

Moldova



—
Population (thousands)



1%
Population below
international poverty line



— YEARS
Average life expectancy at birth



—
Under 5 mortality rate
(per 1,000 births)



\$11,444
Gross national product
(millions)



—%
Literacy rate for male
youth (15-24)

—%
Literacy rate for female
youth (15-24)

Behaviors and Conditions Generally Viewed as Child Maltreatment

Age an individual is legally considered an adult ^{Q9}

- 18

Forms of acceptable punishment ^{Q11}

- Hitting a child on the buttocks with an open hand
- Hitting a child on the buttocks with an object (e.g., shoe, belt)
- Hitting a child on the head or face with an open hand
- Hitting a child on the head or face with a fist
- Hitting a child on the head or face with an object (e.g., shoe, belt)
- Hitting a child anywhere else on the body with an open hand
- Hitting a child anywhere else on the body with an object (e.g., shoe, belt)
- Burning a child deliberately
- Locking a child in a small space, such as a closet
- Hitting a child anywhere else on the body with a fist

Actions considered forms of child maltreatment:

Affecting children's safety, health, or development ^{Q12}

- Physical beating of a child by any adult
- Child living on the street
- Prostituting a child
- Infanticide
- Female circumcision/female genital mutilation
- Forcing a child to beg
- Abuse by another child
- Child serving as soldier
- Child labor – under age 12
- Slavery
- Internet solicitation for sex
- Child marriage
- Torture for political reasons
- Making a child responsible for an adult crime to lessen risk of prosecution

In the following places ^{Q13}

- Foster care, group home or orphanage
- Day care center
- School or educational training center
- Psychiatric institution
- Detention facility
- Religious institution
- Sporting organization
- Work place
- Law enforcement facility
- Refugee camp

Involving a parent or caregiver ^{Q14}

- Physical discipline with bruising
- Failure to provide adequate food, clothing, medical care, education, or shelter (neglect)
- Failure to seek medical care for any reason
- Sexual abuse (e.g., incest, sexual touching)
- Exposing child to pornography
- Commercial sexual exploitation
- Abandonment
- Emotional (psychological) abuse (e.g., repeated belittling or insulting of a child)
- Emotional (psychological) neglect (e.g., failure to provide emotional support/attention)
- Failure to seek medical care for child based on religious beliefs
- Child is exposed to (witnesses) intimate partner (or domestic) violence
- Child exposed to parent's substance use

Official Documentation on Child Maltreatment

Government agency maintains official record/count of all suspected CM reported to authorities ^{Q15}

Yes

Agencies that maintain these records ^{Q16}

- Social services
- Law enforcement

The level at which records are maintained ^{Q17}

- National
- Regional/State

Multiple agencies have interconnected recordkeeping systems ^{Q18}

No

How long this counting system has been in place ^{Q19}

5-10 years

Types of CM and intimate partner violence used to classify reports ^{Q20}

Physical abuse	Yes
Sexual abuse	Yes
Neglect	Yes
Emotional (psychological) maltreatment	Yes
Exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV)	Yes

Change in the past 4 years in the number of reports for the following types of CM ^{Q21}

Physical abuse	More cases
Sexual abuse	More cases
Neglect	More cases
Emotional (psychological) maltreatment	More cases
Exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV)	More cases
Subgroups of children are systematically excluded from the reporting system ^{Q22}	Don't know
Subgroups of children are included in this reporting system ^{Q24}	Don't know
Country or most states/provinces have a law mandating reporting of suspected CM ^{Q26}	Yes
Year law took effect ^{Q27}	After 2005
Law applies to ^{Q28}	
- Physical abuse - Sexual abuse - Neglect - Emotional (psychological) maltreatment - Exposure to/witnessing IPV	

National Statistics

The rate of reported CM nationwide per 1,000 children per year ^{Q29}	5,707
Percentage of reports of suspected CM that are responded to/investigated by social services ^{Q30}	0-15%
Percentage of all reports investigated that are substantiated or "proven" ^{Q31}	0-15%
Year and period this rate applies to ^{Q33}	Calendar
Official count represents number of children or number of responses ^{Q34}	Not defined
One child or household can be counted more than once ^{Q35}	Yes
Percentage of responses/investigations for each of the following types of CM ^{Q36}	
Physical abuse	0-15%
Sexual abuse	0-15%
Neglect	61-75%
Emotional (psychological) maltreatment	0-15%

Street children	0-15%
Abandoned children	0-15%
Exposure to IPV	0-15%

Percent of substantiated reports that result in ^{Q37}

Result in the perpetrator being removed from the home	Don't know
Lead to prosecution of the alleged perpetrator	Don't know
Result in the child being removed from the home	Don't know

Number of children removed from home living in: ^{Q38}

Kinship care (with a family member)	Don't know
Non-relative family foster care	Don't know
Residential care/orphanages	Don't know

Child Fatalities**An autopsy is required by law when a child's death** ^{Q39}

Is unexpected	Yes
Has an unclear cause	Yes

The autopsy is conducted by ^{Q40}

Forensic doctor	Yes
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There is a specific protocol ^{Q41}

