



Threshold Quarterly Report August 2008

## **Program Summary**

Moldova's program is focused on anti-corruption by strengthening the capacity of the judiciary, increasing the monitoring capacity of civil society and the mass media, reducing corruption in the health system, curbing corruption in the tax, customs and police services, and reforming the Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption (CCECC).

#### **Threshold Status**

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

#### **Threshold Information**

Total Amount......\$24.7 million Agreement Signed..December 14, 2006

### **Country Information**

Population......4,205,747\* GNI Per Capita Income.....\$880\*

# **Program Highlights**

- Approximately 40 participants attended a Public Policy Forum focusing
  on civil society and media monitoring of government performance. Journalist training was provided for advanced, intermediate and beginner journalists
- A grant awarded to "Lawyers for Human Rights" will provide legal services to Moldovan investigative journalists and media outlets. Thirty-five consultations were provided between January and March 2008.
- Twelve quality improvement councils now exist, which are intended to increase the quality of health services and reduce corrupt actions in this sphere.
- Between January and March 2008, 1,000 copies of an article-by-article commentary to the new code of Judicial Ethics was published. Ethical guidelines for judicial staff were drafted and submitted to the Superior Council of Magistrates for review.
- The Moldovan Customs Service instituted a "civilian oversight board" to advise the Director General on issues of concern.