

## Roma Task Force 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

Meeting Details			
<b>Date</b>	<i>25 August 2023- Next meeting is planning 21 August 2023, at 10:00a.m.</i>		
<b>Time</b>	<i>10:00 am</i>		
<b>Chair</b>	<i>“Roma Voice” Coalition INTERSOS</i>		
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Participants			
<i>UNDP</i>	<i>NCUM</i>	<i>IGM</i>	<i>Roma Voice Coalition</i>
<i>CVR</i>	<i>INTERSOS</i>	<i>CWS</i>	<i>PFR ROMNI</i>
<i>UNHCR</i>	<i>IRC</i>	<i>WeWorld</i>	<i>Asociatia Porojan</i>
<i>HIAS</i>	<i>ARI</i>		<i>TARNA ROMA</i>
<i>PRIMARIA COSTESTI</i>			

## Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion
<p><b>1. Temporary Protection - challenges and doubts after the deadline</b></p> <p><b>Alina Sava</b> <i>Field Officer,</i> <i>INTERSOS</i></p> <p><b>Ganaciuc Alla</b> <i>IGM</i></p>	<p>Alina Sava, field officer, <i>INTERSOS</i> has gathered question related to Temporary Protection before the meeting. In response to these questions, Alla Ganaciuc, a representative from IGM, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the refugees who apply for Temporary Protection after the deadline are not currently subject to fines. The overall message is to encourage refugees to apply for Temporary Protection as soon as possible.</li> <li>- Refugees who are not registered for TP, will be not subject to fines upon their crossing of the border. However, they are advised to register for TP or to regularize their stay based on the available options such as work permit, studies, or family reunification.</li> <li>- The refugees unregistered for TP will not be penalized at the border passing. But they should pre- register for TP, or legalize their stay in the country according to the opportunities available (work, studies, family reunion, asylum seeking)</li> <li>- Refugees that have overstayed the 90 days and leave the country, will be allowed to re-enter the country at the border.</li> <li>- Ukrainian refugees without TP can access Refugee Accommodations Centers, but policies might vary among different RAC administrations.</li> <li>- Currently, there are 19,883 pre-registered individuals, out of which 14,200 have already obtained TP documents. Among them, 4,660 are under 18 years old. An additional 6,000 refugees are expected to receive documentation soon. The daily registration rate ranges from 200 to 400 individuals, and the registration process remains stable with no significant changes since before August 13th.</li> <li>- Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war who want to enroll children to be active participants in school, but do not have TP, need to submit a request to the Ministry of Education.</li> <li>- Proof of residence remains a major challenge for TP pre-registration. The current process applies uniformly to everyone. If property owners refuse to sign a legal rental contract, a solution exists: the Town Hall can issue proof of residence, and successful cases have been recorded.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Elena Sirbu</b>, President, <i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i></p> <p><b>Marin Alla</b>, CEO, <i>“Roma Voice” Coalition</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elena Sirbu highlighted that not all border police personnel are well-informed about TP procedures and rules. She cited cases of incorrect actions by the border police, including denying entry to two Roma Ukrainian women at the Palanca border due to lack of TP application, a person being denied entry even after requesting asylum, and instances where people were asked to pay 200 euros per person to enter the country.</li> <li>- The president of ROMNI raised concerns about resolving this kind of situations. Mrs. Ganaciuc explained that unusual border crossing situations are managed by IGM representatives following the protocols in place. Individuals can report complaints or situations to the IGM green line, border police green line, or the Ombudsman.</li> <li>- It is necessary to arrange a meeting between the border police and IGM to address these issues. Mr. Marin Alla suggested setting a specific date; an official letter will be drafted by the RTF and addressed to the IGM to facilitate the organization of the meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Presentation Ukrainian Congress</b></p> <p><b>Irina Basiu</b>, <i>NCUM</i></p>	<p>Mrs. Irina Basiu made a presentation of a project financed by UNHCR on labor inclusion possibilities for Ukrainian refugees and host community. The presentation will be attached to the MoM.</p>
<p><b>3. Presentation findings mapping Roma refugees</b></p> <p><b>Sorina Pinzaru</b> <i>UNHCR</i></p>	<p>Sorina Pinzaru made a presentation on the preliminary findings on the latest mapping of the Roma refugees in Moldova. The dashboard is not finalized yet; it will be shared with everyone when finalized.</p>

<p><b>4. Tarna Rom Presentation activities</b></p> <p><b>Peancovscaia Natalia</b> <i>Tarna Rom</i></p> <p><b>Marin Alla</b>, CEO, <i>"Roma Voice"</i> <i>Coalition</i></p>           <p><b>Ion Duminica</b> <i>Porojan Association</i></p>	<p>Peancovscaia Natalia made the presentation of the ongoing project financed by UNHCR on creation of education opportunities and facilitation of labour inclusion of Roma refugees. See the presentation attached.</p> <p>Marin Alla have made additional observations regarding the education of Roma children in relation to the implementation of this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment of Roma Ukrainian children in local schools</li> <li>• Roma children segregation</li> <li>• School supplies</li> </ul> <p>Thinking further, it will be necessary to have an efficient exit strategy undertaken by the Government upon the ending of the war.</p> <p>Ion Duminica, mentioned that we are operating and implementing the Sweden model of teaching – when people are taught to read and write. There is a need of making changes as we need to integrate, to make the inclusion of the Roma Children in general schools not only in RACs.</p>
<p><b>5. Social Cohesion document</b></p> <p>Teodora Zafiu <i>UNDP</i></p>	<p>Teodora Zafiu made the presentation of the Social Cohesion Document. See the presentation attached.</p> <p>Follow up action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete the social cohesion document and share it with the RTF</li> <li>- Make an intervention at the next meeting of the LIWG regarding difficulties and challenges Roma refugees face upon looking for employment opportunities and have a list of recommendations on how to proceed</li> </ul>