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EG Portfolio in Brief

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Moldova— Country Economic Environment

Challenges	Opportunities
One of the poorest countries in Europe: Avg. monthly salary <\$300 and prices often exceeding those in Western Europe	Reform-minded government and successful regulatory reforms (Guillotine I and II)
+/-25% of the population – representing 40% of the workforce – lives abroad	Advanced ICT industry and a strong movement towards a robust e-government initiative.
Slow growth in the EU and rising energy costs continue to depress exports and remittances (one third of GDP)	Active implementation of open data concept– one of only 16 nations in the world.



Moldova — Mission priorities in EG

- Competitiveness – Building regionally and globally competitive sectors. Now: Wine, apparel, and ICT. Future: footwear, furniture, and green building supplies.
- Agriculture – Support the transition to HVA, eventually increasing incomes in rural areas.
- Financial Sector – Attracting investors (through mechanisms such as DCAs, etc.)
- Business Regulatory– Improve the business enabling environment by working with GoM to implement reforms in business regulations, taxes, trade, and investment.



Moldova — Active Program Portfolio

Project Name	Program Area	Budget	Years	Expected Results
ACED	Agriculture + SME	\$15.9 million	2011-2016	Transition to HVA and more stable prices SME development in TN
CEED II	Competitiveness	\$9.1 million	2010-2014	Sales and Exports: +50% Sales and +75% Investment in assisted enterprises.
BIZTAR	Business Regulatory and Tax Reform	\$8.9 million	2007-2011	Reduced regulatory and other burdens for business and investment
MRGSP	Governance Support	\$2.7 million	2010-2011	Transition to e-governance system



Moldova — Innovations / Success Stories

- MRGSP “Body Shop” – Used a demand-driven, responsive approach as the basis for the contract, allowing for more immediate, relevant, and effective resource deployment.
- ACED – First time partnership with MCC and MCA (GoM counterpart).
- CEED – (1) Nurtured the development of industry associations and guilds, based on a bottom-up, demand-driven approach. (2) Special mortgages for IT sector employees.
- BIZTAR – Successful implementation of an e-declaration form for taxes, shaving 45 days from process.