

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-Working Group (SWG) Moldova

Meeting Details		
Date	10 April 2025	
Time	2:00 - 3:30 pm	
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Agenda		
<div><div>1.</div><div>Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) consolidation update, Basic Needs Working Group</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>How to access to EU grants for GBV: tips and recommendations for preparing applications</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>GBV Sub-Working Group Workplan and other GBV Sub-Sector updates</div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>Updates by members</div></div>		
Information collection and relevant links		
GBV SWG Google Drive Moldova: Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-Sector Working Group Data Portal UNHCR GBV Safe Disclosure Package		
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Summary of discussions and agreements/action points

Agenda Item	Discussion	Agreements/Actions
<p>Update on Consolidation of Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs)</p> <p>Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 26 RACs were closed between the spring 2023 and end of 2024 and 10 more are planned to close in 2025. ▪ RAC #100 (Mun Chisinau, Str. Musatinilor 1/2) with 18 residents was recently closed. From these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 4HH applied for rental assistance. ◦ 3HH chose private accommodation (with relatives or acquaintances) but are looking for a place to rent and will apply for Rental Assistance once they find it. ◦ 1HH returned to Ukraine. ▪ The closure of the RAC #5 (UTA Gagauzia, Congaz, str. Lenin 72) which accommodates 85 people (18 HH), mostly are large Roma families, is ongoing to be completed officially by April 30. ▪ Most beneficiaries showed interest in the rental assistance programme. Challenges were identified with finding alternative accommodation, especially for Roma families and in rural areas, including issues related to discrimination. ▪ Some families have been allowed to stay until the end of the school year to avoid disrupting the school year. ▪ Currently, 25 RACs remain open, with eight more planned to close by the end of 2025. ▪ List of remaining RACs to be closed is available, and can be shared bilaterally. ▪ Efforts are in place to close RACs during summer to consider both weather and the school year <p>Questions/comments related to the RACs the consolidation strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative of WLO Biaz Gul asked for information about the Cash for Rent programme to allow the organization to help Roma families prepare all the documents, as most of them cannot read and write. Biaz Gul also requested information on the criteria for the Cash for Rent programme. ▪ According to UNHCR any household can express interest in the programme. All relocated households are supported with case management by a Relocation Case Manager (RCM). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Link to updated RACs Demographics and Needs Dashboard. ▪ Co-chairs to share the criteria for enrolment in the cash for rent programme.

<p>How to access EU grants for GBV: tips and recommendations for preparing applications</p> <p>Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR Violeta Terguta, UNFPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A presentation was delivered to introduce pathways for accessing EU funding, with a particular emphasis on women-led entities and organizations engaged in gender equality and GBV-related interventions. ▪ As proposed within the GBV SWG framework, a preliminary overview was shared, and the facilitation of a two-hour technical workshop on both public and private funding mechanisms was recommended for interested stakeholders. <p>Tips and recommendations for preparing applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grants are designed to strengthen the capacities of CSOs and local authorities to address GBV. ▪ Alignment of project aims with EU strategic GBV priorities increases chances. <p>Identifying the eligibility criteria for EU grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The eligibility criteria associated with EU funding mechanisms must be thoroughly reviewed and clear to the applicant. ▪ Eligible applicants usually include NGOs, public sector institutions, and academic bodies. ▪ Grants can target different priority areas, including experience in GBV prevention and response, cross-border cooperation, and engagement with vulnerable groups. ▪ It is essential that each call for proposals be read and examined carefully, with attention paid to the priorities and compliance criteria defined by the donors. <p>Researching available EU grants for GBV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A compilation of relevant funding platforms is underway by UNHCR. ▪ The EU's official portal has a database for funding opportunities. ▪ UNHCR is also gathering information on websites that offer online courses and trainings related to grant applications. ▪ The Refugee Coordination Forum also shares funding opportunities for CSOs in Moldova. <p>Building a strong proposal for EU grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposals must be clearly articulated, with objectives, methodology, target populations, and expected outcomes. ▪ An understanding of the problem and how the proposal will address them must be demonstrated. ▪ Innovative approaches and solutions based on best practices are prioritized and call the attention of donors. ▪ A detailed and transparent budget, with all projected expenditures explicitly justified, shows accountability and helps build trust, reinforcing the NGOs financial organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share a compilation of relevant funding platforms. ▪ Share a list of websites that offer online courses and trainings related to grant applications. ▪ Share a Kobo form for questions from participants for the upcoming workshop on applying for grants.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurable indicators show the project’s potential impact and sustainability. <p>Navigating the application process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications can be complex, time consuming, requiring attention to detail. Allocate time to get familiar with the application process, the call and guidelines. Understand submission formats (online etc.), consider details related to issues with the system, and take time to gather all required documentation (letters of support etc.) Review final submission for accuracy and to identify gaps. A clear workplan with roles, responsibilities and deadlines should be in place. It significantly helps the organization of the work. Having a multi-functional team is useful to organize the process. Emphasis on Strategic Partnerships, Compliance, and Sustainability <p>Partnerships and collaborations for applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships enhance credibility and changes for a successful application. These should be strategic, with organizations that bring complementarity, expertise and resources, making the proposal more attractive. Grassroots partnerships can increase access to targeted communities. Community support increases accountability and chances of success. <p>Compliance and reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurate financial records should be kept, with project progress tracked against established indicators, and regular reports submitted outlining activities and outcomes. Compliance not only ensures continued funding but also builds trust with funders and stakeholders. The NGO should establish clear internal processes for monitoring activities and finances. A Project Manager can support these activities and ensure accountability. Indicator targets should be carefully defined and monitored. <p>Impact and sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability strategies should be integrated from the beginning, including capacity building through training and local stakeholder partnerships. Project outcomes must be evaluated to understand what works and what does not work and adjusted through regular assessments. Sharing success stories enhances transparency and help attract future funding by demonstrating the organization’s effectiveness and impact to address GBV. 	
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	<p>Questions/comments related to the grant's application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Casey O'Neill (CWS) inquired about the relevance of prioritizing project outcomes and long-term impact, rather than relying solely on quantitative indicators (e.g., number of individuals reached). Additionally, Casey asked whether resources are available to assist organizations in measuring outcomes such as behavioral change and other qualitative dimensions of impact. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ It was noted that, in some instances, indicators may need to be reformulated following discussions with stakeholders, particularly in the context of EU-funded projects, which often emphasize broader impact and alignment with overarching strategic goals. ▪ Sustainability was highlighted by UNHCR as a key concern for donors. To ensure that project impact is maintained beyond the funding period, creative strategies were proposed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Enabling beneficiaries to advocate for support with local authorities ◦ Facilitating the formation of community support groups ◦ Empowering participants to serve as ongoing community actors ◦ The importance of equipping individuals with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to sustain project outcomes independently was strongly emphasized. 	
<p>GBV Sub-Working Group Workplan and other GBV Sub-Sector updates</p> <p>Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR Violeta Terguta, UNFPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The GBV SWG 2025 Workplan includes objectives, outputs, activities, and targets related to GBV prevention and addressing gender inequality and GBV roots, ensuring access to survivor-centred GBV response services, strengthen capacity of local actors on GBV, and coordination in alignment with the RRP. The workplan aims to ensure coordination among actors and activities planned and avoid overlapping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share the link to the 2025 GBV SWG Workplan for partners' inputs.