



## Moldova: Ninth refugee coordination forum meeting minutes

<b>Meetings</b>			
<b>Date</b>	23 May 2022 - Next meeting on 30 May 2022		
<b>Time</b>	13.30 pm		
<b>Chair</b>	Diego Nardi, Inter-Agency Coordination Officer		
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<b>Agenda</b>			
<p><b>1. Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RRP national launch (Update)</li> <li>- Inter-Agency Updates reporting</li> <li>- Update of RCF Members information</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Sector updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PWG update</li> <li>- Gender Taskforce</li> <li>- PSEA Network</li> </ul> <p><b>3. AOB</b></p>			
<b>Information collection and links</b>			
<p>Please use the below link to fill out information 5W (Please note to fill only one entry per activity per location) <a href="https://bit.ly/36BYfFs">https://bit.ly/36BYfFs</a> Moldova Assessment Registry. <a href="https://bit.ly/37Ug0jG">https://bit.ly/37Ug0jG</a> Link to operational data portal: <a href="https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784">https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784</a></p>			
<b>Participants</b>			
Henia Dakkak-UNFPA	Alice Farmer - PWG and UNHCR	Serge Gruel - Solidarites	Elena Madan - Terre des hommes
Adrian Staver – IRC	Dominique Sbardella - War Child	International	Foundation
Maja Mandrapa – DRC	Agnès Billot – NRC	Corina Cepoi - Internews	David Gullette - OSCE Mission to
Virgiliu Hangan - NGO	Galina Burlacu - The Salvation	Iulia Gheorghies - CNPAC (National	Moldova
Partnerships for every child	Army	Center for Child Abuse Prevention)	William Anderson - Medical Teams
Colin Mackay – IFRC	Mohammad Almjadleh-UNICEF	Karima Duval – UNICEF	International
Lajos Karakas – EUBAM	Ludmila Ciocan - Keystone	Viorica Cretu - Swiss Cooperation	Angie Wen - World Vision
Irene Scott – Internews	Moldova	Office	Mustapha Ben Messaoud - UNICEF



Vrabie Violeta - ILO	Ludmila Malcoci - Keystone	Oona Gemsch - UN Resident	Katja Kotkavaara - IFRC
Bertrand BLANC – UNHCR	Moldova	Coordinator Office in Moldova	Nargiz Guliyeva – UNDP
Genia YATSENKO – WFP	Marc Ivarra - French embassy	Lidiia Kasianchuk – WHO	Ioana Creitaru - UNDP/ Co-chair of
Traian Turcanu – UNICEF	Doina Crăciun - Charity Centre	Daniele Pedretti – IsraAid	Inclusion & Livelihoods WG
Yoshifumi Kagehira - AAR	for Refugees	Svetlana Jioara - Program Director,	Stela Gheorghita – WHO/Co-chair
Japan	Yurii Arnautov – UNHCR	CDA/LCA	of the HEALTH working group
Valeria Ieseanu – UNDP	Simona Ruznic - Terre des	Xu Jing – UNESCO	Heba Zayyan - UN Women
Evghenia Hiora - UN	Hommes NL	Richelle Haines – UNHCR	Satoshi Sugimoto - JICA Ukraine
Women			

### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action items

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<b>Introduction</b>	<p><b>RRP national launch:</b> There will be a national event to launch the RRP hosted jointly by the Government of Moldova, UNHCR and the Resident Coordinator Office. The details the invitation will send out to the RCF as soon as it is confirmed.</p> <p><b>Inter-agency updates reporting:</b> We are moving towards a biweekly reporting scheme. The template for reporting the Inter-agency updates is also going to change, the new template highlights the achievements and impact from a sectoral perspective. All the members that wish to report must ensure that activities are reported within the correspondent sector.</p> <p>Sector leads will be requested twice a month to provide the inputs of their sector for the Inter-Agency Updates report.</p> <p><b>RCF membership:</b> It has been 3 months since the emergency started and the information on the contacts and focal points of this forum is outdated and there is a need to understand which organizations remain in the country and are still on the ground. Considering this, we are going to start the process of updating the contact information. On the coming days you will receive a kobo form to update the information on the membership to the RCF.</p>	<p>Inter-agency coordination team to send to RCF members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The invitation to the RRP national launch.</li> <li>- Kobo to update membership/contact information.</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Sectoral contingency:</b> Inter-agency coordination team would like to thank the organizations for their efforts in filling the sectoral contingency kobo form. More than 17 organizations registered, more than 50 activities related to preparedness and emergency response in case of mass influx.</p> <p>The Inter-agency coordination team is in the process of cleaning and organizing the data received and we are expecting to share this information next meeting.</p> <p>As for the next steps, sector leads will review the information corresponding to their sector to ensure there is no duplication and promote coordination in the potential response.</p> <p>Subsequently, an “Inter-Agency Contingency Workshop” will be carried with the organizations that reported their actions to build a comprehensive plan to be presented in complementarity to the Government’s actions.</p>	
<p><b>Protection updates, Alice Farmer, UNHCR</b></p>	<p>The vast majority of population of persons coming into the country as a result of the Ukraine situation has 3 ways to cover their legal status in the country of Moldova:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Claiming for asylum.</b> This alternative is available for everyone who wish to claim asylum. However, there is a need to expand the Government’s capacities to process the cases. The caseload has increased considerably since the beginning of the emergency (trend was 100 cases a year prior to the emergency).</li> <li>2. <b>Temporary Protection.</b> The government has been considering providing temporary protection to refugees coming from Ukraine. There is already a law in place, and it would be a matter of activating it. The debates have been ongoing and there is a goodwill to advance towards a temporary protection status but there are implications to the government, such as financial impact to guarantee all the rights that the TP status grants.</li> <li>3. <b>Emergency law in place.</b> There was a lot of speculation regarding the end of the 90-day period expiring soon. However, on May 18<sup>th</sup> the Commission for Exceptional Situations (CES) adopted the Decision no. 21 that provides</li> </ol>	<p>UNHCR will share the communication material developed to inform population regarding government measures.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in joining the PWG and its task forces, you can write directly to: Alice Farmer <a href="mailto:FARMERA@unhcr.org">FARMERA@unhcr.org</a></p>



	<p>that “during the state of emergency, it is allowed to stay on the territory of the Republic of Moldova of Ukrainians citizens and their family members who entered the Republic of Moldova in during the state of emergency, as well as those who were legally in the Republic of Moldova at the date of emergency establishment, without complying with the 90 days calendar day period during any period of 180 calendar days”</p> <p>UNHCR has developed communication material to inform population about these measures.</p>	
<p><b>Gender Task Force update, Hebba Zayyan, UN Women</b></p>	<p><b>Achievements and impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The GTF has been reviewing with a gender perspective the methodologies of the different assessments that are being carried out in the frame of the RCF (Rapid Education Needs Assessments, IOM assessment, CALM assessment and MSNA).</li><li>- <b>Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA)</b> checklist has been finalized by UN Women and it will be shared with the ISCG for final review. The list has been aligned with the RCF structure in Moldova and covers all the thematic areas of the Structure. The checklist has gone through a line of reviews by gender focal points within the structures and it is going to undergo another round of review by the sector leads and the regional Gender Task Force.</li><li>- The GTF is developing a set of <b>trainings of Gender Mainstreaming in Humanitarian Action (GIHA)</b> for all RCF actors. The training will encompass specialists with international experience and involvement of local NGOs with experience on the field. These trainings will roll out in June (tentative date). For now, the trainings are being conceptualized and an invitation is open for all actors who want to join the initiative. The GTF is in conversation with UNHCR and UNDP to coordinate in the implementation of this training cycle.</li><li>- There is an initiative of <b>local NGOs mapping</b> led by UN Women in coordination with UNHCR. As of now the GTF is in consultations within the organizations and other actors about the methodology of the process.</li></ul>	



