



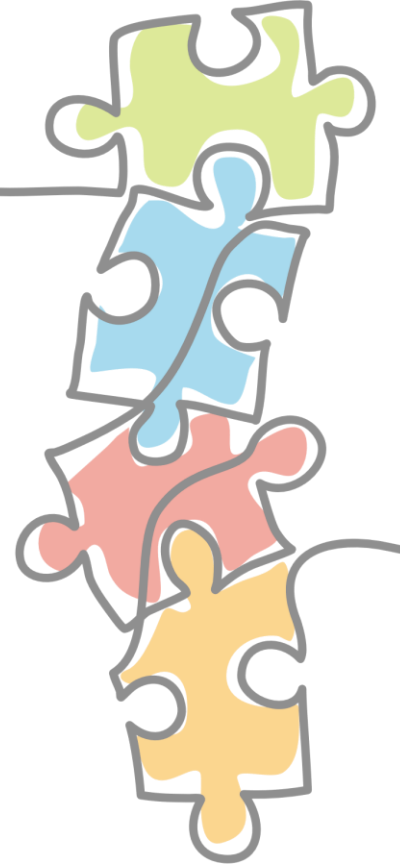
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YOUTH VOICES FOR MOLDOVA'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

**Findings from the Youth Consultation for
Moldova's VNR 2026**




LISTENING TO YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS MOLDOVA



U-Report Surveys

-  over 200 respondents
-  Urban & Rural
-  Online consultation

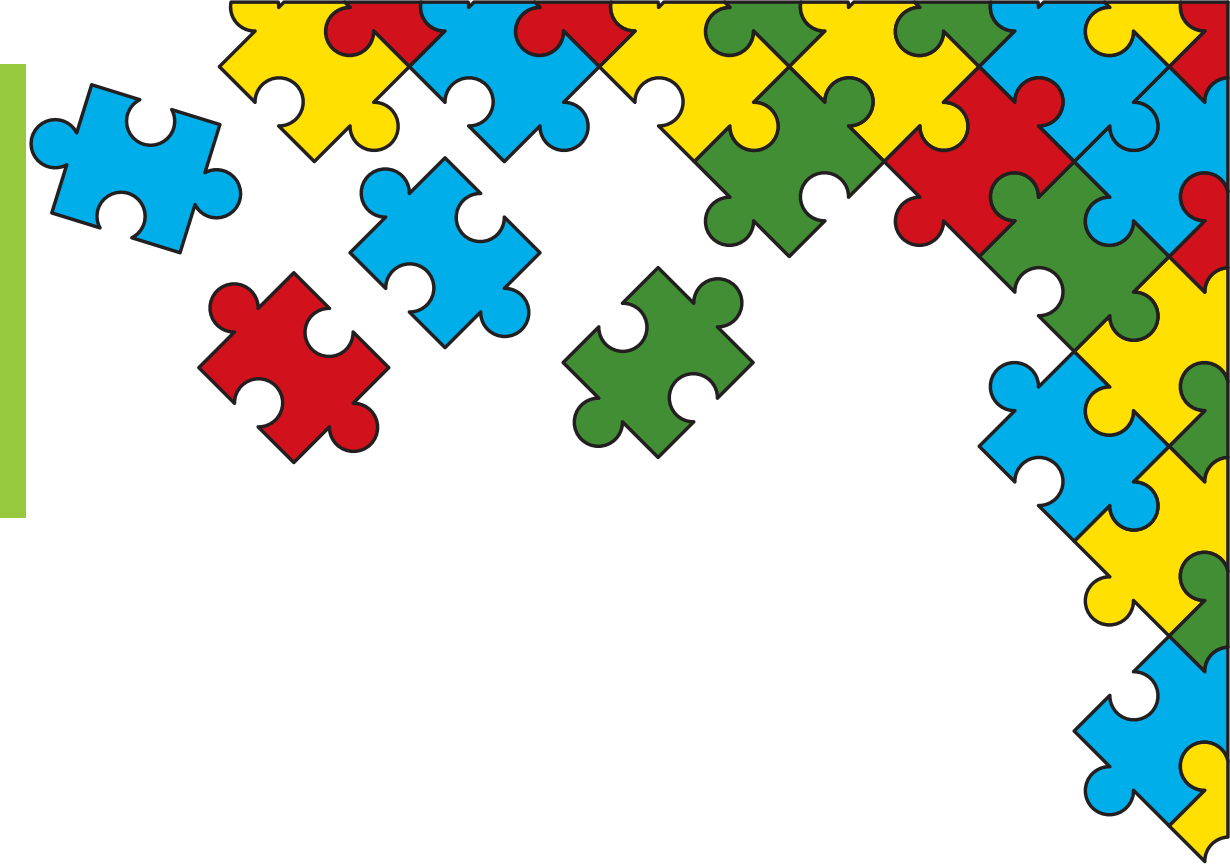
Focus-groups








-  3 regions
-  Diverse youth groups
-  Experiences behind the numbers



Numbers tell us WHAT. Young people tell us WHY.

