

Current Problems Faced by Farmers in the Dubăsari District



The Bureau for Reintegration Policies draws attention to the persistent difficulties faced by farmers in Dubăsari district, owners of land located along the Camenca–Tiraspol route. Access to these lands was previously agreed through special mechanisms, but in recent years new barriers have been introduced that affect the normal conduct of agricultural activities.

Since the beginning of 2024, the Tiraspol structures have imposed on farmers the obligation to present various papers, which must be renewed annually, thereby conditioning the cultivation of land and the transportation of agricultural goods. The transportation of the harvest through the unauthorized posts of Tiraspol is done only after paying illegal payments, established unilaterally, to which a percentage of the production value is added. Thus, farmers are subjected to unjustified costs, which considerably reduce competitiveness and affect household incomes.

In addition to these barriers, farmers in the Dubăsari district face restrictions on the use of agricultural machinery, seed material, and fertilizers, all of which are subject to additional approvals. Irrigation pumping stations remain under the control of the structures in the Transnistrian region, further complicating access to resources needed for agricultural production. Under these conditions, economic activity becomes unstable and difficult to plan.

Another serious problem is the abusive afforestation of agricultural lands. Between 2018 and 2020, more than 80 hectares of land belonging to the Dorotcaia mayor's office were illegally occupied as a result of such activities, limiting access to farmland and reducing community resources.

We emphasize that these practices constitute unlawful pressure on farmers and directly violate the fundamental rights of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova. This issue remains a priority on the negotiation agenda and will be constantly monitored, in order to defend the right to property and the free conduct of agricultural and economic activities.

