

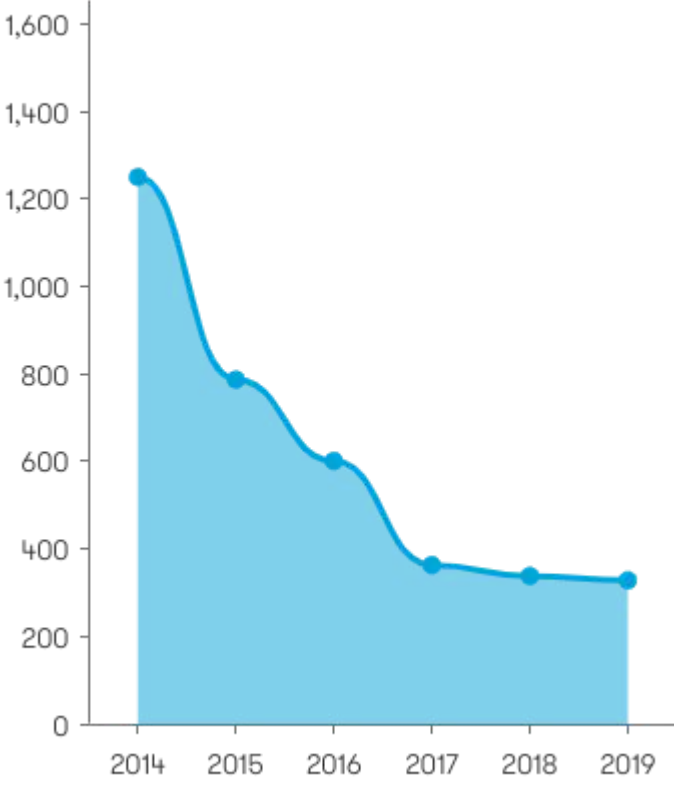
# Country Fact sheet 2021

## Moldova



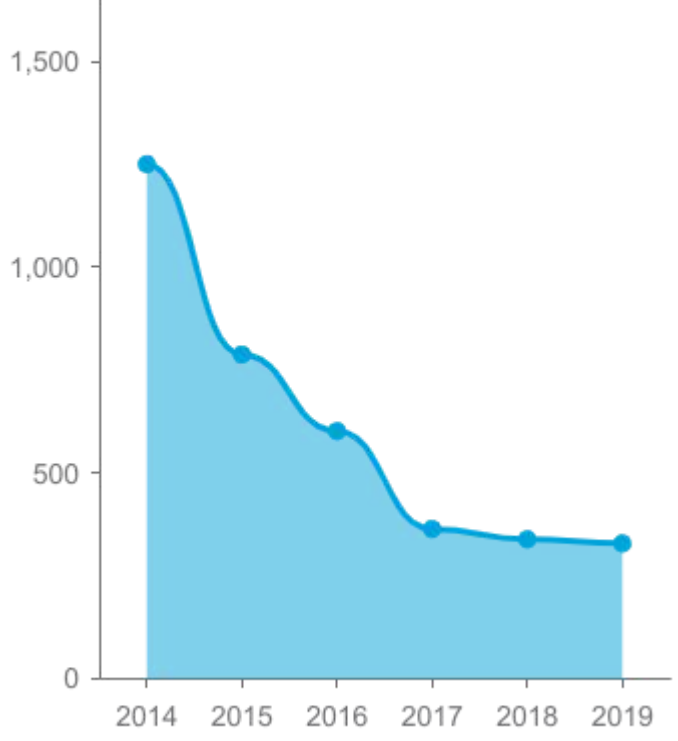
The Strategy for Child Protection (2014-2020) was approved by the Government of the Republic of Moldova on June 10, 2014. With its Action Plan for 2016-2020 approved May 31, 2016.

Total children in institutions for children



data from  
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Number of children with disabilities in residential care



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In 2019, civil society successfully lobbied for a change to the law that diversifies the allowances for children in care based on their needs.



There is limited specialized foster care, with insufficient prevention services and the resistance of medical professionals that manage institutions for young children, slow child protection system reforms.

## Effect of the pandemic on children in Moldova



In the early days of the pandemic in 2020 around 42,000 children were returned home urgently from 435 residential institutions (boarding schools of general education). This was done without any form of planning, family assessment, provision of localised services, case management or case by case review.

The pandemic has significantly exacerbated the situation of families that were already in need and require support services.

### We call on the government:

Recall the draft order amending the deinstitutionalisation strategy



Ensure the approval, funding and implementing of a well-resourced 2022-2026 Child Protection programme and action plan;



Enforce the moratorium on institutionalization of children 0-3;



Diversify foster care in Moldova to ensure most vulnerable children are looked after in foster care.

### We call on the European Union to:



All relevant financial instruments and the association agreement with Moldova that will be reviewed or updated should include and promote the prevention of child - family separation and transition from institutional to family- and community-based care as a key priority as well as an indicator for fulfilling the human rights criteria for joining the EU;



Rule out EU funds' investments in institutions, regardless of the size, including investments for the refurbishing, building, renovating, extending of institutions or improving energy efficiency of the care settings, etc. Instead, promote the redirection of financing at the national level from institutions to establishment of services in communities.

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