



## Moldova Refugee Coordination Forum

### Moldova: 7th inter-sector coordination group meeting minutes

Meetings	
Date	18 April 2022 - Next meeting on 26 April 2022
Time	13.30 pm
Chair	Lachin Hasanova, Senior Inter-Agency Coordination Officer
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Agenda	
<p><b>Communication from IA team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-IA RCF mailing list</li> <li>-RRP country targets</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates from sectors</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Population Data</li> <li>2. Education WG</li> <li>3. CP SWG</li> <li>4. L&amp;I WG</li> <li>5. WFP update</li> <li>6. Gender TF</li> <li>7. PWDTF</li> <li>8. TN update UNODC/UNDP</li> </ol> <p>Questions/Comments/Reactions AOB</p>	
Information collection and links	
<p>Please use the below link to fill out information</p> <p>5W (Please note to fill only one entry per activity per location) <a href="https://bit.ly/36BYffs">https://bit.ly/36BYffs</a></p> <p>Moldova Assessment Registry. <a href="https://bit.ly/37Ug0jG">https://bit.ly/37Ug0jG</a></p>	



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Link to operational data portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784>  
Reporting: Quantitative <https://bit.ly/3Dg6bb1> ; narrative/photo <https://bit.ly/3DfimW0>

#### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action items

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p><b>Introduction by</b></p>	<p>The IA team has updated the process on how to enroll or un enroll from the Refugee Coordination Forum mailing list.</p> <p><b>How to enrol a new e-mail?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To enrol a new e-mail, please follow this link (<a href="http://eepurl.com/hZISOT">http://eepurl.com/hZISOT</a>), which will take you to an online form (image on the left).</li> <li>2) Fill the form with the requested information (E-mail/ Name/ Organization) and click <i>Subscribe</i>.</li> <li>3) After clicking <i>subscribe</i> you will be automatically enrolled to our mail list and will receive a confirmation e-mail.</li> </ol> <p><b>How to unenroll an e-mail?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To unenroll an e-mail, please follow this link (<a href="https://unhcr.us14.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=5e93f8ae5112f5035a435c0e2&amp;id=f6ce6e9372">https://unhcr.us14.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=5e93f8ae5112f5035a435c0e2&amp;id=f6ce6e9372</a>), which will take you to an online form (image on the left).</li> <li>2) Fill the form with the requested information (E-mail) and click <i>Unsubscribe</i>. After clicking <i>unsubscribe</i> you will be automatically unenrolled from our mail list.</li> </ol>	



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<b>Refugee Response Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The RRP final draft was submitted. After final revision from UNHCR's Bureau it will be launched soon at Regional Level, tentative date is 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Also, there will be a launch at country level in Moldova.</li> <li>- Country level targets are still being finalized.</li> <li>- The RRP is still not available in any other language than English but it will be translated to other languages.</li> </ul>	<p>Sectors who have not send their country level targets are reminded to sent it as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Population data updates</b>	<p><b>As of 6am, 18 April 2022</b></p> <p>412 088 Ukrainians entered since 24 Feb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 97,026 staying in Moldova (slight increase)</li> <li>- 2 54,033 moving on to Romania</li> <li>- 53,974 returning to Ukraine</li> </ul> <p>New 6,375 asylum applications (5,464 Ukr , 8 6%)</p> <p><b>Age and gender breakdown (Ukr staying)</b></p> <p><b>Adults</b> - 48,329</p> <p><b>Children</b> - 48,697</p>	
<b>Child Protection Sub WG</b>	<p><u>UASC update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February a <b>finalized instruction was issued</b> from the Extraordinary Situation Committee related to a regulation regarding cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion and the Ministry of Social Protection, specifically related to identification, assistance and monitoring of children at risk (Ukrainian refugee children and asylum seekers) during the state of was in Ukraine. The CP SWG participated, provided feedback and recommendations.</li> <li>- Of particular importance is the specific mention of the need for child protection support to be deployed to the border 24/7. <b>Deployment to the border of guardianship authorities has already been operationalized.</b> They are deployed</li> </ul>	<p>CP Sub Working Group Focal points:</p> <p>Traian Turcanu (<a href="mailto:tturcanu@unicef.org">tturcanu@unicef.org</a>) and</p> <p>Richelle Haines (<a href="mailto:haines@unhcr.org">haines@unhcr.org</a>)</p>



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in Palanca. If specific child related issues are identified at entrance, they can address the challenges on the spot. They are currently working from 8 am and 8 pm, but they are on call 24 hours a day.

