

# United States Department of State Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia

Foreign Operations Assistance Fact Sheet, April 2011\*

# Moldova



**ASSISTANCE GOALS:** The United States Government (USG) assistance in Moldova is provided to strengthen democratic institutions and processes, increase economic prosperity, secure the country's recognized borders, and assist Moldova to become a full partner in the European and international communities. Assistance programs encourage improved governance, strengthened civil society and independent media, increased knowledge of legal rights, and access to justice. Additional goals are to reduce poverty by supporting key industries to realize their export potential, and address trafficking in persons by improving the ability of law enforcement to identify and prosecute traffickers, while protecting victims of trafficking. Other efforts support the re-integration of the breakaway region of Transnistria through targeted economic growth and civic participation programs.

### AREAS OF FOCUS:

#### Peace and Security (P&S)

- Assist Moldova to become a capable partner in international military efforts
- Develop the capacity of law enforcement to reduce threat of transnational crime, including trafficking in persons

#### Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD)

- Build the capacity of civil society and independent media to fulfill watchdog and advocacy roles and increase informed civic participation
- Provide targeted technical expertise to enact reforms and build capacity at all levels and across all branches of the government
- Promote free and fair elections, strengthen electoral institutions and promote political competition
- Strengthen legal and judicial institutions and increase public access to legal protection and representation

#### Economic Growth (EG)

- Improve trade and investment capacity of Moldovan companies
- Improve the regulatory and operating environment for Moldovan firms

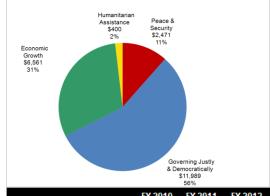
#### Humanitarian Assistance (HA)

- Relieve suffering of vulnerable populations by providing donated food, clothing and medical supplies
- Repair educational and health care institutions through small reconstruction project grants

#### **RECENT SUCCESSES:**

- Contributed to parliamentary elections deemed by observers to have met most international commitments through support for civic election observation and election administration.
- Supported the drafting of the new Law on the Legal Profession, adopted by Parliament in May 2010, which improved the self-regulation and status of criminal defense and civil attorneys in Moldova in accordance with international standards.
- Supported the streamlining of issuance of construction permits that cut costs for such permits by 80 per cent, improving the business environment.
- Distributed over \$4.1 million worth of donated clothing, hygiene items, medical equipment and supplies to hospitals, clinics and vulnerable sectors of the population in Moldova including the elderly, orphaned children, and the disabled.

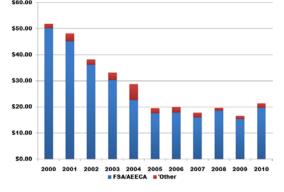
#### FY 2010 Foreign Operations Assistance by Objective\* (\$000s)



BY OBJECTIVE		FY 2011 REQUEST	
TOTAL (\$000s)	\$21,421	\$22,650	\$23,400
Peace & Security	\$2,471	\$3,550	\$4,100
Governing Justy & Democratically	\$11,989	\$11,316	\$11,087
Economic Growth	\$6,561	\$7,384	\$7,913
Humanitarian Assistance	\$400	\$400	\$300

BYACCOUNT	FY 2010 ESTIMATE	FY 2011 REQUEST	FY 2012 REQUEST
TOTAL	\$21,421	\$22,650	\$23,400
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia & Central Asia (AEECA)	\$19,650	\$20,000	\$21,000
Foreign Military Financing (FMF)	\$750	\$1,500	\$1,250
International Military Education & Training (IMET)	\$731	\$750	\$750
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining & Related Programs (NADR)	\$290	\$400	\$400

## FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance



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