

Towards the realization of <u>UN Women Moldova</u> <u>Strategic Note 2018 – 2022</u>, and following a competitive selection process, UN Women has signed 10 Project Cooperation Agreements (PCAs) with non-governmental organizations from the Republic of Moldova. The NGOs will implement projects in one or more of UN Women's three impact areas: Women's political participation and decision-making; Women's economic empowerment; Ending violence against women.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

National Association of ICT Companies

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

With an experience of 12 years, National Association of ICT Companies (ATIC), located in Chişinău, is committed to raise the competitiveness of the ICT sector through a large range of interventions and initiatives. The association aims at developing the human capital for ICT, supporting the tech entrepreneurship and development of innovative products and services, strengthening the market and promoting the local IT services and products. Since 2014, ATIC has actively promoted women in tech, by launching the annual "Women in ICT" event and supporting a series of initiatives to encourage young women and girls to pursue a career in tech, such as Technovation Challenge, Rails Girls, GirlsGoIT.

PROJECT TITLE

"Empowering Women in Tech"

CONTRIBUTES TO:

UN Women's Strategic Note Output: *Women, including those from excluded groups, have skills and knowledge to access economic opportunities.*

OBJECTIVES

- Mainstream gender equality and the empowerment of women through information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- Build awareness that ICTs are tools that enable gender equality and women's empowerment, and are integral to the creation of societies in which both women and men can substantively contribute and participate.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 500 women and girls from across Moldova, and from different groups, will acquire digital technology skills, during 6-months online training and 2 months of face-to-face courses;
- 200 women and girls (16+ years old) will learn ICT and entrepreneurship skills and will develop their own products at Startup Academy for Girls. Women and girls from underrepresented groups will be encouraged to apply;
- Promoting a career in STEM for women and girls, through the communication campaign "Why Girls Can Do IT" and career orientation activities;
- 40 fully-funded scholarships for girls and women to undertake study programs at Tekwill Academy, in partnership with leading Moldovan and international ICT companies.

TARGET GROUPS

Women and girls from different regions, including from under-represented groups

TIMEFRAME

June 2018 - May 2019

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES

National

BUDGET

USD 130,340

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