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# **Improving the quality of Moldovan democracy through parliamentary and electoral support**



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# Background

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UNDP has been working with the Central Electoral Commission since 2008 and with the Parliament from 2005 till 2007. A current project for the Parliament is implemented since 2009, funded by the Governments of Sweden and of Denmark.

Significant achievements have been accomplished by both institutions in this time, but more work is required to consolidate these gains

Both institutions wish to continue their strong and successful partnership with UNDP

Consultations with other stakeholders concluded that there was a clear need for further work



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# Why a joint approach?

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Both the CEC and the Parliament have rebuilt their institutions since the events of 2009; what is needed now is further and deeper institutional development as set out in the respective Strategic Plans

Quality and performance of electoral and parliamentary machinery is crucial for Moldova to meet international commitments and European standards

Human rights protection, including gender, are at the heart of the work of both institutions



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# The proposal

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- A single project that works with the CEC and the Parliament, implemented by UNDP and for a specific part by UNICEF
- Joint actions where appropriate, especially in regard to human rights issues, research & analysis and staff development & training
- A unified UNDP team, with dedicated resources situated at the CEC and at the Parliament



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# Objective One

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Improved institutional capacity of the Parliament and CEC to meet European standards of gender and human rights and strengthened legislative and oversight functions of the Parliament

## *Activities include*

- Gender awareness and mainstreaming
- CEC gender audit
- Support to a Women's Caucus in the Parliament
- Joint activities on human rights protection



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- Support for the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights to strengthen the oversight on the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan
  - Activities to establish an effective relationship between the Parliament and the Parliamentary Advocates
  - Support to the Parliament in the area of child rights (UNICEF)



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## Objective Two

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Two: Foster the quality of the representative role of the Parliament and promote more interaction between Members of Parliament, citizens and civil society

### *Activities include*

- A feasibility study for establishing 3 constituency offices in different parts of the country
- Developing rules on using E-consultation and online discussions with citizens
- Assistance to the Parliament in organizing more public hearings



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## Objective Three

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Improved institutional environment for electoral management bodies to deliver inclusive and modern electoral processes

### *Activities include*

- Processes for staff development and provision of training and learning opportunities
- Support for regional cooperation and learning
- Support for cross-government initiatives on electoral issues
- External evaluation of assistance to the CEC





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## Objective Four

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Improved public registration process for Moldovans and supporting the modernisation of Moldovan electoral processes

### *Activities include*

- Support for the development and implementation of the road map for voter registration
- Support for the further development of the SIAS system