

Operationalizing the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) System in the Republic of Moldova (1 /3-Year Project)

Objective:

To ensure that the medical response system during disasters functions rapidly and effectively, this project aims to institutionalize Moldova's DMAT command and coordination structure, operational procedures, human resource development, and training and exercise methodologies. In addition, it seeks to establish a framework through which relevant national institutions can independently plan and manage training and exercises, thereby creating a sustainable foundation for the continuous and self-reliant training and expansion of DMAT personnel in the future.

Overview:

Based on the experience of Japan DMAT in training, exercises, and secretariat management during peacetime, the DMAT Secretariat of the Crisis Management and Operations Bureau will collaborate with the Ministry of Health of Moldova and CNAMUP to provide training for DMAT instructors, hospital personnel, and other relevant staff. By combining the invitation of Moldovan instructors to Japan, on-site dispatch of experts to Moldova, and continuous remote advisory support, the project will support the implementation of training and exercises as well as the development of operational guidelines and related documents. Through these activities, institutional frameworks, operational systems, and human resource development will be strengthened in an integrated manner. This approach aims to establish a sustainable system in which Moldovan institutions can independently conduct training and exercises in accordance with the operational guidelines.

Outcomes:

Operational guidelines will be developed and formally institutionalized, and systems will be established whereby key training activities—such as personnel training, skills maintenance, and leadership training, which are essential for maintaining both the quality and number of DMAT personnel—are independently planned and implemented by national institutions. In addition, a framework for the regular conduct of tabletop and field exercises will be established. Ultimately, the project aims to build a system in which the training and expansion of DMAT personnel can continue autonomously without long-term reliance on external support.

*1. CNAMUP: Centrul Național de Asistență Medicală Urgentă Prespitalicească: The National Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Assistance Center

