2025-2026 Refugee Response Plan

National Launch

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Chisinau, Moldova

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Refugee Response Plan National Launch

Planul de răspuns pentru refugiați Lansare națională

Opening Remarks
Cuvânt de Bun Venit
Yesim Oruc, Resident Coordinator
Anne-Marie Deutschlander, UNHCR Representative in Moldova

National Programme and the RRP
Programul național și RRP
Mariana Lucrețeanu, secretary of state of the Ministry of Interior

2025 – 2026 RRP Overview
2025 - 2026 RRP Prezentare generală
Yurii Arnautov, Information Management Officer, UNHCR Moldova
Andrew Painter, Protection Officer, UNHCR Moldova

Discussion and Q&A
Întrebări și răspunsuri
Discussion in Plenary / Discuții în plen

Closing Remarks
Observații finale

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Moldova 2024 Response Results

90,000

# of 90,000 medical consultations provided to refugees in 2024.

35,500

# of Moldovans Targeted in 2024.

19

# of public childcare facilities renovated to support working mothers

84,300

# of vulnerable individuals supported with cash assistance

28,400

# of individuals received legal services

12,300

# of individuals with specific protection needs received targeted protection support

66,000

# of children participated in non-formal education activities

9,800

#of refugees received support in accessing employment and skills development.

56,000

# of refugees benefiting from Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance

Moldova 2024 RRP Funding Level

303,055,881
Total financial requirements in USD

168,461,644
Total funding received in USD as of December 2024

55.5%
funded from the total funding requested in 2024

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Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

NATIONAL PROGRAM ON THE PHASED INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2027

Chișinău 2025

From RRP to The National Program

- **The National Program is a firm commitment** by the Government of Moldova, supported by the international community, to ensure a smooth transition from the RRP to a sustainable, government-led response.

- **Embedded in the National Development Plan 2025-2027**, the program ensures that both refugees and Moldovan communities benefit equally from the development initiatives provided by the government and its partners.

- **By reducing aid dependency and empowering refugees to become self-reliant**, the program promotes joint contributions to Moldova's social and economic development.

Humanitarian response to Sustainable Solutions

The RRP and the National Program will run in tandem. The RRP is designed to gradually transition from immediate humanitarian aid to a government-led development model, i.e. The National Program

Visions

Create a society in which foreigners can fully integrate and contribute to the economic and social development of the country.

How

Comprehensive development support spans eight sectors with measurable targets and costed actions, encompassing migration management, social protection, economic development, health services, education, social cohesion, housing, and local infrastructure and services.

Key objectives and targets

Improved Migration Management
- Legislative reforms and digitalization
- Interoperability with national databases including social protection, education, etc.

Expanded Social Assistance
- Access to cash support, employment assistance, child protection, GBV services, etc.
- Target of 75% coverage by 2027

Enhanced Health Services
- Aim for 90% coverage for foreigners by 2027

Higher Education Enrollment
- Target of 85% enrollment for refugee children

Better Housing Solutions
- Shelter services for 50% of displaced persons and improved access to social housing

Strengthened Local Infrastructure & Services
- Promote inclusion through enhanced community facilities and support systems

Distinct Roles and Complementarities

RRP as the Humanitarian Bridge:
The RRP addresses remaining humanitarian needs by providing essential services during the transition period. In addition, It empowers the Government of Moldova to lead in service delivery and refugee integration.

National Program for Long-Term Sustainability:
Embedded in the 2025–2027 Development Plan, the National Program lays the foundation for a sustainable, government-led integration process.

Together, these initiatives ensure that refugees become active long-term contributors to Moldova's socio-economic development.

Funding requirement (Tentative)

	Estimated Cost (Million Lei)	Estimated Cost (Million Euros)
1. Migration management	364.16	18.67
2. Social Assistance & Labor Market Integration	1,525.27	78.20
3. Economic Development	66.54	3.41
4. Health Services	11.90	0.61
5. Education	317.51	16.27
6. Social Cohesion	4.36	0.22
7. Housing	48.80	2.50
8. Local Community Development	3,325.56	170.56
Total	5,664.09	290.50

Distinct Funding Sources

RRP

International Funding to Humanitarian Partners.
The RRP is primarily financed by the international community through established humanitarian channels managed by the UN and its partners. This approach ensures that immediate needs are met while laying the groundwork for long-term solutions.

The National Program

International Funding to the Government of Moldova.
In contrast to the RRP's reliance on humanitarian funding, the National Program will be implemented through a blend of state budget allocations and international development financing (both bilateral and multilateral) directed to the Government of Moldova. These funds, coordinated across sector ministries and financial management authorities, are integrated into the national development planning process for 2025-2027

The way forward

Proposed Timeline

- **Public Consultation:** 12–22 February 2025
- **Draft Revisions:** Amend the Program as needed based on feedback
- **Government Presentation:** Early March 2025
- **Government Decision:** Early March 2025
- **Budget Integration:** Coordinate with government bodies to include key initiatives in the 2025 budgetary framework

Every foreigner is a value, and integrating this value into the host community is a shared responsibility and an opportunity for everyone.

