

MOLDOVA REFUGEE COORDINATION FORUM Meeting Minutes – 03 October 2024

1. Meeting Details

Date	03 October 2024
Time	14:00 - 16:30
Location	Moldova, Chisinau, Radisson Blue Convention Center Str. M. Varlaam 77
Chair	Diego Nardi (Inter-Agency Coordination Officer).
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2. Agenda

- (14:00 – 14:15) Opening Remarks
- (14:15 – 14:45) 2025-2026 RRP Strategic Framework
- (14:45 – 15:10) Update on the Mechanism for Integration
- (15:10 – 15:35) Findings of Socioeconomic Inclusion Assessments
- (15:35 – 16:15) RRP project submission discussion
- (16:15 – 16:30) AOB

3. Information collection and relevant links

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

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Government

- Adriana Zucovici - Agency for Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance
- Alina Munteanu - Project Manager, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Anton Zagoret - Member, State Commission on Migration and Asylum
- Cristina Saruceanu - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Diamo Alexei - Chişinău City Hall
- Dragoş Nazuic - Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Elena Coliujco - Member, State Commission on Migration and Asylum
- Elena Munteanu - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Felicia Bechtold - State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Ine Bogoti - Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Lilia Gantatuc - Director, State Commission on Migration and Asylum

ICRC / IFRC:

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- Laura Sesenna - Protection Coordinator, ICRC
- Camelia Corbu – Cooperation Coordinator, ICRC

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- Arianna Benesso - Protection Expert, Ai.Bi Amici dei Bambini
- Athina Nalmpanti - ACTED
- Baher Fahmy - Head of Operations, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Camille Amesion - Project Coordinator, Head of Mission, WeWorld
- Daniele Pedretti - Grants Manager, Inclusion Specialist, HelpAge

- Lilia Plugaru - National Employment Agency of Moldova
- Mariana Lucreteanu - Secretary of State, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Commission on Migration and Asylum
- Mihai Bodaru - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Scaticailov Ina - Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Serghy Diakono - Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister's Office
- Valentina Munteanu - Member, State Commission on Migration and Asylum
- Vasilie Cusca - Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Viscol Deoloz - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Yacub Natalia - State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova

International Community

- Adriana Palinga – Czech Embassy
- Sophie Dagand - EU Delegation
- Thea Hilding (Norwegian Embassy Office)
- Valerian Tabirta - European Disability Forum
- Robyn Prinz - PRM, U.S. Embassy
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United Nations

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- Alla Hnatyshyna - Female Support Force
- Alla Marin - Director, Coalitia Vocea Romilor
- Andrei Bolocan - Disability Inclusion Specialist, Don Bosco Foundation
- Corina Gribincea - Project Coordinator, Keystone Moldova
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- Erik Johnson - Lead Social Development Specialist
- Oleksandra Shatiko - WBG

5. Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Opening Remarks (14:00 – 14:15)</p>	<p>Anne-Marie Deutschlander provided opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2022, Moldova has demonstrated exemplary refugee protection by welcoming those fleeing Ukraine, supported by the government and its people. • Established in February 2022, the RCF has mobilized over \$640 million USD, reaching 160,000 individuals annually in the first two years, and 85,000 so far in 2024. Partnerships have grown from 42 to 82 partners and over 100 collaborating organizations. Moldova response has emphasized inclusion, with refugees integrated into the national development plan. The