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Facts and Assessments. 2019 - 2020



Population – 2.6817 million

Prison population (convicted) - 11 600

In pre-trial detention (under investigation) - 1 864

Detained - no data

Law enforcement budget **1.238 billion MDL**

Judgments documenting the problem of torture

Judgments and decisions of international bodies documenting the problem of torture and ill-treatment	6
Judgments of Moldovan courts	8
Judgments excluding evidence obtained under torture	No data

Criminalization of torture and ill-treatment

Explicit prohibition of torture in criminal law	Yes
Criminalization of acts falling within the definition of torture	Yes
Criminalization of torture as prescribed by international treaties	Yes

Government body investigating allegations of torture and ill-treatment

There is a body authorized to investigate torture	Yes. A special Bureau within the Prosecutor's Office
Number of investigators	53
Investigator workload	More than 150 cases per year
Investigating body's jurisdiction	Proportion of torture cases - 90%-100%
Institutional independence of the investigating body	Partial. Investigators rely on resources provided by other law enforcement agencies
Geographic coverage	High. Established in all territorial units
Budget	Covers essential costs
Number of criminal cases initiated	86
Number of complaints of torture and ill-treatment	876

Ratification of relevant international treaties

Relevant conventions	Yes
Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2002)	Signed and ratified
Istanbul Protocol	Partially implemented in national legislation

Procedural guarantees (norms)

Documenting the actual detention start time	Yes
Lawyer notification at the actual detention start time	Yes. Within 1 hour
Family notification	Yes
Medical examination	Yes. Both criminal suspects and administrative detainees

Preventive mechanisms

Independent external review mechanism	Yes, available everywhere
Video surveillance	Yes, good coverage
Access to, and safekeeping of video evidence	No data