There are plans for this deployment also in Otaci, Leuseni and Sculeni but there have been some staffing issues now.

- **Planned training for Guardianship Authorities** and Border Police to further help in the identification of children at risk with a focus on UASC.

### Roll out on blue dots

**Location:** 5 blue dots rolled out in Otaci, Palanca, Moldexpo, Leuseni, Sculeni. The criterion for location is high density areas where refugees are located (RACs and Cash enrollment sites) but also to be rolled out soon in host communities with the initiative Mobile Blue Dots.

- BD are being managed with the support of 8 different partners led by UNHCR and UNICEF. The idea is to have a one stop hub for all refugees, particularly as they are on the move.

**5 core services:** 1. Identification and referral of children at risk; 2. Psychosocial support; 3. Legal aid and counselling; 4. Information and advice desks; 5. Child and Family Friendly Spaces.

Other services provided (depending on the BD) are: Internet connection, health services, sleeping safe spaces.

For Blue Dot hours of Operation: the hours vary by location. In Otacti and mentioned by Natalia, 24/7, in MoldExpo---9am-10pm and in other locations, 8am-8pm.

### Roma task force

Began last Friday, to specific look at issues impacting the Roma community and how can potential issues such as discrimination can be addressed within our different responses.



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<p><b>Persons with disabilities task force (under the PWG)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established 3 weeks ago. The members are representatives of the government, national and international NGOs, as well as donors.</li> <li>- The key focus right now is to try to map which services are available for persons with disabilities and how to coordinate responses related to this population.</li> <li>- They have found so far very good practices and examples of responses provided to refugees with disabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keystone Moldova has a hotline informing and referring to services and have supported 45 families with nutrition package, medications.</li> <li>- Local NGOs, Criuleni, supported 55 persons with disabilities with housing services, transportation, medication.</li> <li>- Asociația Obștească «SOS AUTISM» housing 22 families delivering housing, nutrition, medical services, and children are benefiting from rehabilitation services.</li> <li>- Motivatie supported 25 persons with mobility disability with adapted transportation.</li> <li>- Advocacy activities: 10 persons with mobility disability relocated in 2 shelters. Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Advocacy plan</u> An advocacy plan was elaborated in last meeting and presented during this RCF meeting. Stakeholders are invited to take part of the advocacy plan.</p> <p>There was a request to support families with persons with severe disabilities to find safe spaces and move out of the country.</p>	<p>If you have some questions on TF on disability, please contact, Ludmila Malcoci: <a href="mailto:lmalcoci@khs.org">lmalcoci@khs.org</a> Telephone – 37369501709</p> <p><b>The advocacy plan will be shared with all members.</b></p> <p>WG are encouraged to include actions related to persons with disabilities in their action plans.</p>
<p><b>Education WG</b></p>	<p><u>Data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1,800 enrolled in formal education system out of 40,000 children staying in Moldova. There is still a need to know where these children are located to address their needs.</li> </ul> <p><u>Rapid Needs Assessment</u></p>	



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This week the WG will launch Rapid Needs Assessment in Education. During the last meeting the questionnaire was agreed on and translated in 3 languages. This rapid assessment will complement the MSNA.