THANK YOU

NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

2025-2026 RRP
Key Figures

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2025 -2026 RRP Moldova Target Figures

RRP 2025

142,000
# of individuals targeted by RRP for 2025

100,500
# of refugees targeted by RRP for 2025

41,500
# of affected host community members targeted by RRP for 2025

RRP 2026

131,500
# of individuals targeted by RRP for 2026

90,000
# of refugees targeted by RRP for 2026

41,500
# of affected host community members targeted by RRP for 2026

PROFILE OF THE PROJECTED REFUGEE POPULATION

37% women

21% girls

19% men

23% boys

#OF OLDER REFUGEES & REFUGEES WITH DISABILITIES OUT OF TOTAL TARGET

18% older people

10% people with disabilities

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2025 -2026 RRP Moldova Funding Requirements

2025 Funding Appeal

205,507,395

Total financial requirements in USD

	Requested
Protection (Including GBV & CP)	$ 38 M
Basic needs	$ 89 M
Livelihoods & Socio-economic Inclusion	$ 36 M
Education	$ 13 M
Health & Nutrition (includes MHPSS)	$ 29 M

2026 Funding Appeal

159,181,076

Total financial requirements in USD

	Requested
Protection (Including GBV & CP)	$ 26 M
Basic needs	$ 75 M
Livelihoods & Socio-economic Inclusion	$ 30 M
Education	$ 9 M
Health & Nutrition (includes MHPSS)	$ 19 M

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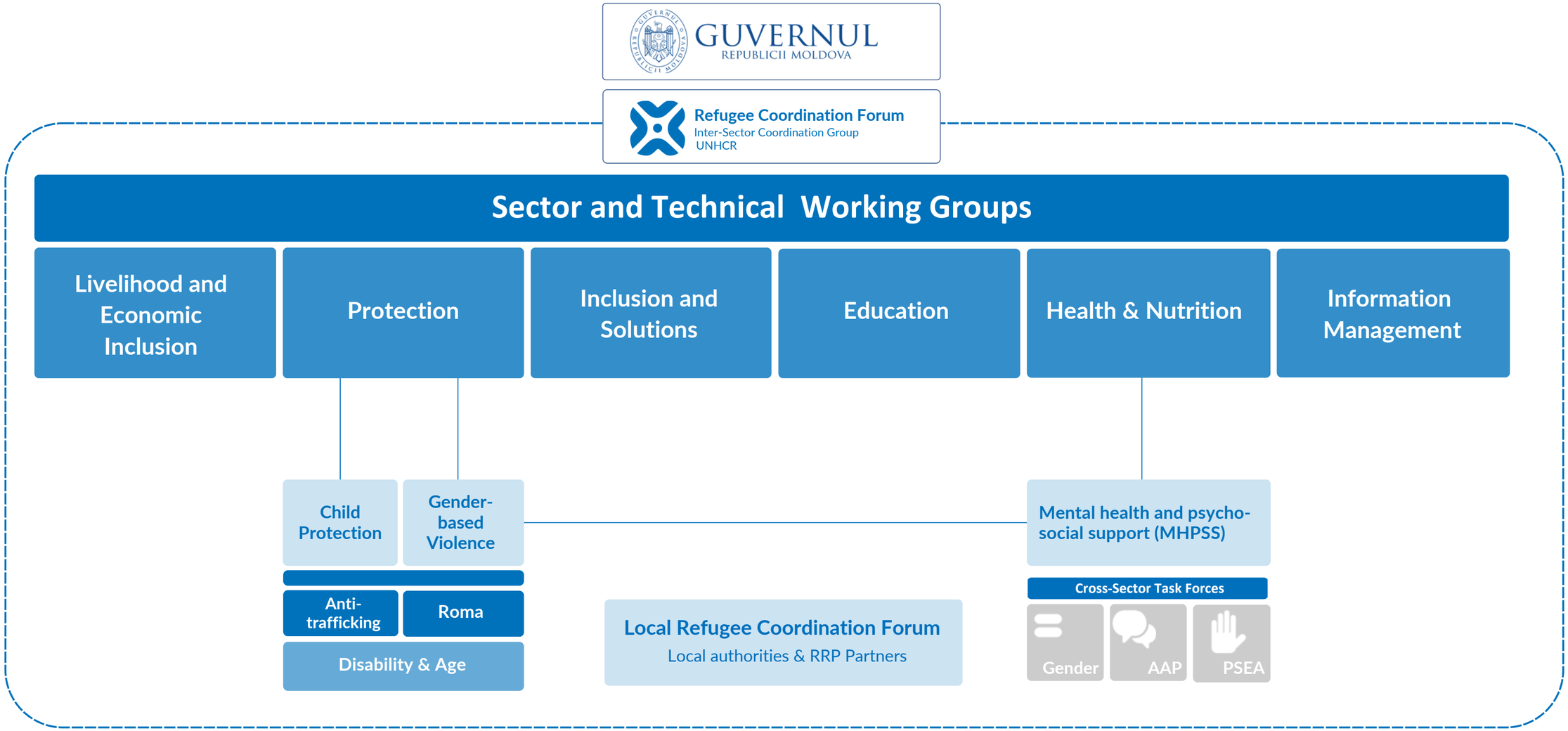
2025-2026 Moldova RCF Coordination Structure