Refugee Response Plan aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, building a foundation for sustainable solutions. • The project submission phase for the 2025-2026 RRP has begun, encouraging all sectors and partners to collaborate on achieving complementary goals. Future focus will be on long-term refugee inclusion, expanding partnerships with development actors, and strengthening national capacities to create lasting positive change for both refugees and host communities. <p>Yesim Oruc provided opening remarks, acknowledging Anne-Marie Deutschlander, the UNHCR representative in Moldova, along with key government officials, including the Chief of Staff at the Office of the Prime Minister and the State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, expressed gratitude to all UN partners, colleagues, and the Moldovan government, highlighting Moldova’s generosity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stressed the importance of the alignment between the UNSDCF, the Moldovan government strategies, and ongoing refugee inclusion efforts within the response. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the importance of the Theory of Change process as the initial stage for the next Response Plan, leading to transitional measures. • emphasized the significance of establishing a strategic framework to support women affected by displacement. <p>Sergey Diakono reflected on his prior experience as State Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, recalling the initial challenges in providing basic needs for the first refugees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the shift from emergency efforts to today's challenges of creating opportunities, jobs, and ensuring quality education for children affected by the war in Ukraine. • emphasized that while crises bring opportunities and lessons, no benefit can justify the ongoing loss of life in Ukraine. • stressed the importance of state protection for vulnerable groups, including children, women, and the elderly, and highlighted the need for new systemic approaches under the Refugee Response Plan for 2025-2026. • with many Ukrainian refugees likely to stay in Moldova, he called for a clear inclusion strategy and a comprehensive integration mechanism for refugees and foreigners. • pointed out that demographic challenges, such as an aging population and low birth rates, make the inclusion of foreigners crucial for Moldova's future. • mentioned that, with UNHCR support, the government has started developing this integration mechanism, which will be part of the national development plan for 2025-2027. • emphasized the need for coordinated institutional efforts and flexibility from development and humanitarian partners to make inclusion a reality. • affirmed that Moldova must remain a success story in the European Union's refugee response, relying on international solidarity and support. 	
<p>Session 1:</p> <p>2025-2026 RRP Strategic Framework</p> <p>(14:15 – 14:45)</p> <p>Speaker: Bertrand Blanc – Deputy Representative, Senior Operations</p>	<p>Bertrand Blanc provided an update on the response funding situation, expressing gratitude to donors for securing nearly \$640 million for refugee response over the past two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He noted that the current 45% funding level of RRP is expected to rise to 55-60% by year-end, reflecting strong international support for humanitarian activities in Moldova. • emphasized the importance of accountability, stating that monitoring and reporting among partners are critical to ensure alignment with strategic objectives. • acknowledged that the situation has stabilized compared to previous years; however, a contingency and preparedness process is still taking place in parallel. • The focus has shifted from emergency response to long-term development. • This transition involves a new approach, implemented by the two-year RRP. • The planning framework is being adopted not only in Moldova but also in Poland, Romania, and Ukraine, as part of a broader regional strategy for the 2025-2026 Refugee Response Plan. 	