#### Other activities

- To enhance the capacities of Moldovan and Ukrainian teachers to deal with the individual needs of refugee children, UNICEF has developed 2 modules with child centered methodologies, which include prevention of bullying, violence, building resilience.
- 20 ToTs have already been implemented with these 2 modules. It is expected this action will enhance the capacity of 900 teachers nationally.
- Ukraine's Ministry of Education has developed a guide on how to work with refugee children online. This guide was translated in German, Polish, Slovak and Romanian. The guide will be used by UNICEF to develop two additional modules to train Moldovan and Ukrainian teachers. The link to this guide was shared by UNICEF with all the WG members.
- Connectivity needs to be ensured for children who are receiving classes online. Laptops are being procured by UNICEF and they expect they will be assigned to a specific school and will be used by Ukrainian refugee children while they stay in Moldova.
- 600 individual educational kits were distributed to children in Chisinau and Congaz.
- This week UNICEF will sign an MoU with the municipality of Chisinau and regional education director to cover hot meals for children at pre school and primary education level.
- Non formal education – 3-day camps were set up where children are involved in various recreational activities, and they benefit of individual and group sessions psychosocial and emotional support to tackle stressed caused by the war.
- 4 child friendly spaces have been set up by UNICEF. 107 children are covered with hot meals and provided hygiene and sanitary supplies. 340 children are currently attending these spaces.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNICEF is expecting to organize summer camps for Moldovan and Ukrainian children. The summer will include recreational activities and catch-up sessions.</li> </ul> <p><u>Education Cannot Wait mission</u> Last week UNICEF hosted an international mission of Education Cannot Wait, by the end of the mission, they committed to provide 1,500,000 USD to support the implementation of RRP actions in Education.</p>	
<p><b>Livelihood and Inclusion WG</b></p>	<p>The WG would like to highlight the co-chairmanship and high ownership by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key messaging, I&amp;L WG</b> = humanitarian &amp; development nexus, considering both immediate humanitarian needs + longer-terms priorities for livelihoods and inclusion aspects, reflecting on medium- and long-term solutions that will increase resilience in local population.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key priorities for the government:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mapping of interventions (5W) &amp; analysis of potential gaps &gt;&gt; basis for joint interventions of the members of the WG. The mapping of the intervention of the partners is critical and will allow to do a gap analysis.</li> <li>- Availability of assessment processes critical for prioritizing interventions and developing new ones to address gaps. The government wants to move forward with the various assessments, as the results will allow joint planning.</li> <li>- Plan of Action/ Strategy for the WG. The government has requested an action plan and strategy so the WG will be working on this in the coming days.</li> </ul> <p><b>Main actions of the WG</b></p> <p><u>Activities of the members:</u></p>	<p>Next meeting will be held on <b>Weds 20 April 2022 13.00-14.00</b></p> <p>And it will be focused on <b>private sector engagement in response &amp; resilience-building activities in support of the refugee crisis.</b></p> <p>If any organization wants to share <b>stories on interventions supporting livelihoods and inclusion</b> for the WG brief, they can contact:</p> <p>Ioana Creitaru <a href="mailto:ioana.creitaru@undp.org">ioana.creitaru@undp.org</a></p>



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	<p>Intervention of most members are humanitarian assistance with certain inclusion or livelihoods aspects. However, members planning for mid-/ longer-term livelihoods, inclusion interventions.</p> <p><u>Reporting and communication:</u></p> <p>5Ws updated &gt; revision coming up! Issue Brief #1 EN   RO Weekly updates @ Forum newsletter</p> <p><u>Action Plan &amp; Strategy</u></p> <p>The action plan and strategy are going to be developed between April and July, based on 5 WVs, assessment results and weekly meeting discussions.</p>	
<b>WFP update</b>	<p>There are three WFP interventions in Moldova:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Hot meals provision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As chair of the food security working group WFP is coordinating and providing hot meals in refugee accommodation centers:</li> <li>- 146,220 meals delivered to 1,554 people per day (3 meals a day)</li> <li>- WFP is currently working only in accredited RACs. Nonetheless, they are tracking unaccredited centers. If any organization is working with an unaccredited center, they can contact WFP for related support.</li> <li>- 79 out 101 centers coordinated by WFP as chair of Food Security sub-working group. 41 of which are directly covered by WFP and partners</li> <li>- 29 out 101 Centers empty or covered by other organizations not affiliated with the Food security sub-working group</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Cash Assistance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30,000 families (100,000 individuals) assisted by April 30 with 3,500 MDL (190 USD) one-off payment ( through Western Union, Posta Moldovei, Bank Transfer)</li> <li>- A WFP Hotline has been set up to support the enrolment process for host communities +373 60 865 841</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>If they want to join the food security sub WG they can contact Esther directly.</p> <p>Focal points: <a href="mailto:esther.judah@wfp.org">esther.judah@wfp.org</a></p>