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2025 RRP
Partners and Key Activities

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Protection (Including GBV & CP)

$ 38,401,058

Planned population figures

142,000

100,500 Refugees
41,500 Hosts

41 Partners

Needs

- **Legal Status & Access to Rights: Displaced Ukrainians unable or unwilling to return home need longer-term** legal status for stability and integration.
- **System Strengthening: Enhancing asylum, GBV, and child protection systems through expansion, training, and capacity building** is key to ensuring refugees' access to rights and services, and sustainability.
- **Targeted Support: Refugees, especially children, minorities, and those with specific needs,** require access to case management, social services, MHPSS, and integration support.
- **Safe Spaces: Insufficient safe spaces, including shelters, child-friendly spaces,** that provide quality services to children, GBV survivors, and at-risk women.
- **Prevention activities: GBV and violence against children are heightened in the displacement context** and require both tailored approaches and longer-term behavioral change

Key Activities

- Social Cohesion
- Legal aid
- Capacity Building
- Awareness raising
- Prevention from violence
- MHPSS and recreational activities
- Targeted support
- Assessments and monitoring
- Case management
- AAP

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Basic needs and Livelihoods & Socio-economic Inclusion

$ 125,207,750

Planned population figures

87,253

69,563 Refugees
17,690 Hosts

47 Partners

Local Organizations
22

International Organizations
17

UN Agencies
8

Needs

- **High Vulnerability:** 29% of refugees face severe risks of abuse and exploitation.
- **Demographic Needs:** With 81% women and children, 23% elderly, and 10% disabled, the high vulnerability ratio limits self-sufficiency, requiring targeted support for social and economic inclusion.
- **Employment Challenges:** 47.2% employment rate among refugees, with 45.2% of them working informally, while many remain outside the labor force due to caregiving, health issues, or other vulnerabilities.

- **Social Protection Shortfalls:** Moldova's overstretched and underfunded system offers limited support, keeping refugees reliant on humanitarian aid.
- **Economic Strain:** High food, housing, and energy costs leave refugees struggling to meet basic needs.
- **Aid Dependence:** Limited livelihoods and social safety nets make humanitarian assistance a lifeline for many.

Key Activities

- **Provide cash assistance to vulnerable refugees**, while promoting inclusion in national social assistance schemes.
- **Support refugee employment, entrepreneurship, and financial access** to enhance self-reliance.
- **Promote localization and community-led solutions**, by strengthening municipal and civil society action.
- **Ensure equitable access to essential services and communal infrastructure** for refugees and host communities.
- **Advance refugee inclusion in national systems** by strengthening social protection and access to affordable housing.

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Education

$ 13,117,165

Planned population figures

69,224

38,073 Refugees
31,151 Hosts

18 Partners

Needs

- Only 3,503 of school-age refugee children are enrolled in Moldovan schools, highlighting a preference for online learning.
- Language barriers in Romanian affect refugee children's integration in both Romanian- and Russian-speaking schools.
- Many refugee children, including Roma, lack formal education, requiring accelerated learning programs.
- No system monitors Ukrainian refugee children's online education, necessitating a monitoring mechanism.

Key Activities

- Provide non-formal education for refugee and vulnerable children.
- Enhance school environments for accessibility and inclusivity.
- Strengthen educational staff and caregiver capacity on inclusion, pedagogy, and MHPSS.
- Support continuity of formal education for refugee and vulnerable youth.

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Health & Nutrition (includes MHPSS)

$ 28,781,422

Planned population figures

120,000 *85,500 Refugees*
34,500 Hosts

25 Partners

Needs

- **12,000 refugees with TP** are registered with **family doctors.**
- **Public funding is limited,** requiring international aid for refugee healthcare.
- **Administrative barriers** hinder refugee access to national health insurance.
- Healthcare packages extended in March 2024, but gaps remain in specialized care.
- NHIC and providers face challenges in monitoring and payments due to IT system gaps.

Key Activities

- Assess health needs, risks, and intervention impacts.
- Engage communities through risk communication.
- Ensure access to quality healthcare and essential services.
- Procure and distribute medical supplies.
- Support refugee healthcare financing.
- Rehabilitate healthcare facilities.
- Strengthen national health financing and monitoring.
- Enhance care quality and capacity building.
- Develop sustainable health financing for refugees.
- Improve emergency preparedness and risk management.

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