

Frequently asked questions:

Do I need a visa to visit Moldova?

No. Moldova does not require citizens of most countries to obtain a visa; visitors can stay for up to 90 days.

What about the language?

The two languages of Moldova are Romanian and Russian. However, most CMI AID workers speak at least some English. For short term visitors, language is not so important as there are many tasks that they can help with which do not require a knowledge of the language.

What sort of jobs will I do?

The tasks are many and varied and, at different times of year, there are different work needs. For example, in October and November there is a lot of preparation to be done for the Christmas Program. This can include packing gifts, bagging sweets, painting walls and helping make costumes. As long as you are happy to do whatever needs to be done there will be something for you!

How do I get to Moldova?

There are now frequent flights to Chisinau (the Moldovan capital) from many European cities including London, Dublin, Frankfurt and Vienna. There are also discount carriers like Wizz, flying on some of these routes with very reasonable fares. On arrival, a CMI AID representative will meet you at the airport and take you to the CMI AID Base.

Where will I stay?

CMI AID has plenty of accommodation at the CMI AID Base for visitors and teams including good toilet and shower facilities. Please note that in busy times it may be necessary to share a room with another visitor.

What about Sunday?

The Zirnesti Christian Assembly meets at the CMI AID Base. The assembly is made up of CMI AID workers and local Christians and we very much enjoy having visitors with us from many countries!



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**SHORT TERM
VOLUNTEERING
WITH CMI AID IN MOLDOVA**

Moldova

Moldova is a small nation of four million people nestled between the much larger countries of Romania and Ukraine. Once part of the Soviet Union, the country has struggled economically since it found independence back in the early 1990s after the fall of communism.

Officially, it is considered the poorest country in Europe. Many people live on very little cash income and depend on a subsistence style of living, growing what they can in their gardens to help them survive through the winter.

Especially hard hit are the elderly and large families, many of whom struggle to survive, particularly in the cold winter months.

CMIAID in Moldova

CMIAID has been working in Moldova since 2000. The purpose of the ministry is “to share the Gospel and demonstrate the love of Christ”. We do this by working with local Moldovan Christians both to provide help and reach out with the Gospel.

The main ministry of CMIAID is based in the village of Zirnesti, which is in the Cahul region of Southern Moldova. This is where our main base, campsite and the Bethesda Centre are located. We also work closely with the Zirnesti Christian Assembly which is located in the village.

CMIAID’s ministries include: Bethesda Soup Kitchen, Children’s Ministry, Bible Clubs, Postal Bible School, Nursing Program, Bethesda Children’s Centre, CMIAID Fire Service, Community Assistance and Family Support Programs.

Great Opportunities

Although Moldova is a country with much poverty, it is also a land of great opportunity! Many doors are wide open to the Gospel both at an individual and institutional level. We give thanks to God for this unique situation in Moldova.

How you can help!

CMIAID has a need for volunteers to help at various times throughout the year. Whether you can spare a

week or a month, you can be of help! The maximum time permitted for short term volunteer visits is 90 days.

Particularly busy times for CMIAID are in the spring time as we prepare for camps and in autumn as we prepare for the Christmas outreach. There are also opportunities for volunteers to help in the summer during camp time (but be prepared for the heat as it is often 40 degrees Celsius in the summer!)

Teams

Teams are also welcome. Over the years we have had teams visiting from Australia, Northern Ireland, USA, Germany and Spain. If your assembly/church is interested in becoming involved, please contact us. There are often specific projects that we can get teams involved with.

I am interested!

If you are interested in being involved as a volunteer in Moldova please write to us at shortterm@cmiaid.org with your full name, address, contact phone, name of home assembly/church, period that you would like to visit and any other details that you would like to share.

