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To WHO Global Network
for age-friendly cities and communities

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to express my interest to apply to the Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. My main priority as mayor is to ensure decent life conditions for all the members of my community. Because of intense immigration from country to abroad and from rural to urban areas the population of villages is ageing rapidly (the rate of 60 year old and over residents represents 25% of the whole population of Viișoara) and creating condition for elderly community residents becomes one of the important issues to solve.

Since 2017 the mayoralty of Viișoara in collaboration with NGO "CASMED", with the financial support of HEKS Foundation implements the project "Development of HBC social and medical services, CASMED". Also, since 2020 the mayoralty of Viișoara in collaboration with NGO "CASMED", with the financial support of Swiss Red Cross implements the project "Ageing and Health". The main objectives of the project are increasing access of elderly population to HBC social and medical services, adaptation of infrastructure and services to age specific needs and increased participation and integration of elderly people in project communities in order to create suitable environments in which they can remain healthy and age safely, with purpose and dignity.

With the support of NGO CASMED a vulnerability assessment was done, based on which problems to be solved in our community were identified. Taking into account the issues identified and the financial possibilities of the local administration there was developed and approved an age friendly strategy for 2021-2023. My administration intends to support and provide financial coverage for the implementation of age friendly initiatives included in the current strategy and is committed to advancing public and aging policy goals within the World Health Organization's eight established domains: making outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly; increasing the accessibility of transportation and housing; creating jobs to help supplement fixed incomes; ensuring adequate medical and long-term care services and supports to help seniors stay healthy and age in place; protecting against abuse, neglect, and exploitation; providing activities to ensure social participation and inclusion in an effort to keep seniors active and engaged in the community.

We hope that joining the network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities will offer benefits to the network and to the community of Viișoara and our further efforts will put the basics for the implementation of this concept in R. of Moldova.

Sincerely,

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mayor, Viișoara village

