

Assessment & Analysis meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time: 05-Apr-2022, 3:00 PM
Location: Microsoft Teams (online).
Chaired by REACH & UNHCR

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Agenda:

1. **Assessment Registry**
2. **Light MSNA**
3. **Protection Monitoring:**
4. **Border monitoring**

5. **RAC monitoring**
6. **Cost-of-living**
7. **Transnistria assessment**

Assessment Registry

- **UNHCR** reminded colleagues about the Assessment Registry, an important coordination tool for collecting and sharing information about assessments that have taken place or are planned. It should provide basic information 'at a glance' on what is going on with assessments and where to find out more information and details.
 - o [Form for submitting information on a new assessment](#)
 - o [Dashboard showing the contents of the registry](#)

Light Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA)

- **REACH**, in partnership with UNHCR, UNICEF, and ECHO are beginning to plan a multi-sector needs assessment specifically looking at the needs of refugees living OUTSIDE of refugee accommodation centres (RACs). The MSNA will not look at the needs of host communities.
- An important first step is to have a baseline understanding of the refugee population outside of RACs. Participants were asked for advice about ongoing initiatives.
- **UNDP** provided an update on CALM (consortium of local authorities) data collection from municipalities related to the numbers of refugees and the capacity of refugees to integrate into these communities.
- **UNDP** also updated about efforts from the National Employment agency looking to match the skills of refugees with available work opportunities.
- **IOM** is willing support this effort, possibly by providing IM support to existing efforts (i.e. CALM) to ensure there is a useful baseline understanding of basic refugee figures and location. This information can also serve as a basis for a sampling methodology for the light MSNA.
- **REACH** confirmed that the questionnaire will be developed through the sectors, while also incorporating gender-related input from UNWomen.
- **FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** a group of interested agencies should come up with a solution for collecting and sharing baseline information on refugees outside of RACs

Protection Monitoring

- **UNHCR** quickly briefed on the Protection Monitoring initiative from the Protection Sector. The idea is a monitoring tool, to be used by protection partners to collect protection-specific information on key sites including RACs, border crossings and transportation hubs. It will seek to identify serious protection concerns such as trafficking and GBV, as well as assess capacity to support vulnerable groups (i.e. disabled, separated children, etc.)
- This effort complements existing site monitoring activities.

Border monitoring

- There are two key initiatives looking at border monitoring

- **REACH** visits the border at Palanca and Ocnita several times per week to speak with refugees crossing the border. This information is shared in weekly fact sheets. The methodology will be tweaked to also collect information on those returning to Ukraine.
- **IOM** in collaboration with **UNWomen** has conducted more than 5,000 interviews with refugees and third country nationals (TCNs) crossing INTO and OUT OF Moldova. Regular reports are produced and shared publicly.
- **FOLLOW-UP ACTION: REACH** and **IOM** to share their respective methodology with the Assessment and Analysis group. (this information is already available but can be reshared)
- **FOLLOW-UP ACTION: REACH** and **IOM** to meet and ensure coordination and complementarity of their border monitoring initiatives. (meeting planned for Wed 6 Apr)

RAC monitoring

- **REACH** briefed on their refugee accommodation centre (RAC) monitoring. There are daily calls to the RACs to gather basic population figures. This is supplemented by weekly calls for a longer survey on the services and capacity available. Weekly fact sheets are released publicly. A dashboard will produced soon.

Cost of living / HH expenditure survey

- **UNHCR** mentioned there was some unofficial talk about the need for a cost-of-living survey, and asked participants if similar socio-economic surveys have been done recently.
- **UNDP** briefed that the GoM does a regular Poverty Survey as well as a Household Budget survey.
- **UNHCR** understood that if this subject comes up again, existing national surveys will be the first place we look for this data.

Transnistria

- **UNHCR** and **IOM** asked about the feasibility and sensitivities around an assessment of the needs of refugees in Transnistria.
- **UNDP** explained that there is already (limited) inter-agency engagement with the authorities in Transnistria. There is an estimated 20,000 refugees in this areas, of whom an estimated 500 are in shelters.
- The take-away message is that an assessment of Transnistria is possible, probably needed (though should be linked with an intention to deliver assistance), but must be carefully coordinated with the local authorities as well as those in Chisinau.
- We will keep a close eye on this. If a significant response is planned in Transnistria, we should collectively support with assessment and analysis.

Next IMWG meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 12 April 2022