WHAT DOES A DECENT LIFE MEAN for young people?



-  Safety & Security
-  Stability
-  Education & Opportunities
-  Meaningful Employment
-  Mental Well-being
-  Respect & Healthy Relationships
-  Trust in Institutions

"A decent life means having the chance to build your future without constant uncertainty."
(Youth consultation participant)

YOUNG PEOPLE RECOGNISE PROGRESS

More youth opportunities

More youth programmes

Better digital access

More participation platforms

More international mobility

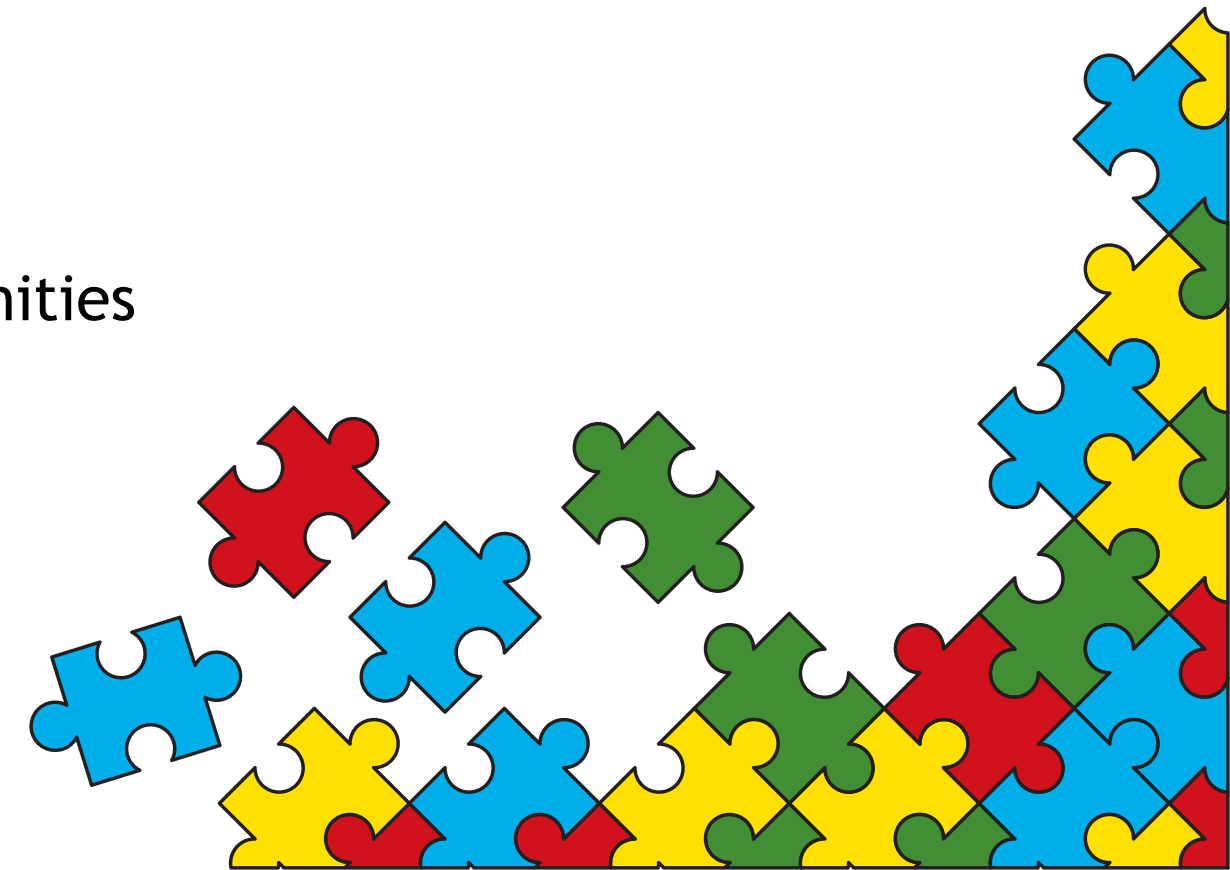
Progress is visible. The challenge is ensuring equal access.