<p>Coordinator, UNHCR</p>	<p>Bertrand outlined four regional objectives for the two-year planning period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection: Focus on legal aspects of the refugee situation, including documentation, access to territory, and strengthening labor systems. • Inclusion: Integration into national systems such as health, education, national security, and social protection. • Social Cohesion: Emphasized particularly for Moldova, where public support for refugees remains high, but warned of potential declines in social security assistance over time, stressing the need for sustained stakeholder commitment. • Localization: Focus on decentralization beyond Chişinău, supporting local governments and civil society organizations to play a larger role. <p>Bertrand informed on Theory of Change a workshop in Chisinau, where organizations discussed vision and focus areas for the upcoming response. He reiterated the two main pillars guiding the 2025-2026 response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection: Addressing legal frameworks and services. • Inclusion: Developing adaptable programs to meet evolving population needs. <p>Bertrand stressed the coordination structure will largely remain the same, though the number of coordination working groups and subgroups will be reduced from 19 to 15, streamlining efforts in line with government frameworks and strategic considerations. Bertrand emphasized the central role of social protection in the overall strategy and the rationale for reducing the number of organizations involved. In this relation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highlighted recent discussions with task forces chairs and co-chairs about integrating the task forces into development programs with a focus on localization. • stressed the importance of prioritizing cities with higher refugee population programming to strengthen local resilience. • For 2025, population targets will focus on 142,000 refugees and Moldovan vulnerable groups, and the figure for 2026 will be revised in the middle of 2025. The refugee figures are based on the population trends coming from the Border Police as well as information related to the intentions of those refugees who stayed 90+ days in Moldova. • Acknowledged that an unexpected crisis near the border could drastically shift the situation but explained that planning assumes a stable environment with a static refugee flow. • Approximately 10% of the refugee population has disabilities, many facing mobility challenges. • Emphasized coexistence and support for both refugee and hosting populations, noting that Moldova has received more than 1 million refugees over the past two years. <p>Bertrand emphasized the importance of aligning humanitarian efforts with Moldova's development framework, noting the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response and development efforts must be seen as a continuous process, not a distinct transition. 	
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<p>Session 2:</p> <p>Update on the Mechanism for Integration</p> <p>(14:45 – 15:10)</p> <p>Speaker: Mariana Lucreteanu - Secretary of State, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Commission on Migration and Asylum</p>	<p>Mariana Lucreteanu provided an update on the Phased Integration Mechanism for foreigners in Moldova, focusing on expanding integration programs at local and territorial levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key objectives are to widen access to these programs and create sustainable activities for different categories of foreigners, ensuring easier access to services. • The goal is the full integration of all foreigners, including displaced persons, into Moldova’s national systems with equal treatment to that of Moldovan citizens. • In the economic and labor sector, several initiatives are aimed at labor market integration, including professional training programs, career counseling, and reforms like the Mini-Job Initiative. • The National Employment Agency will continue playing a central role in facilitating the qualification, requalification, and integration of foreigners into the workforce. • Social cohesion and cultural integration are emphasized, with events promoting cultural exchange and diversity to foster positive relations between foreigners and host communities. • Social programs and information-sharing initiatives are being rolled out to support integration, along with counseling services to guide foreigners through their new environments. • Legal and documentation improvements were noted, particularly efforts to streamline data registration processes for Temporary Protection holders to ensure access to essential services. • The ongoing digitalization of the population and foreign citizen registry is being expanded to make the integration process more efficient. • Coordination of the integration mechanism is managed with the State Chancellery, with plans to further extend integration services. <p>Mariana Lucreteanu highlighted several achievements, including the establishment of six sectoral and three intersectoral working groups within the MIA, which have been critical in identifying key priorities for integration.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A finalized concept of the integration mechanism has been submitted to the State Chancellery. • Working group meetings will continue through October and November, with preliminary approval of the program and action plan expected in November and final submission for registration and promotion planned for December. • Mariana reaffirmed the commitment to ensure no one is left behind in the integration process, emphasizing that each foreigner is an asset to the host community. • She stressed the importance of recognizing foreign qualifications and called for the development of a European-wide recognition system for refugees. While discussions have occurred, implementation progress has been slow. • Mariana advocated for the creation of a comprehensive guide tailored to foreigners' needs, providing essential information on healthcare, education, and other services. • She called for clear procedures to facilitate interactions with authorities, ensuring that foreigners are fully aware of their rights and available support. • emphasized the need for internalizing integration efforts within state institutions, underlining the collective responsibility to support the inclusion of foreigners in Moldova's social, economic, and cultural fabric. 	
<p>Session 3:</p> <p>Findings of Socioeconomic Inclusion Assessments (15:10 –15:35)</p> <p>Speakers : Emilie Fournier from REACH Initiative</p> <p>Erik Johnson, Lead Social Development Specialist</p>	<p>Emilie Fournier presented the findings of the Socio-Economic Insights Survey focused on refugees displaced from Ukraine to Moldova. The assessment, conducted between June and July 2024, involved 622 refugee households covering 1,204 individuals, and aimed to inform future policies and interventions.</p> <p>Key demographic findings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27% of households consist of older refugees aged 60 and above. • 10% include individuals with severe disabilities. • 25% of the sample are single-adult households with dependents, reflecting significant vulnerabilities. • 46% of working-age household members were employed, though there were regional differences in labor force participation. • Regarding legal status, 99% of those granted Temporary Protection (TP) did not face issues during the application or extension process. • 78% of households expressed a desire to remain in their current location, while 17% were undecided about future plans. • Key concerns identified were healthcare, employment, and access to medicine, with regional variations in priorities. • 54% of school-aged children attended Moldovan schools, though enrollment in Ukrainian schools was a barrier for participation in the Moldovan education system. • The findings highlighted the reliance on coping strategies, with 53% of households adopting various methods to manage livelihoods, and an increase in crisis strategies from 2023 to 2024. • Social protection benefits from the Moldovan government reached only 4% of households, pointing to limited coverage of refugees by the existing welfare systems. 	

