



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation



Palanca Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 17 May 2023

1. Meeting Details

Date	17 May 2023
Time	12:00 – 12:30
Chair	Volokh Karina, UNHCR Snr. Field Assistant
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2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Update on recent developments in Palanca Bus Station (PBS)
3. Activity updates from participants
4. AoB

3. Information collection and relevant links

Moldova operational data portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784>

Local Refugee Coordination operational data portal: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/search?>

4. Participants (Name, Position, Organization)

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| - Karina Volokh, UNHCR | - Igor Voizian, ACR |
| - Andrea Cuisana, UNHCR | - Akiko Tsujisawa, UNHCR Ukraine (online) |
| - Cristina Babin, INTERSOS | - Dmitri Surovtov, ISRAID |
| - Irina Spivacenco, BLUE DOT | - Liuba Mirza, HELVETAS |
| - Igor Becciev, CDA | |
| - Stela Satova, UNFPA | |
| - Irina Adam, ACTED | |

5. Information collection and relevant links

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/Actions
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR shared the following points: 	



<p>Mrs. Karina Volokh, UNHCR Snr. Field Assistant, volokh@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 10 May 2023, UNHCR received 4 people transported by Be an Angel (INGO). They stayed briefly at Palanca and then left for Chisinau.- On 12 May 2023, UNHCR received a visit of UNDP and UN security chief for Moldova at PBS and showed them the venue and explained security situation at PBS.- On 12 May 2023, UNHCR will receive an evacuation of 55 people by an INGO Hope and Faith. After their arrival at PBS and having benefited from the services offered, ACTED will transport them to Cebalaccia from where they will leave for Germany.- On 12 May 2023, UNHCR will receive an evacuation of 12 people by an INGO GLORIA. After their arrival at PBS and having benefited from the services offered, IOM will transport them to Romania.- On 16 May 2023, the Mobile Team visited the rural area of Tocuz, as part of regular visits to several villages in the Causeni district. UNHCR and its partners INTERSOS and CDA offered MHPSS, legal assistance, TP information, EU + Air Transfers and information on rights and services to women, men, children and elderly people aged between 4 and 65. The visit was attended by 8 people including 2 men (one of them is TCN person), 5 women and 1 child. Some concerns related to TP, medical issues and behavioural issues of youth were raised during the visit. In response, CDA provided a consultation regarding TP and INTERSOS will arrange an MHPSS session and medical care.- On 16 May 2023, Action Against Hunger and Communitas (ACR) visited PBS. The purpose of their visit was to see how the food kit distribution process takes place and how the situation is at PBS.	
<p>Activity updates from participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTED shared that 133 people were transported from 1 to 16 May 2023, and a special request for evacuation of 55 refugees from Ukraine by Hope and Faith was completed successfully. They added that distribution of SIM cards and water is still ongoing as long as necessary. They informed that their operation will be closed on 1 and 2 June 2023. However, a minimum capacity of staff will be present.• INTEROS shared that all activities are continuing as normal. They continue to offer English lessons for beneficiaries (Ukrainian and Moldovan people) in a Community	



	<p>Center in Causeni and in Stefan Voda (every Wednesday at 15:00 for children and 17:00 for adults. On 15 May 2023, they offered an information session for 13 refugees in Slobozia village. On 16 May 2023, they joined the Mobile Team in Tocuz and provided information to refugees about their services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IOM reported that their transportation to Romania is ongoing as usual. 20 people (12 women and 8 men) were transported from PBS over the past week.• HELVETAS reported that their work is ongoing as usual. For the last week, 35 children, 48 adults and 20 elderly people received their help. They continue to offer help not only to people at PBS but also to all those crossing the border.• CDA shared that their work is ongoing as usual. During the last week, CDA provided free legal counselling, assistance with TP and information on asylum to 25 people. Even though the number of people at customs decreased, information is still necessary. CDA reported a high-risk protection case at the BCP. CDA from the border noted that the influx of people from Ukraine has increased in recent days.• ISRAAID reports that they continue their operation as usual with no changes. There is currently only one staff working at PBS, but they will open additional positions should the flow of people increase. Although it is public holidays on 1 and 2 June, their employees will ensure presence at PBS.• ACR reported that their work is ongoing as usual without any major changes. They continue to distribute food kits with snacks for beneficiaries.• UNFPA reported about the psychological support they continue to offer at PBS and BCP, and on the mobile team's visits to several villages in Moldova. This week, the mobile team is offering its services in Comrat. They continue to distribute hygiene kits for people travelling through PBS.• BLUE DOT reported that they have assisted 50 children and 31 adults and continue to provide NFIs (e.g. sweatshirts, umbrellas) to vulnerable families. The mobile team activities continue. This week the mobile team is in the villages of Caplani and Purcari. They will ensure their presence at the PBS and the border with an assistant on 1 and 2 June 2023.• UNHCR Ukraine reported that they noticed the increase in the number of people returning to Ukraine. 570 people were evacuated from Kherson to Odesa from 1 May	
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	to 15 May. Once they arrived at Odesa bus station, the evacuated people received various types of assistance offered by The Tenth of April (NGO): financial assistance, distribution of NFIs, hygiene kits, and psychological assistance. It was noted that most people decided to stay in Odesa, while others preferred to leave for Europe.	
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6. Details of the Next Meeting	
Date	24 May 2023
Time	12:00 – 13:00
Venue	Palanca Bus Station