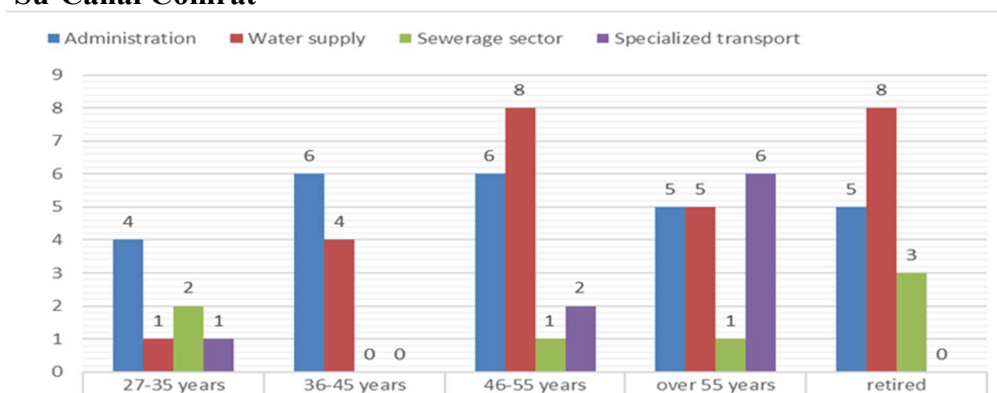
Annex 4. Age structure of employees by sector, of water companies in 2025
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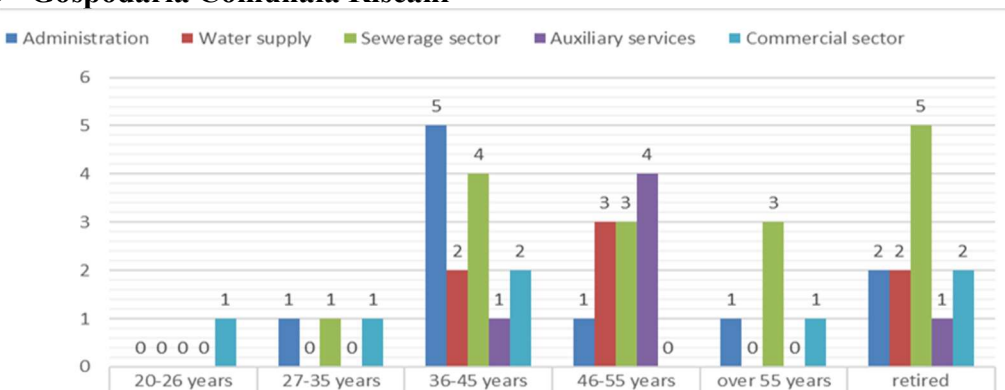
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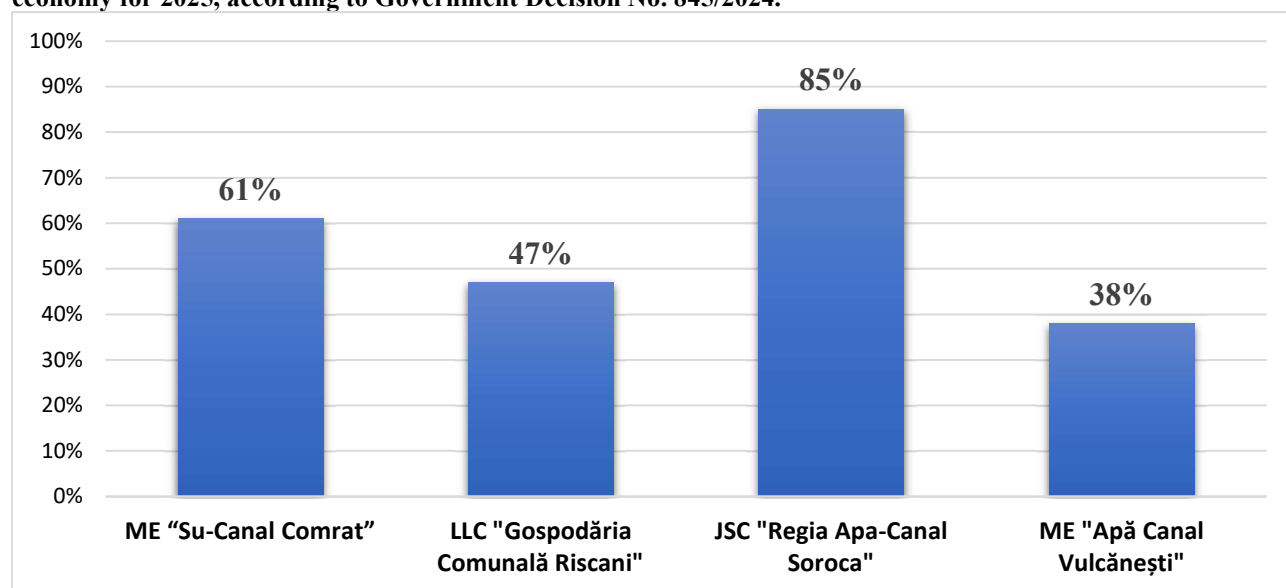
Source: Capacity assessment reports of water companies (November 2025)