PROGRESS IS NOT EXPERIENCED EQUALLY

Key challenges highlighted by young people:

- ✦ **Access to quality education still depends too much on where a young person lives**
 - Differences between urban and rural areas remain significant
 - Access to extracurricular activities and educational resources is uneven
 - Young people from vulnerable backgrounds face additional barriers
- ✦ **The transition from education to employment remains difficult**
 - Limited practical experience opportunities
 - Skills mismatch between education and labour market needs
 - Fewer employment opportunities outside Chişinău
- ✦ **Economic opportunities are not equally accessible**
 - Young people from rural areas report fewer professional development opportunities
 - Housing and living costs create additional disadvantages
- ✦ **Some groups continue to face greater risks of exclusion**
 - Young people with disabilities
 - Young people from vulnerable families
 - Youth living in remote communities



WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY?

Across regions, age groups and backgrounds, three priorities emerged consistently.

 **Mental Health**

 **Employment**

 **Housing**

THE FUTURE YOUNG PEOPLE ENVISION

Education leads to opportunities

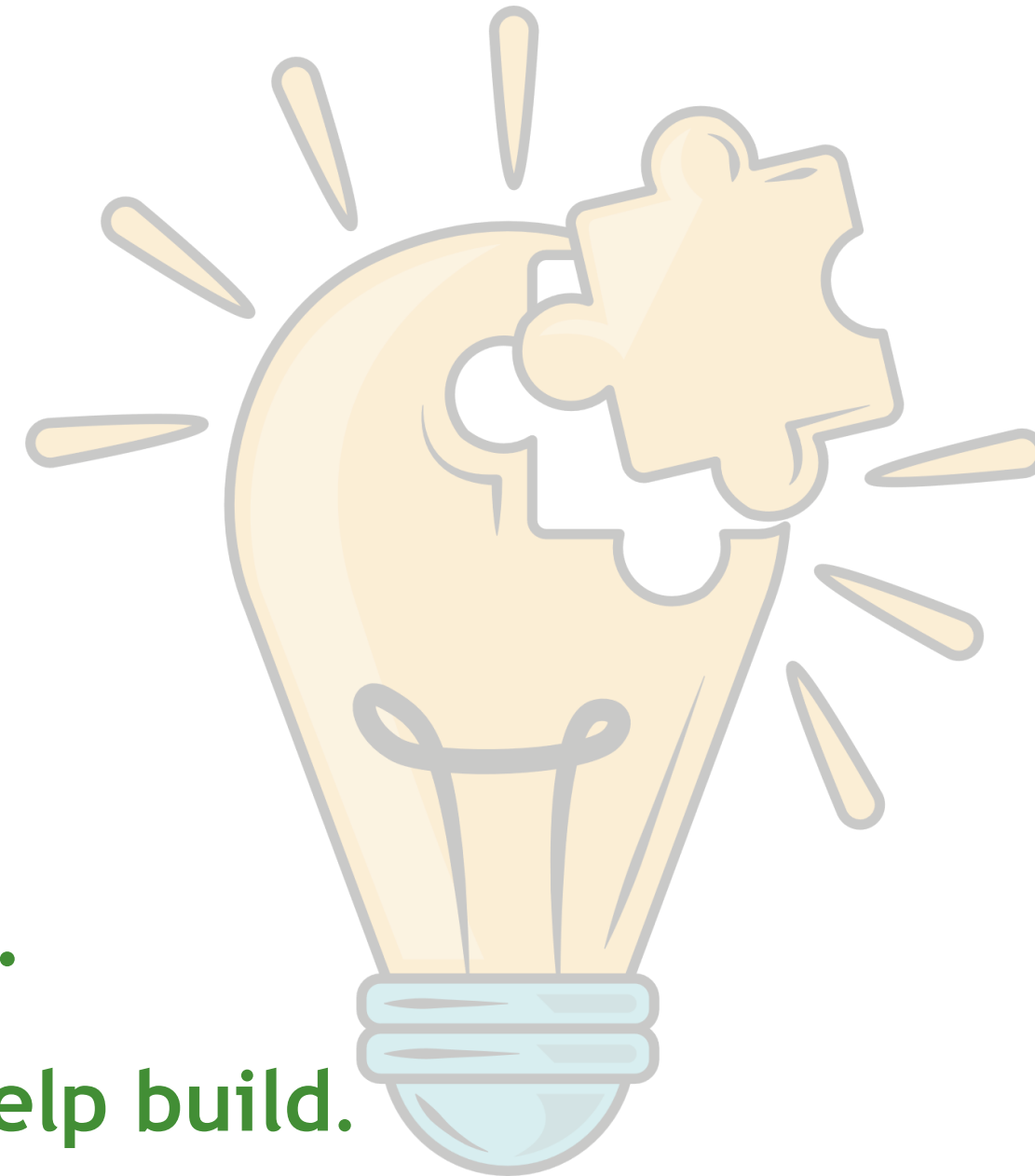
Work provides dignity and independence

Public services are accessible and reliable

Communities are safe and inclusive

Young voices influence decisions

Staying in the country is a realistic choice



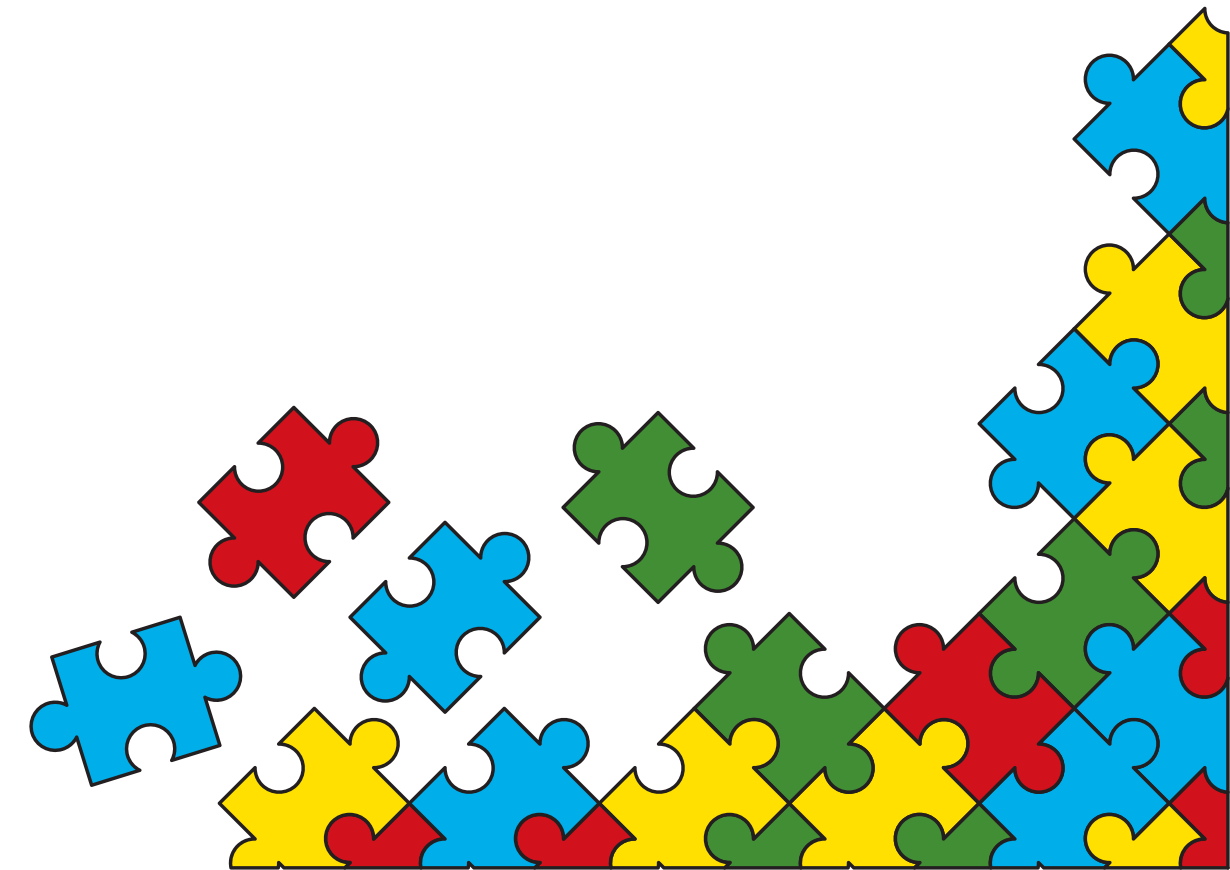
Young people do not only identify challenges.

They also describe the future they want to help build.

BEING HEARD IS NOT ENOUGH

Young people want:

- ◆ Feedback on their contributions
- ◆ Transparency in decision-making
- ◆ Visible outcomes
- ◆ Shared responsibility
- ◆ Opportunities to co-create solutions



THE MESSAGE WE HEARD MOST CLEARLY

Young people want to stay.

Young people want to
contribute.

Young people want to be heard.

Young people want to see
results.

Sustainable development will be stronger when young people are not only consulted, but empowered to shape it.