Ensuring human security in the crisis management process – a topic of study for local public authorities!

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Crisis management at local level by applying the human security approach was the subject of the informative seminar organized on January 30 for local public authorities of level I and II in the central area of the Republic of Moldova. The event organized by the Congress of Local Authorities of Moldova took place within a project funded by the Government of Japan through the United Nations Human Security Fund and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in partnership with the International Organization for Migration.

CALM experts Cătălina Scorțescu and Viorel Rusu presented general notions about human security, its dimensions and added value as a practical framework suitable for today's complex and interconnected challenges.

The participants identified the insecurities faced by communities in Moldova and talked about local policies necessary for human security to be ensured in everyday life. Environmental security, food security, health security, personal, community, economic, political security, but also other elements that may affect human security were also subjects brought to the attention of local elected officials and other employees of the local public administration present at the training session.

"These types of trainings are important because today's challenges have multiple aspects and must be addressed in their complexity, both internationally and nationally, regionally and locally. One of the conclusions was that in order to ensure human security, cooperative measures are needed, which are responsive and sustainable, people-centered, context-specific and prevention-oriented," said CALM expert

Catalina

Scorțescu.







In the same context, during the event, priority issues and good practices based on the experience of the United Nations Human Security Fund for Human Security were addressed. They aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, migration, prevention and resilience.

"We presented programs implemented in various countries, including Moldova, in the context of promoting the human security of Ukrainian refugees and citizens from host communities in Moldova, through empowerment and socio-economic inclusion. We approached these topics in order to succeed together in designing integrated policies and programs in the context of the refugee crisis", explained CALM expert Viorel Rusu.



According to the mayor of Hârbovăț village, Anenii Noi, Rodica Croitor, we live in such a complicated period, when insecurities are diverse inside our country, but also globally. "There is a need for

sustainable partnerships between local and central power, but also at international level, including by developing and implementing complex policies and programs aimed at ensuring security, development and assistance, so that no one is neglected," said the local elected official.



Maria Manoli, mayor of Zubresti, Straseni, spoke about the need to organize events with such a theme. "We have learned what we need to keep in mind when developing policies to ensure the security of citizens in our communities or nationally. I believe that human security is directly related to the well-being of people, communities and the country. We must take care especially of the elderly, but also of women, children who are part of vulnerable families", concluded Maria Manoli.



In the context of ensuring human security, Valentina Mesina, mayor of Rusei Noi, Ialoveni, spoke about

the hybrid war faced by the citizens of the Republic of Moldova. "These actions are trying to manipulate society and we need to be vigilant, to work together so that people can tell the difference between lies and truth."



Similar events took place on 23 and 26 January for local public authorities from Ungheni and Cahul districts. In total, about 80 representatives of local public authorities of level I and II from 9 districts participated in three seminars.

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