Annex 5. Evolution of average gross monthly salary, of water companies in 2020-2025

ME "Apă Canal Vulcănești"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/II)
Average earnings, lei	5,797.1	5,356.5	6,614.8	6,190.3	6,538.4	6063.2
Percentage increase in average salary	-	-7.6%	23.5%	-6.4%	5.6%	-7.3%
JSC "Regia Apa-Canal Soroca"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/I)
Average salary, MDL	7,450.2	7,555	8,935.6	9,870.2	11,208.75	13,707.4
Percentage increase in average salary	-	1.7	18.3	10.5	13.6	12.3
ME "Su-Canal Comrat"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/I)
Average earnings, MDL	5,390.4	n/a	7,901.3	7,354.9	9,647.5	9,766.2
Percentage increase in average salary	-	-	47%*	-7%	31%	1%
* Reference year 2020						
LLC "Gospodăria Comunală Riscani"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/II)
Average earnings, MDL	6,146.6	6,917.6	6,719.3	6,713.1	9,717.4	10,165.5
Percentage increase in average salary	-	12.5%	-3%	0%	45%	4.5%

Source: Capacity assessment reports of water companies (November 2025)

Annex 6. The average gross monthly salary recorded at the water enterprises of the average salary forecast for the economy for 2025, according to Government Decision No. 845/2024.



Source: Capacity assessment reports of water companies (November 2025)

Annex 7. Staff shortage of water companies in %

ME "Apă Canal Vulcănești"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/II)
Actual Staff	47	52	50	52	53	56
Number of staff units according to the Staff Lists	60	61	62	62	59.5	59.5
Staff shortage, in %	21.7%	15%	19.5%	16%	11%	6%
JSC "Regia Apa-Canal Soroca"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/I)
Actual Staff	105	95	95	90	100	103
Number of staff units according to the Staff Lists	108	98	102	99	106	106
Staff shortage, in %	2.7%	3.1%	6.9%	9.1%	5.7%	2.8%
ME "Su-Canal Comrat"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/II)
Actual Staff	85	n/a	85	88	74	76
Number of staff units according to the Staff Lists	90	99	99*	99*	90	84.5
Staff shortage, in %	6%	n/a	14%	11%	18%	10%
*Due to the non-functionality of the Board of Directors in 2022–2023, staffing levels could not be approved.						
LLC "Gospodăria Comunală Riscani"						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (T/II)
Actual Staff	68	56	61	54	55	62
Number of staff units according to the Staff Lists	81.3	n/a	62.9	59.3	61.3	64.4
Staff shortage, in %	16.5%	n/a	2.5%	9%	10%	3.5%

Annex 8. Informational plaques for sanitary facilities built under the WASH subproject



Annex 9 Photographic Evidence: Before and After Construction - sanitary facilities built under the WASH subproject