Yes

My country has child death/fatality review teams ^{Q42}

Yes

These teams are trained in recognizing child abuse and neglect ^{Q43}

Yes

These teams are required by law ^{Q44}

Yes

These teams are ^{Q44}

National	Yes
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An official annual count of deaths due to child abuse or neglect is maintained by a government agency ^{Q46}

Yes

The annual rate of child deaths attributed to CM ^{Q47}

Don't know

Percentage of child deaths that involves ^{Q49}

Physical abuse	Don't know
Neglect	Don't know
Sexual Abuse	Don't know
Emotional Abuse	Don't know
Intimate Partner Violence	Don't know

In the past 10 years, the number of reported deaths due to CM ^{Q50}

Don't know

Responses to Child Maltreatment

My country has an identified government agency (or agencies) at the national, state, or local levels that is mandated to respond to reports of CM ^{Q51}	Yes
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Primary investigations are conducted by ^{Q52}

- Social services
- Law enforcement

Laws and Policies Responding to Child Maltreatment

My country has national laws or policies implemented at the state/provincial/territorial level regarding CM ^{Q53}	Yes	Provisions for removing child from his or her parents/caretakers to ensure the child's safety	Yes
These laws were established ^{Q54}	After 2000	Provisions for removing the alleged perpetrator from the home	Yes
The following elements are specified in laws or policies ^{Q55}		Requirement that background checks be conducted for employees who work with children (e.g., teachers, day care workers, etc.)	No
Mandated periodic training for professionals who may encounter maltreated children	Yes	Specific criminal penalties for maltreating a child	Yes
Mandated reporting of suspected CM for specific groups of professionals or individuals	Yes	Requirement that all victims receive some form of service or intervention	Yes
Mandated reporting of suspected CM for all adults	Yes	Requirement that all perpetrators receive some form of service or intervention	No
Provisions that allow for voluntary reporting of suspected CM by any professional or individual	Yes	Requires the development of specific prevention services	Yes
Requirement that reports be investigated within a specific time period (e.g., 24 hours)	Yes	Requires that a separate attorney or advocate be assigned to represent the child's interests	Yes
Requirement that the investigation be a coordinated intersectoral response	Yes	Penalties for professionals who fail to report CM	No
Requirement that the child(ren)'s and family's needs be assessed	Yes	Provision of immunity from liability when reports are made in good faith	Don't know

Provide a specific budget for preventing CM	No	Requirement that all victims receive some form of service or intervention	Almost never
Clear definition of child neglect	Yes	Requirement that all perpetrators receive some form of service or intervention	Inconsistently
Clear definition of child physical abuse	Yes	Requirement that the development of specific prevention services	Inconsistently
Clear definition of child sexual abuse	Yes	Requirement that a separate attorney or advocate be assigned to represent the child's interests	Inconsistently
Clear definition of child emotional/psychological abuse	Yes	Penalties for professionals who fail to report CM	Almost never
Clear definition of exposure to IPV	Yes	Provision of immunity from liability when reports are made in good faith	N/A
The sectors that are required to be included in the response ^{Q56}		Provision of a specific budget for preventing CM	Almost never
• Child protection • Law enforcement (police) • Health (e.g., forensic doctor or pediatrician) • Legal (e.g., prosecutor or court appointed advocate) • Education (teachers)		The adequacy of government resources for implementing these laws or policies ^{Q58}	
The extent to which these laws or policies are being enforced ^{Q57}		Mandated periodic training for professionals who may encounter	Somewhat inadequate
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Requirement that reports be investigated within a specific time period (e.g., 24 hours)	Inconsistently	Provisions for removing the alleged perpetrator from the home	Adequate
Requirement that the investigation be a coordinated intersectoral response	Inconsistently	Requirement that all victims receive some form of service or intervention	Very inadequate
Requirement that the child(ren)'s and family's needs be assessed	Inconsistently	Requirement that all perpetrators receive some form of service or intervention	Very inadequate
Provisions for removing child from his or her parents/caretakers to ensure the child's safety	Inconsistently	Requirement that a separate attorney or advocate be assigned to represent the child's interests	Somewhat inadequate
Provisions for removing the alleged perpetrator from the home	Inconsistently	Provision of a specific budget for preventing CM	Somewhat inadequate
Requirement that background checks be conducted for employees who work with children (e.g., teachers, daycare workers, etc.)	N/A		

Services

Child abuse and neglect services available and to what extent ^{Q59}		Public shelters for victims of domestic violence and their children	Occasionally
Therapy for those who neglect a child	None	Institutional care for maltreated children	None
Therapy for neglected children	Occasionally	Financial and other material support	Moderately
Therapy for those who physically abuse a child	None	Hospitalization for mental illness for adults	Occasionally
Therapy for physically abused children	Occasionally	Hospitalization for mental illness for children	Occasionally
Therapy for those who sexually abuse a child	None	Substance abuse treatment for parents	Occasionally
Therapy for sexually abused children	Occasionally	Substance abuse treatment for children	Occasionally
Case management support services to meet a family's basic needs	Moderately	Centers for parents to share experiences/concerns	None
Home-based services to support parents and family	Occasionally	Universal home visits for all new parents	Moderately
Foster care with official foster parents	Moderately	Targeted home visits for new parents at-risk	Moderately
Group homes for maltreated children	None	Universal health screening for children	None
Public shelters for maltreated children	Occasionally	Universal, mostly free medical care for children	Usually
		Universal, mostly free medical care for all citizens	Usually

