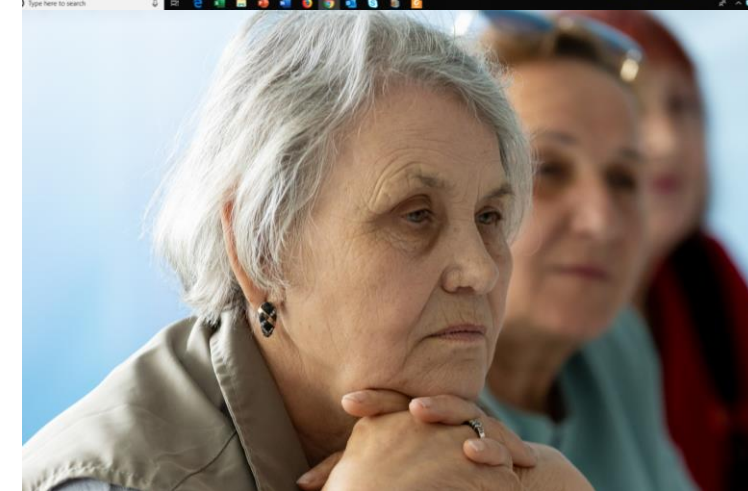
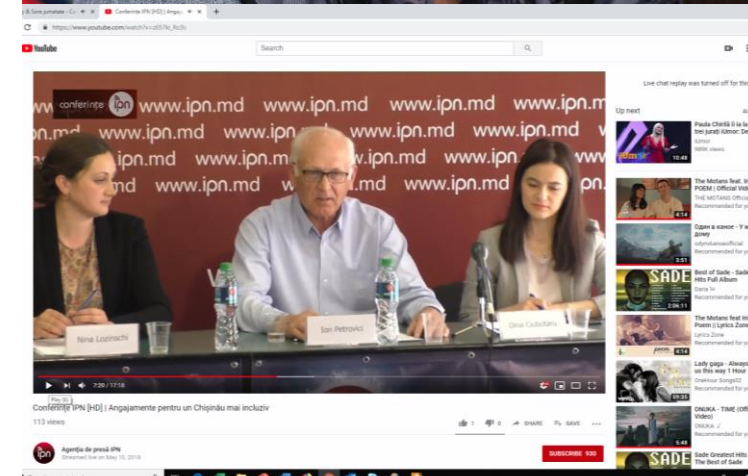


## Holding Moldova's government to account:

Civil society monitoring of the national commitment to implement the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing



## Items to discuss

- Raising awareness of MIPAA at all levels to secure commitment for its implementation
- Enabling context for CSOs to hold government to account
- CSOs & Government ways of working together towards the implementation of MIPAA
- Learning & Way forward

# Country Profile



- In 2022, the total population of Moldova was estimated at 2.59 mln, compared to 3.58 mln in 2004 census.
- Older persons over 60 represent 22,8%, about 60,1% of the total number are women. Of the total older population, every third person is between 60-64 years old, and 11.3% are persons over 80 years old.
- Moldova is part of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) since 1992
- Moldova is part of the Standing Working Group on Ageing since 2009. National Focal Points on Ageing:  
Ms. Larisa Rotatu  
Ms. Aliona Cretu (current)

# Enabling context to hold government to account

- Legal framework to enable participation
  - <http://lex.justice.md/md/366274/> - government DECISION No. 967, from 09.08.2016, on public consultation mechanism with civil society in the decision-making process
  - <http://lex.justice.md/md/311759/> LAW No. 982 from 11.05.2000 on access to information
  - <http://lex.justice.md/md/329849/> LAW No. 239 from 13.11.2008 on transparency in the decision-making process
- Favorable Civil Society Space to influence adoption of national policy on ageing (watchdog role on government international commitments)
- Active UNFPA country office, Moldova part of UNECE Working Group on Ageing
- Government Commitment to address ageing



## Raising Awareness of MIPAA

- Separate meetings with the government officials (Parliamentary Commission on Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Labour & Social Protection, etc)
- Round table meetings with government stakeholders to discuss MIPAA (national, local level)
- Campaigns to hold government to account (Age Demands Action) with presentation of demands for improvement of the lives of older people
- Data collection on the situation of older people for MIPAA reviews and various research studies (violence, discrimination and abuse of older people 2015, others)





## Raising Awareness of MIPAA

- Writing Petitions to the government on its MIPAA commitments and implementation
  - (at least once a year on Age Demands Action)
- Building allies for MIPAA Implementation (Platform on Active Ageing, other agencies and CSOs)
- Continuously build our own and the Platform's capacity on ageing
- Mainstreaming Ageing into public policies (UNECE methodology)
  - Position papers with policy recommendations
  - Advocacy meetings with the government representatives to advance our recommendations
  - Follow-up monitoring on acceptance of our recommendation of the policy papers

# National Policies on Ageing

- In 2012, the Government of Moldova adopted a Road Map for mainstreaming ageing
  - UNECE and UNFPA Support
  - HelpAge International organized civil society consultations
- In 2014, the Government adopted the first National Programme and Plan on Mainstreaming Ageing into Public Policies 2014-2016
- In 2018, the Government adopted a new Plan on Implementing the Active Ageing Principle for 2018-2022.
- The second Programme and Plan on Active and Healthy Ageing adopted for 2023-2027 implementation

# Learning

- MIPAA – a soft law (why commit)
- Collaboration versus confrontation with the government (identifying mutual interests and points of support)
- Poor civil society capacity to hold government to account
- Lack of reliable data on older people's situation/advocacy evidence
- Lack of older people's voice to inform advocacy actions
- Lack of fora for meetings with the government and wider decision makers (CSOs to create spaces – campaigns, marches, etc.)
- Using international fora (Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW, Universal Periodic Review (UPRs), Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR, etc.) for engagement with the government
- Capacity strengthening on ageing both for government and HelpAge



## Way Forward

- Work together with the government at all levels: building capacity, etc.
- Continue to build our own capacity on ageing as HelpAge and continue our presence in international fora to become a credible expert on ageing
- Adopt national, legally binding instrument to address ageing – Law on Older People
  - Provide technical support
  - Organize consultations with CSOs & older people
- Mainstream ageing into public policies – UNECE methodology (develop position papers, provide recommendations for adjustments, etc)
- Advocate for adoption of a new UN Convention on Older People's Rights

***THANK YOU!***

