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Expression of Interest

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Ref. No. 2026-10- 30.01/UNDP

30 October 2026

Subject: Call for Expressions of Interest for the selection of up to 15 women landholders for the practical testing of subtropical crops in southern Moldova

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Republic of Moldova invites eligible women landholders to submit Expressions of Interest (EoIs) to establish and maintain demonstration plots for the testing of subtropical crops under the project *"Advancing Climate Resilience and Women's Empowerment in Moldova"*, implemented jointly by UNDP and UN Women with financial support from the Government of Canada, in partnership with the National Institute of Applied Research in Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (INCAAMV).

The initiative aims to assess the adaptability of five subtropical crop species—persimmon, kiwi, pomegranate, fig and olive—to the climatic conditions of southern Moldova over a period of 24 months, while promoting agricultural diversification, climate resilience and economic opportunities for rural women.

Up to 15 women landholders will be selected to participate in the initiative. Selected participants will receive planting material, technical guidance, training and ongoing technical support and monitoring from INCAAMV. The assistance will be provided in kind and will not constitute a financial grant.

Selected participants will be responsible for providing suitable agricultural land and maintaining the demonstration plots throughout the testing period. Upon completion of the initiative, the established plantations will remain under their ownership and management, subject to the conditions set out in the Application Guide and the applicable participation arrangements.

Eligible applicants must be women aged 18 years or older, citizens of the Republic of Moldova, residing in one of the following target communities: Giurgiulești, Cîslița-Prut, Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Găvănoasa, Nicolaevca, Slobozia Mare, Brînza, Colibaș, Vadul lui Isac, Burlăceni, Greceni, Cișmichioi, Etulia and Vulcănești. Applicants must also hold a legally recognised right to use suitable agricultural land located within the target communities.

Detailed eligibility requirements, selection criteria and participation conditions are provided in the Application Guide.

The EoI package comprises the following documents:

1. Invitation Letter (this document);
2. Application Guide (Romanian and Russian);
3. Annex A – Application Form (Romanian and Russian);
4. Annex B – Declaration of Application and Commitment (Romanian and Russian).

Interested applicants are invited to submit their completed application packages by email, in accordance with the submission instructions and deadline specified in the Application Guide.

Requests for clarification may be addressed to the designated focal point indicated in the Application Guide.

Sincerely,

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