Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

RCF Meeting

Dual Nationals

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Budapest, UNHCR Ipoly

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AGENDA

- Introduction: who are DNs?
- Challenges and Vulnerabilities facing DNs
- Government's perspective
- Recommendations for socio-economic inclusion of DNs
- AoB

"In Ukraine, we have always been seen as Hungarians. Here we will always be Ukrainians. We are always in a foreign country, we are always strangers, no matter how much you speak the language."

Reflecting on the dual identity and challenges faced by Hungarian nationals fleeing Ukraine.

INTRODUCTION – Who are Dual Nationals?

- HU/UA nationals with permanent residence in UA.
- Forced to flee their homes due to armed conflict (on or after Feb 2024).
- Not eligible for Temporary Protection (TP).
- Have administrative and bureaucratic hurdles in accessing services in Hungary as citizens.

INTRODUCTION – Objectives of the meeting

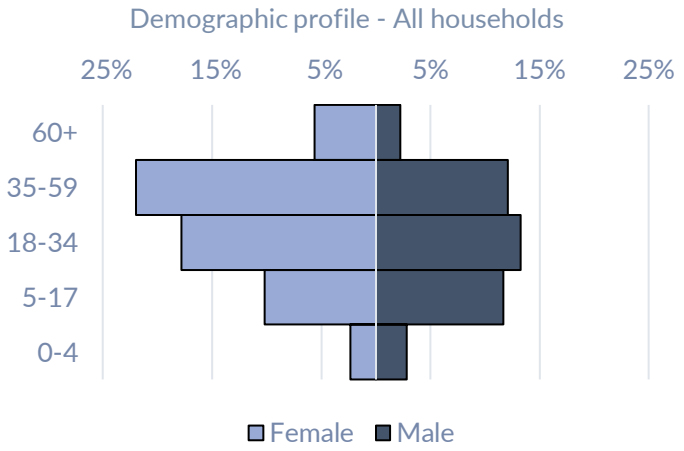
- Identify vulnerabilities/challenges faced by DN accessing services in HU.
- Formulate recommendations to improve protection/inclusion in HU.

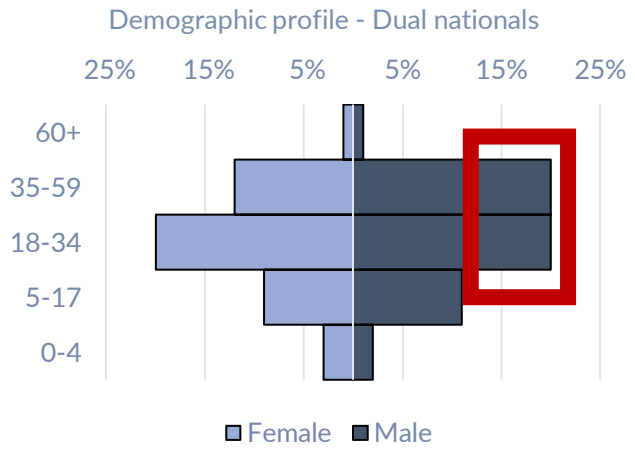
→ Call to Action/1: Collaboration with Hungarian authorities to navigate legal complexities.

→ Call to Action/2: Encourage joint partnerships between humanitarian actors, civil society, and government for tailored integration programs and information sharing.

INTRODUCTION – Background & Demographics

- Zakarpattia Region in UA and the conflict:
  156,000, 95%,12%, 0,3% [UA Census, 2001]
- Demographics [MSNA HU 2023]





1 out of 3 from ZKRPT

1 in 4 ethnic HU
(Of them 75% with DN and 25% no DN)

1 out 4 DN identifies as Roma

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INTRODUCTION – Complexities & Sensitivities

- Complexities of Dual Nationality and Ethnic Identification
- DN ≠ Hungarian minority in UA
- TP, HU citizenship and place of residence

Section 8 (1) of Government Decree 86/2022 of 7 March:

"All benefits and support provided to beneficiaries of TP shall also be provided to Hungarian nationals, who are permanent residents of Ukraine and arrived from Ukraine on or after 24 February 2022, unless they are entitled to more favorable treatment by virtue of Hungarian nationality."

CHALLENGES AND VULNERABILITIES

Sources:

- MSNA HU 2023
- Field experience and outreach
- FGD with DNs

Dual Nationals and Temporary Protection

- Despite lower vulnerability and healthcare needs, slightly higher employment rates and decreased reliance on social protection benefits
- Surprisingly, DN on par with TP in terms of protection and SE Inclusion

⟶ Despite citizenship and language familiarity, displacement and war affect DNs' potential for socio-economic inclusion

- Persistent barriers in accessing protection, services, and socio-economic integration are: administrative hurdles, differing interpretations of legal provisions, lack of information, discrimination contribute to practical challenges.

Challenges and constraints

Administrative hurdles and social security

- Entry/exit to HU
- Movement of residence (UA to HU)
- Technical ID
- TAJ

Related to Section 8

(DN with residence in UA who arrived in HU on/after Feb 24 2022)

→ Some DN may be deprived of intended benefits and support due to varied interpretations of legal provisions.