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	<p><b>3. Logistics and supply</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WFP is co leading the logistics and supply sub working group.</li> <li>- WFP is supporting the government of Moldova with provision warehouse management of their rented warehouse close to Chisinau (Vatra Warehouse).</li> <li>- Industrialne Warehouse provides common warehousing services to all international organizations and NGOs.</li> <li>- WFP offers transport services to all partners across Moldova and across border to neighboring countries.</li> <li>- Retail and Market Functionality Assessment: Identifying large retail chains with country-wide presence, willing to enter stand by Long Term Agreement(s) with WFP for the redemption of Value Vouchers to support Moldovan hosting communities and/or Ukrainian refugees.</li> <li>- Food safety and quality: Assessment of hot meals caterers, monitoring and checking quality and training staff on food safety and quality.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>TN mission update UNODC/UNDP</b></p>	<p>They have on going activities in the Transnistria Region. Their regular program has been redirected to some of the refugee activities, however for purposes of this meeting they will talk about a mission they have carried out last week on April 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><u>Data from refugees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Out circa <b>29,000 refugees</b> that entered the region, <b>23,000 are still currently registered with the de facto structures</b> as residing in the region.</li> <li>- Also, about 2-3 thousand people are so called returnees, meaning people who have registration and “citizenship” of the TN region , but who were residing and studying/working in Ukraine.</li> <li>- As per DF authorities refugee children are enrolled into kindergartens and schools, they can choose RU, UKR, RO teaching language.</li> <li>- There is no consistent support provided to refugees in the region. Most of refugees are staying with local families.</li> </ul>	<p>If you have further questions and inquiries, please get in contact with via email: <a href="mailto:ina.tcaci@un.org">ina.tcaci@un.org</a> 079469004.</p>



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	<p><u>Refugee placement centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1580 refugees are placed in 5 centers spread across the region (Dnestrovsk, Ribnita, Camenca, Dubasari, Tiraspol). Not accredited in the right bank</li> </ul> <p><u>Needs identified during the mission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Immediate needs:</b> hygiene items (adults and children). Clothing &amp; footwear (adults and children) Medicines</li> <li>- <b>Medium term needs:</b> Food</li> </ul> <p>The DF authorities told them that several assessment missions carried out on the region, but not substantial support has been provided.</p>	
<b>Gender task force</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An NGO will be co-chairing the task force as of this Friday.</li> <li>- Ensure gender mainstreaming on all assessments. They are reviewing questionnaires and methodologies of ongoing assessment.</li> <li>- Today they will provide their inputs on RRP indicators.</li> <li>- Work plan has already been drafted.</li> <li>- The GTF share with sector leads a gender mainstreaming checklist for their review.</li> <li>- Gender In humanitarian action training is being planned. It will be online; sectors leads are invited to join.</li> <li>- Reminder to raise issues that can be through the GTF. Currently there is not effective representation of gender focal points of the different sectors attending the GTF meeting. It is important to revise this within the sectors so that issues can have a proper follow up.</li> </ul>	All sectors will review their gender focal point to join the GTF.
<b>Other issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Transfers are to countries that have expressed their will to join the EU solidarity platform.</li> </ul>	