# Terms of Reference

## Terminal Evaluation of the 2nd phase of the Disaster and Climate Risk Management Project

1. Background

Moldova’s economy, population, and environment are highly exposed and vulnerable to climate variability and change and different kinds of natural hazards, including drought, floods, severe weather, earthquakes, and landslides. Average annual losses from hydrometeorological hazards comprise around three percent of GDP (if the 2007 drought is factored into the annual average). They have a severe impact upon the rural population of Moldova, which makes up around 60% of the total and depends largely upon agriculture for their livelihood. Overall annual losses from geophysical hazards account for 0.9% of GDP. These primarily threaten infrastructure, homes, and public buildings.

The Moldova Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction Project, Phase II, is a 3 year project (October 2013 – September 2016), funded and implemented by UNDP. During the first phase of the project a gradual shift of focus from traditional disaster response towards a more comprehensive approach to Disaster and Climate Risk Management oriented at prevention and preparedness could be observed. Building on this, the second phase will put emphasis on developing disaster risk management capacities, raising awareness of the general population and policy- and decision makers and increasing the level of knowledge of practitioners.

The main objective of the 2nd phase of the project is to reduce disaster and climate risks in Moldova through the development of national and local risk management capacities. Outputs in support of this objective are as follows:

1. *Coordination, planning, and monitoring capacities enhanced to execute the National Disaster Risk Management Strategy*
2. *Key stakeholders and society have improved DRR awareness and knowledge, as well as strengthened ability to develop own capacity*
3. *Regional and Local level risk management replicated and upscaled in Moldova*

The main implementing partners are the Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service of the Ministry of Interior and its affiliated training centers, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, Crisis Medicine Training Center, Ministry of Education, LPAs, NGOs and CBOs.

1. Scope of mission and expected outputs

UNDP Moldova is requesting the support form Istanbul Regional Hub for conducting the terminal evaluation of the second Phase of the Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction Project (2013 – 2016) implemented by UNDP Moldova. The objective of the assignment is to assess the relevance, performance, management arrangements and success of the project.

Particular emphasis should be put on the project results, the lessons learned, achievement of development goals, their effectiveness and efficiency, the impact and sustainability of results, focusing on their contribution to capacity development. For executing the evaluation it is expected that a documentary analysis will be conducted as well as interviews/meetings with the project, portfolio manager of UNDP, beneficiaries representative and participants of the project.

**The purpose of the Terminal Review are as follows:**

* To assess overall performance against the Project objective and outcomes as set out in the Project Document and other related documents.
* To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Project.
* To analyze critically the implementation and management arrangements of the Project.
* To assess the sustainability of the Project’s interventions.
* To list and document lessons concerning Project design, implementation and management.
* To assess Project relevance to national priorities.
* To provide recommendations for the further developments in the area of disaster risk management.

1. Dates and Place

The Technical evaluation is supposed to be conducted during October, 2016. Implementation documents, reviews, deliverable elaborated will be presented by the Project Manager.

Interviews, discussions can be organized during the PDNA mission to Moldova (dated to be set later) or alternatively via on-line communication tools.

It is expected that the terminal review will be ready by the end of October, 2016 to be presented for the Board members of the DCRR project.