Challenges and constraints

Access to information → DN miss out on benefits and entitlements.

- By DN
- By service providers

Discrimination and stigma

- Not real refugees and therefore not in need
- Roma

Challenges and constraints

Other challenges:

- Employment
- Accommodation
- Intentions and future prospectives

Overall: → Despite citizenship and language familiarity, displacement and war affect their potential for SE inclusion

DN – Government's Perspective

Office of the Commissioner for the Persons Fleeing the Russo – Ukrainian War

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. Address the legal, administrative, and bureaucratic barriers to services for DN and ensure equal access as citizens, regardless of place of residence.

- Amend Section 8(1) of Government Decree 86/2022 (for immediate assistance/protection)
- Ease access to Technical ID for Healthcare (for immediate assistance/protection)
- Streamline process to access TAJ for DN (best option)
- Ease access to benefits of Social Act and Disability Act (best option)

Upon arrival / Immediate relief

Mid-term solutions / Integration perspectives

RECOMMENDATIONS

R2. Enhance information provision for DN to effectively address legal obstacles and uncertainties upon entering Hungary.

- Collaboration with Government departments important
- Tailored information campaigns
- Integration of DN information in existing community centers
- Capacity sharing with frontline workers (humanitarian and government)
- Maintain clear and up-to-date websites, hotline, and information material (available in multiple languages)
- Expand legal and paralegal support

RECOMMENDATIONS

R3. Promote non-discriminatory socio-economic inclusion of DNs and ensure equal, dignified, and fair treatment across Gov. / Non-gov. service providers, acknowledging that being fluent in Hungarian alone is not sufficient.

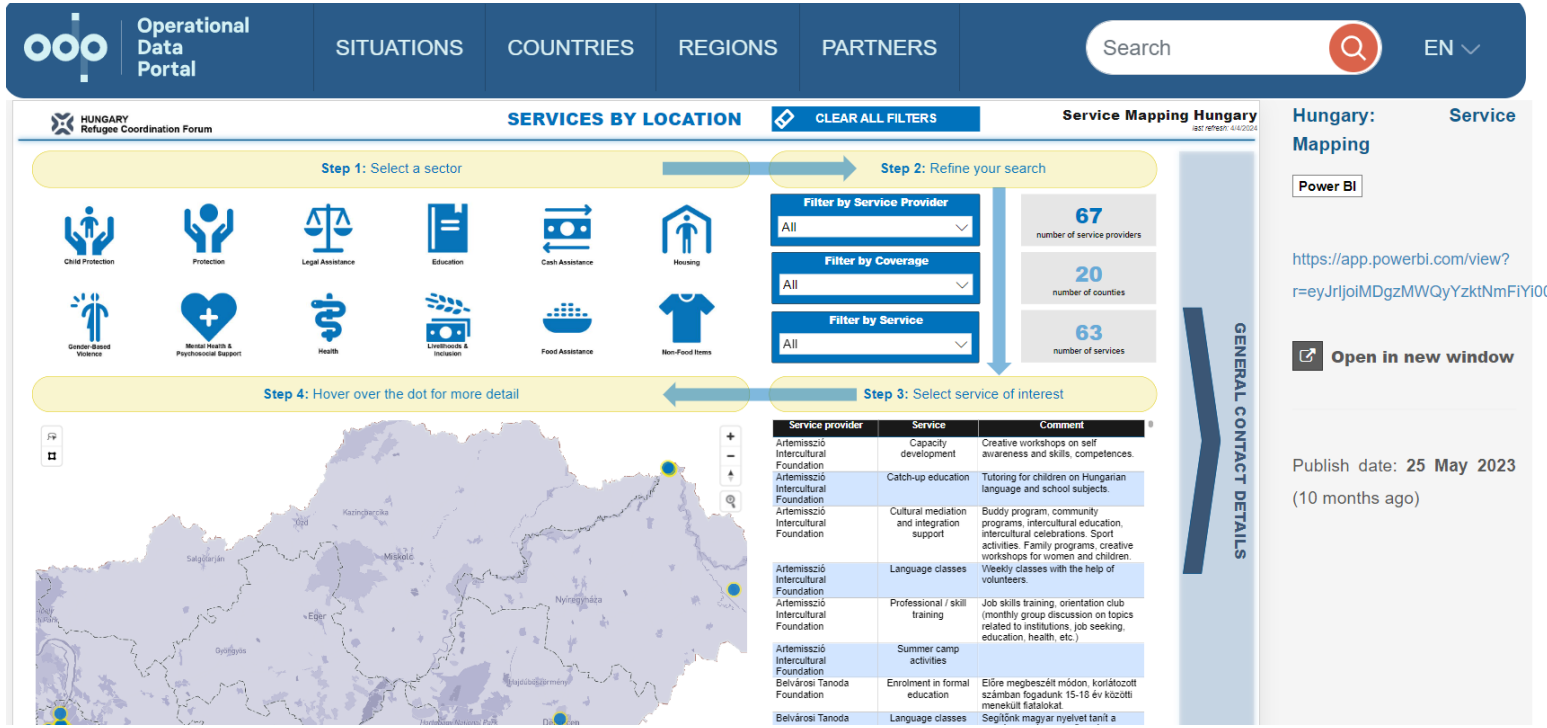
- Combat discrimination
- Strengthen access to accommodation
- Engage DN on integration perspectives and inclusion policies (*'társadalmi felzárkózás')*
- Joint cultural and community events

RECOMMENDATIONS

R4. Expand data collection on DN and analysis at the intersection of specific vulnerabilities.

