HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Meeting Details	
Date	*14 May 2025*
Time	*15:00-16:30*
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Information collection and relevant links

Moldova operational data portal: https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784
Health and Nutrition https://data.unhcr.org/en/working-group/333?sv=54&geo=10784

Participants

Vitalii Stetsyk, WHO	Oleg Colesnicenco, WHO	Tara McCoy, REACH
Iuliana Garam, WHO	Vitalie Slobozia, UNICEF	Violina Nazaria, IOM
Tereshchenko Hanna, WHO	Cornelia Vintea-Creciun, UNFPA	Maria Lifciu, NHIC
Cornelia Panico, WHO	Eugenia Ciubotaru, IOM	Mariko Mori, Embassy of Japan
Daniela Martini, WHO	Ness Gomez, INTERSOS	Health sector partner representatives

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion
Presenters' name, position, organization, E-mail	*Summary of discussion with highlights. Please provide links to documents/sources of information whenever mentioned.*
Agenda point 1 Welcome words. Presentation of the Agenda items	***The Nutrition and Health WG* chair** welcomed participants and thanked them for their presence. WHO provided an update on the operational context, noting current trends in refugee arrivals and seasonal movement patterns.
Agenda Point 2 *Operational Updates: Health Sector Response* *Vitalii Stetsyk, WHO* *Hanna Tereshchenko*	WHO provided an update on the operational context, noting current trends in refugee arrivals and seasonal movement patterns. The update included the status of the **Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP)** prioritization process, which is currently underway under the leadership of UNHCR. A structured, three-tier prioritization framework is being applied to guide response efforts and resource distribution: • Tier 1 – Critical interventions • Tier 2 – Essential interventions • Tier 3 – Desirable interventions A formal review of the RRP is scheduled for the third quarter of 2025, which will provide an opportunity to reassess and refine priorities based on evolving needs and response capacities. WHO provided key updates on the implementation of the **Nexus Strategy**, emphasizing the **Core Nexus Principles**, which aim to bridge humanitarian, development, and peace-building approaches. These principles include: • Prioritizing urgent, life-saving activities while simultaneously addressing long-term needs, risks, and vulnerabilities – (RRP prioritiyation) • Harmonizing humanitarian responses with development objectives and peace-promoting measures. • Promoting early integration of Nexus thinking across all sectors and levels of coordination. • Investing in infrastructure and health system capacity-building, notably through hospital preparedness initiatives. • Ensuring that all interventions are sensitive to conflict dynamics and contribute to peace.

	• Advancing localization efforts by empowering local actors and communities. • Supporting continued cross-Dniester health operations to ensure equitable service delivery across all regions. WHO also identified several key **Nexus-related areas** within the health response that require focused attention: • Governance and leadership • Health financing • Service delivery • Access to essential medical technologies and pharmaceuticals • Health workforce development • Emergency preparedness and response Additional details on data management, financing, risk communication and community engagement were noted for further discussion in the presentation.
Agenda Point 3 *Health Services Provided to Refugees in 2025* *Maria Lifciu, NHIC*	The NHIC presented an overview of health services provided to refugees during 2024 and Q1 2025. Key highlights: • Refugees and TP holders continue to access a defined package of health benefits. • Ongoing challenges include funding gaps and low registration rates with family doctors among TP holders. • Discussions focused on identifying barriers to registration and exploring strategies to increase enrollment in primary care to access the benefit package.
Agenda Point 4 *Partner Updates on Health Support to Refugees* *Cornelia Vintea-Creciun, UNFPA* *Violina Nazaria, IOM*	UNFPA, and IOM provided updates on current and planned health services provided to refugees, including: • Mental health and psychosocial support programs • Maternal and child health services • Deployment of mobile health units

Agenda Point 5 Equitable Access to Quality Health Services for TP Holders Iuliana Garam, WHO	WHO shared progress on ensuring equitable access for refugees with temporary protection: • Ongoing support to NHIC and MoH in forecasting needs for 2025, using a WHO-developed forecasting tool with methodological principles. • Continued use of the benefit package designed in 2024 using the WHO UHC-SPDI platform, ensuring continuity of care in 2025. • Noted funding gap of USD 1.5 million to cover the benefit package costs for TP holders. • Presented highlights from the donor coordination meeting held on March 13, 2025, as part of the RRP process. • Developed a background paper for legislative advocacy concerning the integration of foreigners into the Moldovan Health Information System (MHIS) and the potential establishment of a sustainable international funding mechanism. • Supported NHIC's use of the mConnect platform to integrate data from the General Inspectorate for Migration, enabling refugees with TP to be registered as a separate insured category. • Assisted in updating NHIC's website with refugee-specific health information: http://cnam.md/refugiatii-din-ucraina/ **Planned activities include:** • Scaling up e-Prescription systems to enable TP holders to access compensated medications. • Exploring integration of mConnect with the DRG payment system for inpatient care tracking. • Enhancing NHIC's capacity for online data monitoring and disaggregated reporting (by gender, age, locality).
Agenda point 6 *Study on Access to Health Services – Concept Presentation* *Tara McCoy, REACH*	**REACH/IMPACT Initiatives** introduced a concept for an upcoming study aimed at: • Identifying barriers and enablers to accessing health services for refugees. • Proposing a methodology and approach tailored to the Moldovan context.
Agenda point 7 *Strengthening Hospital Preparedness for Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI)* *Cornelia Panico, WHO*	WHO shared updates on MCI preparedness efforts, with a dual focus on: • Enhancing hospital readiness for high-impact emergencies. • Aligning with long-term health system resilience and Nexus strategic priorities. • Emphasis was placed on training, simulations, and infrastructure support.

Action points. Conclusions and next steps *Vitalii Stetsyk, WHO*	Key agreements: • WHO will share presentation with the health partners • The date for the next coordination meeting will be proposed via email.