Prevention

The involvement of the following sectors in providing CM prevention services before CM has occurred ^{Q60}		Voluntary civic organizations	Minimal
Hospitals/medical centers	Minimal	Courts/law enforcement	None
Mental health agencies	Minimal	Universities	Minimal
Businesses/factories	None	The level of involvement for the following sectors in providing CM treatment services after CM has occurred ^{Q61}	
Schools	Moderate	Hospitals/medical centers	Moderate
Public social service agencies	Moderate	Mental health agencies	Moderate
Community-based NGOs	Moderate	Businesses/factories	None
Religious institutions	Minimal	Schools	Moderate

Public social service agencies	Moderate	Substance abuse services	Not effective
Community-based NGOs	Very	Services for victims of domestic violence	Seems effective
Religious institutions	None	Child death review teams	Seems effective
Voluntary civic organizations	None	Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	Not used
Courts/law enforcement	Very	Multi-Systemic Therapy	Not used
The extent to which government and non-governmental agencies fund CM prevention services ^{Q62}		Triple P Positive Parenting Program	Not used
Government	None	Safe Care parenting program	Not used
Non-government	Moderate	The importance of the following barriers in limiting efforts to prevent CM ^{Q65}	
The extent to which government and non-governmental agencies fund CM treatment services ^{Q63}		Limited resources for improving the government's response to CM	Very
Government	Minimal	Lack of specific laws related to CM	Somewhat
Non-government	Moderate	Lack of system to investigate reports of CM	Somewhat
The effectiveness of these strategies in preventing CM ^{Q64}		Lack of trained professionals	Very
Nurse Family Partnership	Not effective	Public resistance to supporting prevention efforts	Quite
Home-based services and support for parents at risk	Not used	Extreme poverty	Very
Media campaigns to raise public awareness	Seems effective	Decline in family life and informal support systems for parents	Very
Risk assessment methods	Not effective	Country's dependency on foreign investment to sustain its local economy	Very
Increasing individual responsibility for child protection	Seems effective	Strong sense of family privacy and parental rights to raise children as they choose	Quite
Prosecution of child abuse offenders	Not effective	General support for the use of corporal punishment/physical discipline of children	Very
Universal home visitation for new parents	Seems effective	Lack of commitment or support for children's rights	Somewhat
Improving/increasing local services	Seems effective	Overwhelming number of children living on their own	Quite
A system of universal health care and access to preventive medical care	Seems effective	Generally inadequate and poorly developed systems of basic health care or social services	Somewhat
Professional training	Seems effective	Political or religious conflict and instability	Somewhat
University programs for students	Not effective	Lack of access to mental health services	Quite
Advocacy for children's rights	Seems effective	Lack of substance abuse treatment	Quite
Improving the basic living conditions of families (e.g., housing, access to clean water).	Seems effective	Lack of laws allowing sharing of information among professionals	Somewhat
Mental health services	Not effective		

Child Sexual Exploitation

The following questions pertain to child sex exploitation (CSE), defined as: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, trafficking, provision, or obtaining of a person under 18 for the purpose of a commercial sex act -- by force, fraud, or coercion.

The extent to which my country has laws concerning CSE ^{Q66}	Greatly	The extent to which my country prosecutes citizens who engage in CSE abroad ^{Q75}	Sometimes
The extent to which my country has programs to combat CSE ^{Q67}	Not really	The extent to which my country prosecutes foreigners who engage in CSE within my country ^{Q76}	Sometimes
The extent to which agencies collaborate to stop CSE ^{Q68}	Somewhat	The extent to which my country arrests children who are exploited sexually ^{Q77}	Don't know
The extent to which clear policies exist for reporting CSE to a public agency or NGO ^{Q69}	Somewhat	There have been arrests in my country in the past year of persons who sexually exploit children ^{Q78}	Yes
My country keeps official records on CSE ^{Q70}	Yes	There have been arrests in my country in the past year of persons for the possession or production of child pornography ^{Q79}	Yes
Commercial sex work is legal in my country ^{Q71}	No		
The extent to which CSE victims receive mental health care ^{Q73}	Rarely		
The extent to which my country prosecutes citizens who engage in CSE ^{Q74}	Sometimes		

Resources

The extent to which the UNCRC has helped improve CM policies and programs ^{Q80}	Significantly	Reputable agencies or organizations in my country able to provide reliable information, with contact information, especially websites. ^{Q84}
Major developments in child abuse and neglect in my country in the past year ^{Q83}		Ministry of Health, Social Protection
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