AoB

Service Mapping Update



REQUEST

- Announcement at the end of February 2024
- Over 200 recipients
- Last mass update of information: April 2023 (!)
- Maintenance of information is in the hands of the organizations
- UNHCR provides platform (ActivityInfo)

OUTCOMES

- Information of **50 organizations**/service providers updated or verified
- Multiple inactive service providers OR services identified and deleted
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SERVICES BY LOCATION - NOT PUBLIC / DO NOT SHARE

CLEAR FILTERS

Service Mapping Hungary

Step 1: Select a sector

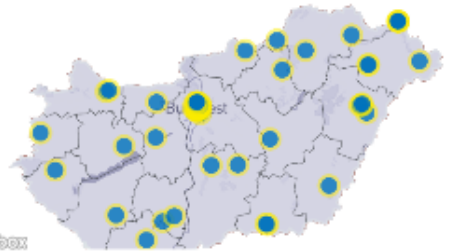
Child Protection | Protection | Legal Assistance | Education | Cash Assistance | Housing
Gender-Based Violence | Mental Health & Psychosocial Support | Health | Livelihoods & Inclusion | Food Assistance | Non-Food Items

Step 2: Refine your search

Filter by Service Provider: All
Filter by Coverage: All
Filter by Service: All

68 # of service providers
20 # of counties
64 # of services

Step 4: Hover over the dot for more detail



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Step 3: Select service of interest

Service provider	Address	Address public?	Self-referrals accepted?	Service	Comment	Languages	Operating hours	Service specific contacts	Contact details public?	Last updated
Artemisszió Intercultural Foundation	1086 Budapest, Lujza utca 36.	Yes		Capacity development	Creative workshops on self awareness and skills, competences.	Hungarian, Ukrainian, English, farsi	Monday - Friday 3 pm - 7 pm	Eszter Kisgyura, +36706334872, eszter.kisgyura@artemisszio.hu	Yes	3/25/2024 1:17:40 PM
Artemisszió Intercultural Foundation	1086 Budapest, Lujza utca 36.	Yes		Catch-up education	Tutoring for children on Hungarian language and school subjects.	Hungarian, Ukrainian, English, farsi	Monday - Friday 3 pm - 7 pm	Eszter Kisgyura, +36706334872, eszter.kisgyura@artemisszio.hu	Yes	3/25/2024 1:17:40 PM
Artemisszió Intercultural Foundation	1086 Budapest, Lujza utca 36.	Yes		Cultural mediation and integration support	Buddy program, community programs, intercultural education, intercultural celebrations. Sport activities. Family programs, creative workshops for women and children.	Hungarian, Ukrainian, English, farsi	Monday - Friday 3 pm - 7 pm	Eszter Kisgyura, +36304661100, eszter.kisgyura@artemisszio.hu	Yes	3/25/2024 1:17:40 PM
Artemisszió Intercultural Foundation	1086 Budapest, Lujza utca 36.	Yes		Language classes	Weekly classes with the help of volunteers.	Hungarian, Ukrainian, English, farsi	Monday - Friday 3 pm - 7 pm	Eszter Kisgyura, +36706334872, eszter.kisgyura@artemisszio.hu	Yes	3/25/2024 1:17:40 PM
Artemisszió Intercultural Foundation	1086 Budapest, Lujza utca 36.	Yes		Professional / skill training	Job skills training, orientation club (monthly group discussion on topics related to institutions, job seeking, education, health, etc.)	Hungarian, Ukrainian, English, farsi	Monday - Friday 3 pm - 7 pm	Eszter Kisgyura, +36304661100, eszter.kisgyura@artemisszio.hu	Yes	3/25/2024 1:17:40 PM
Artemisszió Intercultural Foundation	1086 Budapest, Lujza utca 36.	Yes		Summer camp activities		Hungarian, Ukrainian, English, farsi	Monday - Friday 3 pm - 7 pm	Eszter Kisgyura, +36706334872, eszter.kisgyura@artemisszio.hu	Yes	3/25/2024 1:17:40 PM
Belvárosi Tanoda Foundation	1056 Budapest, Irányi utca 19-23.	Only among partner	✗	Enrolment in formal education	Előre megbeszélt módon, korlátozott számban fogadunk 15	Hungarian, Ukrainian, Russian	9-16 (tanítási napokon)	Ivett Saposnyikova, +3612663378,	Only among partner	4/19/2023 2:39:47 PM

GENERAL CONTACT DETAILS

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Q1 Reporting Update

RRP Reporting Q1 2024

- Reporting period: January-March 2024
- Indicators, Funding
- ActivityInfo
- Step-by-step guide, recording of training
- Deadline: **April 12 (Friday) COB**

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THANK YOU

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