

## PROTECTION WORKING GROUP/DISABILITY & AGE TASKFORCE (DATF)

Meeting details	
Date	28.07.2023
Time	11:00-12:30
Chair	Ludmila Malcoci, Executive Director , Keystone Moldova Alberto Tonon, Disability Inclusion Specialist , OHCHR/UNHCR
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Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary Protection for people with disabilities</li><li>• Update from the UNHCR and Low Vision on the project implemented with Luxottica</li><li>• Presentation from OHCHR on the human rights/ protection monitoring activities</li><li>• Presentation of the capacity building session for OPDs on humanitarian coordination system</li><li>• General update from the members</li></ul>	
Participants:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ludmila Malcoci, Keystone</li><li>• Daniele Pedretti, HelpAge</li><li>• Corina Teșu, REACH</li><li>• Galina Climov, AOPD</li><li>• Valentina Toporet, Motivatie</li><li>• Adela Goncear, CDPD</li><li>• Tatiana Ghidirimschi, Low Vision</li><li>• Alexandr Solomonenco, People in need</li><li>• Loredana Roscovan, IOM</li><li>• Martin Kunze- Jugend Eine Welt</li><li>• Marina Bozcurt, OHCHR</li></ul>	
Summary of discussions and agreements/action points	

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<p><b>Temporary Protection for people with disabilities</b></p> <p>Ludmila Malcoci, Executive director, Keystone Moldova</p>	<p>The DATF chair welcomed the participants and provided the information on current situation with the refugee's registration for TP. She informed the participants on limited number of persons, including with disabilities and elderly, registered for TP, as well as on the barriers the refugees face for registering. In case of persons with disabilities among the barriers were nominated: limited access to accessible information, limited support for preregistering online, limited access to mobile teams for persons with severe disabilities from Transnistria. One of the barriers is also the need to prove the residence and the required documents for that. The participants were also asked to come with needed support for refugees with disabilities for their more efficient registration for TP.</p>	<p>DATF Chair to provide additional update in the coming weeks on the Monitoring on Temporary Protection</p>
<p><b>Update from the UNHCR and Low Vision on the project implemented with Luxottica</b></p> <p>Tatiana Ghidirmschi, Executive Director of Low Vision</p>	<p>Tatiana provided the information on progress of the project implemented with Luxottica. A Vision clinic was established in Chisinau and Ungheni. All in total 778 refugees were checked. 752 persons received 1051 pair of glasses and improved their health vision conditions. The Project is finished, however, Low vision continue to deliver services. The last week, 16 refugees from Calarasi checked the vision and 10 persons of them received glasses. One of the problem to be solved is related to persons with more severe health conditions, which need additional diagnostics, like with cancer or with diabetes. Those diagnostic services need to be paid and there is a need to find financial resources to support those refugees.</p>	<p>Action: DATF chair to discuss with the Health Group to find some solutions.</p>
<p><b>Presentation from OHCHR on the human rights/ protection monitoring activities</b></p> <p>Marina, OHCHR</p>	<p>Marina made a presentation on the progress of the EU Project on improvement of equal access to services of persons with disabilities and other the most vulnerable groups from both banks of the river Nistru. She said that the project focuses on several issues: monitoring the level of protection of the most vulnerable groups, support to overcome the barriers through referral mechanism and capacity building of refugees and actors supporting them. The monitoring of the protection mechanism will be done on monthly bases, the data will be analyzed based on age, gender, disability and minorities variables. The factsheets with results will be prepared and shared with al UNHCR and Governmental groups and institutions. During the last month, within the project, 116 refugees were interviewed, including 67 from Transnistria. The results showed that many persons with disabilities still have limited access to health care services due to financial vulnerability and high cost of medications, refusal of medical institutions to serve them etc.</p>	<p>Action: Marina will update the information with data on aged persons and will make a presentation on aged persons the next meeting.</p>

	<p>Discussions:</p> <p>Ludmila Malcoci asked about the way of identification of vulnerable refugees as respondents. Marina said that they try to collaborate with other NGOs for identification of respondents</p> <p>Daniel said that would be good to have data on aged refugees. Marina said that they have those data, but because of limited time she just resumed on persons with disabilities</p>	
<p><b>Presentation of the capacity building session for OPDs on humanitarian coordination system</b></p> <p>Loredana Roscovan, OIM</p>	<p>Loredana said that Corneliu is on leave and the presentation will be done the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>General update from the members</b></p> <p>Galina Climov, AOPD Ludmila Malcoci, Keystone Moldova Corina Tesu, REACH Valentina Toporet, Motivatie Danielle Pedretti, HelpAge</p>	<p>Galina Climov, AOPD, updated the participants with the progress of the capacity building program focused on integrating disabilities in emergency support. She said that all in total 2 trainings have been organized for the Safe Spaces staff and for OPDs on how to support refugees with disabilities from human rights perspectives. All in total 46 persons have been trained.</p> <p>Danielle, Pedretti, Help age provide the information on the support they deliver to refugees in 29 racks . He expressed his concerns with the governmental plan for closure of 20 racks until the end of the year. The racks to be closed will be selected and prioritized based on some criteria, but the criteria were not consulted with civil society sector, neither with DATF. There is a risk for many vulnerable persons, including aged and with disabilities, housed in racks, to be on the streets after the closure of the racks or to be transferred in racks with less accessible conditions.</p> <p>Corina Tesu, Reach informed the participants on the mission of the Reach to work on assessments and data analysis. She said that REACH is focused now on assessment of the impact of TP mechanism on quality of life of refugees from Ukraine.</p>	<p>Action: Ludmila Malcoci, Alberto Tonon, Galina Climov and Danielle Pedretti to meet possible the next Monday and to develop a joint request to the MLSP to involve DATF and AOPD in assessment of racks for closure process, as well as in developing/implementation of plans for reallocation of refugees with disabilities , aged refugees, or vulnerable one.</p>

	<p>Ludmila Malcoci Keystone Moldova update the information on Keystone support to refugees with disabilities through 8 mobile teams and the Hotline service. She also mentioned the importance of the UNICEF regional project on early development for increasing the social cohesion among young mothers from Ukraine, engaged in peer to peer support.</p> <p>Valentina Toporet, Motivatie, informed the participants on Motivatie support to refugees, including with adapted transportation and medications. She raised the concerns related to increasing the number of refugees addressing for support to Motivatie due to TP mechanism and limited support from other institutions during the transition period.</p>	
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