

Situation of older persons with disabilities in Moldova

Rapid Needs Assessment

- 105 older people and persons with disabilities interviewed
- 60% were interviewed at the border
- 40% in the center in Chisinau
- 22% of the respondents were persons with disabilities



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Findings from RNA-Movement

- 56% of older refugees reported that they are not planning to stay in Moldova for more than three months and aim to move to another country. Only 17% plan to stay longer with family and friends within the country.
- 27% reported that they did not know if they are going to stay in Moldova
- 62% reported that they are traveling with children and 10% traveling alone



Findings from RNA- Cash and Food

- 36% reported they did not have access to sufficient money while 14% were unsure if they have sufficient money.
- Access is affected by
 - Withdrawal limits at Moldovan ATMs, can range from 500 to 1,000 Euros per day. Those arriving often have limited cash and have left behind their assets and sources of income.

Findings from RNA- Medication and hygiene items

- 28% need urgent medication, including for diabetes, blood pressure, and pain relief.
- 25% reported that they do not have access to sufficient hygiene supplies such as soap, shampoo, and toothbrushes, increasing the risk of diseases due to low immunity.

Findings from RNA-Non-food items

31% reported that they need clothes.

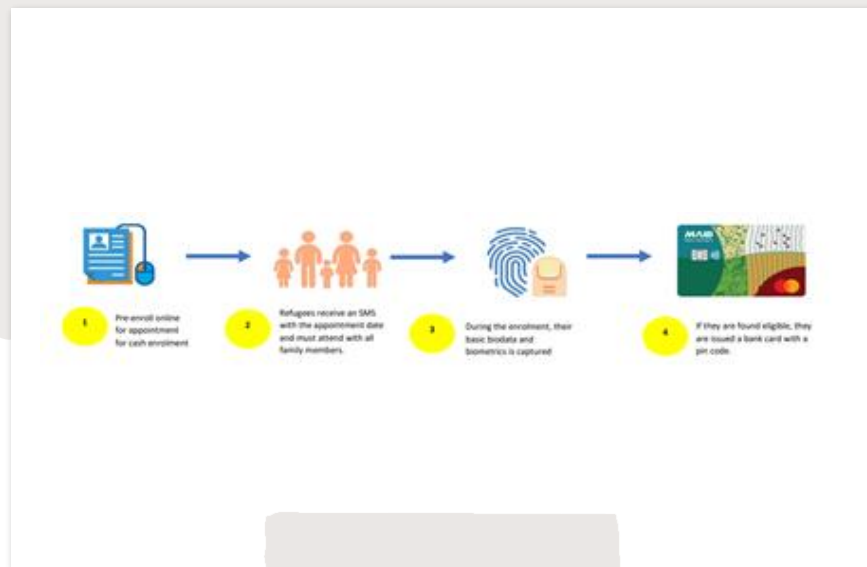
The top three most mentioned items of clothing needed were shoes (21%) followed by socks (13%) and underwear (10%)

Higher in centers as compared to borders

Cash assistance in Moldova-Selection

- Persons who fled Ukraine can be considered for the grant. They can be Ukrainian nationals or citizens of other countries residing in Ukraine.
- Households and people with the following characteristics are eligible for the grant:
 1. Household with one or more dependents
 2. Household headed by a single parent
 3. Household headed by a child (below 18)
 4. Household with an unaccompanied or separated child
 5. Household headed by an older person (above 60)
 6. Household with one or more persons with specific needs, including Person with a disability, Pregnant woman, Person with a severe medical condition, the woman at risk, person with legal and physical protection needs, LGBTI.

Cash assistance- Process



- Pre-enroll online for an appointment for cash enrolment:
- Refugees receive an SMS with the appointment date and must attend with all family members
- During the enrolment, their basic biodata and biometrics are captured
- If they are found eligible, they are issued a bank card with a pin code:



Potential challenges

- Access to registration
- Biometric verification
- Additional costs related to age and disability
 - ✓ transportation costs,
 - ✓ medication-NCDs, and
 - ✓ Other disability-related costs
- Collection of data on different types of disabilities



Way forward

- Continue representation and sharing learning in the cash working group
- Accessible communication, Cash for health and protection.
- Collection of Sex, Age, and Disability Disaggregated data
- Participation in the current ongoing scoping study on cash assistance by CLEAR Global
- Guidelines/recommendations/tip sheet on Age and disability-inclusive Cash assistance in Moldova

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Thank you!