

## Six facts on obsolete pesticides:

- ✓ It is estimated so far that there are at least 260,000 tonnes of obsolete pesticides in Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian countries, however, numbers will most probably still rise considerably;
- ✓ Pesticides belong to the top six pollutants that jeopardize the health of millions of people worldwide;
- ✓ WHO estimates that 1 million people are poisoned by pesticides annually, and approximately 20,000 persons die of the consequences hereof;
- ✓ Pesticides concentrations are found in tissue of Inuit whereas no pesticides are used in the area they live in; pesticides must have entered their bodies through transport by air and water and the food chain;
- ✓ Obsolete pesticides are a global threat and need to be safeguarded urgently according to international and strict guidelines;
- ✓ A key to long-term success of safeguarding projects is proper awareness raising on obsolete pesticides, on their health and environmental effects and on improved agricultural practices.



# THE ELIMINATORS IN MOLDOVA

An example on elimination of risks from obsolete pesticides in Hincesti, Moldova