<p>Zinaida Adam, Livelihood & Inclusion WG Chair</p> <p>Yurii Arnautov, Information Management Officer, UNHCR</p>	<p>Erik Johnson provided an introduction related to the goal of the Socio-economic assessment, a study funded by the Joint Data Center on Displacement; a collaborative initiative between UNHCR and World Bank aimed at addressing the complexities of displacement caused by humanitarian crises. From the perspective of the World Bank operation, he shared the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative focuses on providing comprehensive support and services to both refugees and host communities. • highlighted the importance of the research being conducted, as it fills a gap in existing data by enabling comparisons between refugee households and host communities. • emphasized the need to align this data with national statistics to better inform policy development. • informed research aimed to enhance understanding of the current situation on the ground, with implications for broader social and economic policies, including budgeting and benefits. • expressed anticipation for the forthcoming data, which is expected to improve quantitative benchmarking and support targeted interventions. <p>Zinaida Adam and Yurii Arnautov presented preliminary findings of the socio-economic assessment funded by JDC, focusing on some aspects related to the integration of refugees and disparities in data compared to the host community in Moldova.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study combined quantitative surveys and micronarrative story collections with key informant interviews. • A total of 1,200 surveys were conducted, including 800 with refugees and 400 with members of the host community. • Contributions came from NGOs and private sector actors, focusing on economic disparities and social integration challenges. • Qualitative findings showed that most Ukrainian refugees describe themselves as living in a vulnerable situation and in need of assistance. • Despite this, refugees were generally viewed positively by the host population. • High costs of living, especially for food, accommodation, and medicine, were concerns for both refugees and the local population. <p>Yurii emphasized barriers to employment for refugees, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of childcare options. • Skills' and jobs' matching • Insufficient knowledge of the Romanian language • Compared to the host community, a higher proportion of refugees reported being overqualified for their jobs, with many experiencing job instability and frequent changes. <p>Regarding income and savings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than half of host community households spend over 90% of their income on basic living expenses, while for refugees, this proportion was significantly higher. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly three-quarters of host community households could save part of their income, but less than 20% of refugee households reported having any savings. <p>Yurii outlined the next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full completion of data collection by the end of September. Delivery of data tables and methodological reports in October. Position and policy papers will be published later in the year, with the final outputs of the study expected to be launched in early 2025. 	
<p>Session 4:</p> <p>RRP project submission discussion</p> <p>(15:35 – 16:15)</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <p>Diego Nardi – Inter-Agency Coordination Officer, UNHCR</p> <p>Yuri Arnautov – Information Management Officer, UNHCR</p>	<p>Diego Nardi expressed appreciation to participants for their contributions and recognized the findings presented during the meeting. He emphasized that the primary objective of the meeting was to initiate the project submission process for the upcoming two-year Refugee Response Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> acknowledged the supportive environment in Moldova over the past two and a half years, crediting the government's hospitality, civil society's strong role, and collaborative efforts focused on child protection and women's rights. highlighted the dedication of local partners and stressed the importance of maintaining respectful dialogue and open exchange of ideas. <p>Diego outlined the three core purposes of the RRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination tool among stakeholders to align efforts with the broader strategic objectives in Moldova's refugee response. Strategic guide for individual organizations, fostering collaborative efforts. Fundraising tool that presents a unified strategy to the donor community, detailing the needs of both the refugee population and host communities. <p>Diego announced the opening of the activity information platform from the following day until October 18 for organizations to submit their targets, funding requirements, and activities for 2025 and 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stressed that submissions must be needs-based, aligned with sector-wide efforts, and demonstrate clear operational value. He emphasized the importance of realistic and justifiable funding requests, cautioning that inflated budgets could harm credibility with donors. reiterated the need for all organizations to coordinate submissions with sector leads to ensure strategic alignment. encouraged collaboration among local organizations, promoting the possibility of applying in a consortium. He advised that budget submissions for 2025 and 2026 should reflect a 30 percent reduction in the overall RRP budget and focus on justifiable needs. 	<p>1. Prepare Budgets and Targets (2025-2026):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit realistic, justifiable funding requests, with a at list 30% budget reduction. Provide targets and budgets for both years; disaggregation required during implementation. <p>2. Collaborate and Plan Strategically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align projects with broader strategic goals and maintain open communication with partners to ensure coordinated efforts. <p>3. Submit Projects (4–18 October):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure submissions are needs-based, aligned with sector goals, and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New elements in the submission process include a reduced list of indicators for the country framework, with budgets and targets submitted for both 2025 and 2026. • Disaggregation by location, age, and gender is not required at the planning stage but will be needed later during implementation monitoring. • The submission form will remain open in 2025 for revisions to 2026 targets and budgets. • Upcoming deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project submission window: 4 to 18 October. ○ Ballpark figures submitted to the UNHCR Regional Bureau by 23 October for the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO). ○ Detailed planning: 23 October to 21 November, with the first draft of the RRP Country Chapter expected by 15 November. ○ Final RRP chapter submitted in December, with a joint RRP/HRP launch planned for January 2025. <p>Yurii Arnautov provided insights into the platform's functionality, noting that the number of indicators in the country framework had been reduced to simplify the submission process.</p>	<p>coordinated with sector leads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the projects through Activity Info here. • Reach out us at mdachrcf@unhcr.org, copying mdachim@unhcr.org if you need support while submitting your projects to the RRP 2025-2026.
<p>Session 5:</p> <p>Sector Updates / AOB</p> <p>(16:15 – 16:30)</p> <p>Speakers: Anne-Marie Deutchlander.</p>	<p>Anne-Marie Deutchlander reiterated the importance of joint efforts among UN agencies, INGOs, and local civil society in responding to the needs of refugees, stressing the critical role that local organizations play in spearheading the response. He emphasized the necessity for a unified, coordinated approach to ensure that the needs of refugees and host communities are met effectively. She offered closing remarks, thanking participants for their engagement and cooperation, and encouraging open dialogue as they move forward in their efforts.</p>	
<p>1. Details of the Next Meeting</p>		
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