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Roma Women's Alternative VNR Report

**Moldova's Progress
Toward Agenda 2030**

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About Roma Women Platform ROMNI

ROMNI is a member of European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network, GfOD's key European partner. ROMNI works to support and empower Roma women through legal aid, psychological support, and rehabilitation services. The organisation promotes social inclusion, offers training and education programmes, and raises awareness of the specific challenges Roma women face.

The Roma Women's Platform "ROMNI" has developed an alternative report for the 2026 Voluntary National Review (VNR) to provide an independent assessment of the Republic of Moldova's implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It highlights a significant discrepancy between progress declared by the state and the lived reality of Roma women, children, and refugees in local communities. The analysis reveals that Moldavian Roma women and children, including those seeking refuge from Ukraine, face multiple and intersectional discrimination based on work and descent, ethnicity, gender, and legal status.

Critical barriers to achieving the SDGs include:

- **Education (SDG 4 & 5):** High rates of school abandonment and limited access to early education, exacerbated by a lack of identity documents for refugees,.
- **Health & Wellbeing (SDG 3):** Structural discrimination in healthcare settings and a lack of prenatal monitoring for Roma women,.
- **Housing (SDG 11):** Many families live in substandard, overcrowded conditions with limited access to basic utilities like clean water and electricity.
- **Economic Inclusion (SDG 8 & 10):** Extremely high unemployment rates driven by ethnic discrimination and a lack of professional qualifications.

This report serves as a vital monitoring and advocacy tool for the 2026 VNR process, aiming to hold the state accountable for its international human rights obligations,. To ensure a truly inclusive implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the ROMNI Platform recommends:

- Strengthening anti-discrimination legislation and supporting specialized human rights institutions.
- Implementing a national system for collecting disaggregated data by ethnicity, gender, and refugee status.
- Ensuring the active participation of Roma women in public decision-making and policy formulation.
- Expanding the role of Roma community mediators to bridge the gap between vulnerable groups and state services.

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