



Balti Local Refugee Coordination Forum Meeting

Meeting Details	
Date	26 06 2024
Time	11:00 – 13:00
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Refresher discussion on Referral Pathways.2. Access to health services.3. Updates from all organizations on key achievements and main challenges4. Any other business	
Information collection and relevant links	
Participants	
Sara Sivkova	UNHCR
Pierre A. Chacón	Inter-Agency Coordination
Alexandra Cuznetova	UNHCR
Chitac Ilie	ANOFM
Spatari Ariadna	IOM
Chelsey Carr	CWS
Andrew Blakely	Church World Service (CWS)
Carolina Darii-Topor	Terre des hommes
Teslaru Valentina	AO Zdorovii Gorod



Palade Rodica	Centrul de Drept al avocailor
Тсасі Олга	Helvetas
Будулай Мишкой	Zdorovii Gorod
Rudenco Serghei	Dr.Nord a IGPF a MAI
Olga Dragan	Primăria municipiului Bălți
Oleg Corotusco	Acted
Gheorghe Girbu	DR IGM Bălți
Buznea Dorin	Diracția regională Nord a Inspectoratului General de Poliție de Frontieră al MAI
Anastasia Selivestru	CASMED
Zoe Kostitsi-Papastathopoulou	DRC
Valeria Danilov	Danish Refugee Council
Strechii Diana	CDA

Summary of discussions and agreements / action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
1. Introduction on the Local Refugee Coordination Forum	Inter-Agency Coordination chaired the meeting and provided a brief reminded on the procedures and the scheduled agenda.	



<p>2. Refresher discussion on Referral Pathways.</p>	<p>UNHCR gave a refresher session on referral pathways, highlighting that the aim of this mechanism is for organizations to redirect refugees to institutions or other organizations offering specialized support in a given area. For this to be effective, there is a contact list that must be updated periodically. UNHCR invited participants to approach UNHCR in case there are details to be modified or changed in the document.</p> <p>UNHCR insisted the current contact list is the product of working sessions held in Balti a year ago and based on the scenarios discussed with participants. Nevertheless, it is a document that requires constant modifications to continue being relevant. UNHCR closed its intervention offering to discuss the suggested changes in the next LRCF.</p>	<p>Participants will share their inputs with UNHCR's focal point for referral pathways. UNHCR will attend the next meeting if there is any need to clarify further on the referral pathways.</p>
<p>3. Access health services to</p>	<p>Following participants' concerns about refugees' access to health care and the inclusion of people with disabilities, Inter-Agency Coordination asked participants to share specific questions via email prior to the meeting. Key messages by the health sector were shared regarding enrollment in national insurance system. The health sector will be invited to the next LRCF.</p>	<p>Inter-Agency Coordination will invite the health sector for the next meeting.</p>
<p>4. Updates from all organizations on key achievements and main challenges</p>	<p>Zdorovii Gorod informed that they continue to offer hygiene kits with CDA's support. The organization is currently designing a project plan for the next nine months. The organization also shared that they continue providing support to men with temporary accommodation for up to three weeks during their asylum request process. Zdorovii Gorod is also hosting a psychological support club for men that meets twice a week.</p> <p>Helvetas representative shared that, following the organization's presentation in the past LRCF, Helvetas organized a meeting to discuss its employability program. The meeting, held on June 13, was attended by members of the LRCF, public institutions, and the private sector. It is expected</p>	<p>Zdorovii Gorod invited LRCF member to share inputs that can be useful for the planning process of their upcoming project - including identified needs.</p>



that this collaborative space will help enhance interventions on access to employability and skills training for refugees and Moldovans.

ACTED informed that during the past year, they have been actively using the referral pathways document for the North region and will share updates on available information with UNHCR.

The **General Inspectorate of Border Police** shared that there has been a close follow-up to the situation of Ukrainian men entering Moldova irregularly, insisting on the risks of such practice. For instance, a man was reported to have drowned trying to cross the Dniester River to reach Otaci. Representatives of the Border Police stressed that it is not the institution's role to pursue investigations or prosecution for those crossing irregularly; the institution monitors the situation and refers the cases to the responsible entities.

In addition, the General Inspectorate of Border Police and CDA clarified that all men in Moldovan territory have the right to obtain TP status and access all the services available to refugees, asylum seekers, or TP holders in the country, depending on their status.

CASMED informed they continue providing psychological consultations, including psychosocial and pedagogical support for children. Thus, in addition to 6 psychologists, the organization contracted five teachers to support children in advance with their learning process in addition to school hours. CASMED continues to provide rehabilitation services free of charge in its center through different physiotherapy modalities. Additionally, the organization has equipped safe spaces for children in Drochie and Falesti to help children integrate through educational and cultural spaces.

Speranta Terrei added that they are also providing health assistance for refugees and Moldovan citizens in situation of vulnerability. These medical services include medical examination, medicines provision, cardiology, pediatrician and pulmonologist consultations, among others.

ANOFM informed that to date, 69 refugees identified in Balti have been employed in 33 enterprises across Moldova. Specialized trainings for trolleybus drivers will take place in Balti; enrollment is open for those interested in joining the public transport sectors. The agency will disseminate the information about this to those interested. On May 21, a fair of employability took place with the participation of the private sector; four refugees were employed after the fair.



5. Next meeting	<p>CDA informed that they continue supporting with juridical consultations for all foreigners - including those crossing irregularly. CDA also supports the mobile registration team by including one legal counselor from the organization to reach those who are unable to approach the CSC.</p> <p>All participants agreed to schedule the next meeting for July 24. The invitation will be sent, and participants are open to share topics to be included in the agenda.</p>	
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