Civil society organizations from the Republic of Moldova welcome Moldova's 2026 Voluntary National Review and the opportunity to contribute to SDG implementation.

While progress has been made, significant gaps remain in ensuring that sustainable development benefits everyone equally. To uphold the principle of leaving no one behind, Moldova's SDG implementation must be guided by reliable and disaggregated data, including by sex, age, disability, rural residence, ethnicity, and Roma identity where relevant, with appropriate safeguards. Without such data, many vulnerable groups remain insufficiently visible in planning, budgeting, monitoring, and evaluation.

Under SDG 6, access to safe water and sanitation remains unequal, particularly in rural communities and for women, older persons, and persons with disabilities. We also call for menstrual health and hygiene to be recognized as a matter of public health, gender equality, and human dignity. The cost of menstrual hygiene products disproportionately affects women and girls from low-income and vulnerable households. We urge the Government to review the taxation of these essential products and introduce measures to improve their affordability and accessibility.

Access to green energy, inclusive infrastructure, safe public spaces, transportation, and services also remains unequal for many vulnerable and marginalized groups affected by discrimination based on work and descent.

Civil society also stresses the importance of transparent and sustainable partnerships. Women-led, Roma-led, grassroots, youth, disability, local service-providing, and community-based organizations are often closest to affected communities, yet their participation in policy design, monitoring, financing, and implementation remains limited. We therefore ask the Government of Moldova:

1. How will Moldova strengthen the collection and use of disaggregated data while ensuring safeguards, trust, and community participation?
2. What concrete measures will ensure equitable access to safe water and sanitation, affordable menstrual hygiene products, green energy, inclusive infrastructure, and essential services for vulnerable groups?
3. How will the Government ensure transparent, sustainable, and adequately financed partnerships with civil society organizations in SDG implementation and monitoring?