	<p><b>Identified needs and remaining gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Systematic collection and gender analysis of sex and age disaggregated data (SADD)</li><li>- Participation of women’s organizations in Moldova in refugee response planning and decision making.</li><li>- Capacity building for humanitarian actors including women-led organizations, sector leads, service providers and early responders on gender concepts, GBV detection, GBV case management and referral pathways, child protection and structures psychosocial assistance.</li><li>- Gender balance among security forces and frontline workers.</li><li>- Mapping of NGOs providing or able to provide services for refugees.</li></ul> <p><b>Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Keystone Moldova express interest in supporting efforts of the GTF regarding Gender Budgeting in Humanitarian Action.</li><li>- UNFPA highlights regarding GBV that there is a GBV safety audit ongoing.</li><li>- WHO informs they hosted a mission on GBV last week. On Wednesday at 2 pm, Health working group is going to discuss the level of involvement of the health sector in the GBV response. Recommends the coordination in this topic to avoid duplication.</li></ul>	
<p><b>PSEA Network update, Kristin Schmitz, UNHCR</b></p>	<p>Presentation of the RCF PSEA coordinator, Kristin Schmitz. She informs about the ongoing actions of the PSEA network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Workplan and TORs are being reviewed.</li><li>- Definition of the primary complaint and feedback channel for the refugee response</li><li>- PSEA self-assessment will be developed and implemented.</li><li>- Discussions are ongoing about potential co-chairing organizations.</li><li>- <b>Nomination of PSEA focal points.</b> Organizations are strongly encouraged to indicate the name of a person who can join the PSEA network. A link to a form will be shared in this regard.</li></ul>	<p>Meetings are taking place biweekly, on Monday from 11 to 12 pm. The link is the following</p> <p>Nomination of PSEA focal points by RCF members: <a href="https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/Q32vszsQ">https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/Q32vszsQ</a></p>



	<p>- Capacity building efforts: On Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a training, supported by IOM, UN Women, UNHCR, and Plan International. Invitation was shared to PSEA network members.</p>	
<p><b>Child Protection SWG, Richelle Haines, UNHCR</b></p>	<p>Child Protection Sub Working Group informs that their training needs assessment will close today. Kindly feel free to update information for your organization here: <a href="https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/aZwdyDiP">https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/aZwdyDiP</a></p>	<p>Training needs assessment closing today.</p>
<p><b>Inclusion and Livelihoods WG, Ioana Creitaru, UNDP</b></p>	<p>Reminder and request to the members of the Inclusion and Livelihoods WG to provide their feedback on the proposed activities and indicators for the monitoring framework.</p> <p>The I&amp;L WG is looking to expand their thematic meetings on issues related to private sector engagement, employment, entrepreneurship. Stay tune for more news on these thematic meetings.</p>	<p>If any organization wants more information on the thematic meetings, they can contact: Ioana Creitaru <a href="mailto:ioana.creitaru@undp.org">ioana.creitaru@undp.org</a></p>
<p><b>WASH WG</b></p>	<p>Presentation of the lead of the WASH Sub Working Group, Mohammad Almjadleh-WASH Specialist-UNICEF.</p> <p>The WASH SWG informs they are planning on rolling out trainings on WASH in emergencies.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>UNHCR reminds every organization carrying assessment to report it in the assessment registry: <a href="https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/xC1FWVFm">https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/xC1FWVFm</a> So to promote complementarity in the information collected.</p>	



Genia Yatsenki, Information Management, WFP informs to the RCF:

- WFP has been visiting RACs in the north of the country to assess their readiness to transition from hot meal provision to in site cooking. During their visits, some refugees approached to request information about their rights and documentation. The specific RAC where this happened is: **RAC: Dubăsari, ID 45 satul Coșnița, str. Prieteniei, 1, Î.M. Centrul de odihnă pentru copii și tineri "Prietenia"**
- Also, WFP have received a request from the Ministry of Internal Affairs to support the camps at the BCP and asks if there any other organizations or UN Agencies that have received the same request. In this regard, the IA coordination team recommends the topic to be discussed at the Accommodation and Transport WG meeting.

UNICEF WASH, inquires if there is any preparation in country regarding Monkey Pox, especially considering the RACs situation. WHO informs that there are no known cases now, and shared additional information:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2022-DON385>

Bertrand Blanc, UNHCR Senior Emergency Coordinator – Moldova, informs to the RCF:

- **51,000 refugees** have been supported so far with **Multipurpose Cash** in collaboration with IOM, CRS, WFP, Caritas, UNHCR and 12,000 persons from host communities. \$7 million distributed.
- WFP is facing out the operation of Moldova. UNHCR will assume the leadership of logistics and supply in the country, its partner ACTED is going to be manager of the warehouse. In additions, it is informed that there is nonperishable food available for distribution at UNHCR warehouse, if anyone is interested, they can contact ACTED.