

FOOD SECURITY SUB-WORKING GROUP: MOLDOVA

Meeting Minutes

24 May 2022

Chisinau, Moldova

Chaired by: WFP

Partners: ANAS, ACTED, AAH, AAR Japan, ACF Spain, CARITAS, CRS, HelpAge, Samaritan's Purse, Solidarite, World Central Kitchen, WVI

Agenda:

- **Operational updates by Partners (each partner 3 minutes max):**
 - Hot Meals in RACs (vouchers and catered)
 - In-kind and voucher assistance for refugees and Host communities
 - Border-crossing (contingency planning)
- **Report on Food safety assessment mission by WFP in RACs**
- **AOB**
 - Frequency of meetings
 - Q&A

1. Operational updates by Partners

- Partners provided operational updates on interventions covering Hot meals provision in RACs, in-kind and voucher assistance for refugees and host communities, as well as the contingency planning, highlighting that no major changes have taken place since the previous meeting.
- Samaritan's Purse indicated due to shift in their operational plan in the country, they will gradually phase out from their in-kind distribution activities that has been going on since March'22 covering around 6,500 refugees and can share the details on this caseload with other partners in the cluster who are interested/capable to cover them. It has been agreed that CRS and Samaritan's Purse will have a bilateral discussion on this.
- Partners emphasized the importance of streamlining of the coordination in regards with provision of in-kind/voucher support to refugees in host communities to avoid overlapping of assistance. To this end, FSWG will first refer to inter-agency 5W tool (specifically Shelter and Accommodation and CBT sections) and agree on the way forward, including its possible update to better capture partner's geographical coverage.

2. Report on Food safety assessment mission by WFP in RACs

- WFP has shared initial findings and recommendations of its recent Food safety assessment mission in RACs (the presentation is attached). It has been recommended that partners implementing HotMeals activities in RAC should overall promote and aim to shift to on-site cooking modality as opposed to catering services, while in RACs where the capacity for on-site cooking is not in place yet, it is better to arrange delivery of food in thermo-containers, instead of separate packaging. Efforts are encouraged to improve Food Safety & Quality communication material developments, data optimization/quality and monitoring processes.

3. AOB

- Partners agreed to discuss the possibility of shifting to bi-weekly periodicity of the meetings considering relative stabilization of the situation on the ground. This to be discussed and agreed upon in coming meetings.

Summary of Action Points

- **WFP to follow-up with Accommodation and Transportation and CBT WGs on 5W and ways of streamlining the coordination on food/voucher assistance provided by partners for refugees in the country.**
- **WFP to arrange a practical session for partners on data entry for HotMeals related activities.**

Date of the next meeting: 31 May 2022 (TBC).