Refugee Coordination Meeting
15 August 2022

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### 2022 - 2023 Winterization Planning Assumptions

- Increasing inflation rate and prices.
- Increasing pressure on host communities.
- **Impact of the energy crisis**, and potential shortages on supply of gas, electricity and winter goods.
- **Additional inflows from Ukraine during winter period**, which may amount to 40,000 new refugees entering the country during the winter season in additional to underlying conflicted related trends.
- **Movements of refugees from host communities/private accommodation to RACs.**
- **Difficulties to access the local labor market and/or sustainable sources of income by refugees an TCNs.**

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**KEY PLANNING FIGURES**

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<th>Current refugee population in Moldova</th>
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2022 - 2023 Winterization
Planning Assumptions

[Map of Moldova and surrounding regions, showing areas affected by winterization planning assumptions.]
2022 - 2023 Winterization
Priority Populations

- **Refugees, with special focus on:**
  - **Refugees residing in RACs.** Special consideration should be given to those refugees in RACs who belong to one of the following groups: members of the Roma community, older persons and persons with disabilities, considering appropriate age and gender considerations.
  - **Refugees hosted by Moldovan Households** also constitute a priority group due to increasing utility prices and the impact this may have on the socioeconomic situation of both refugee and host families.
  - **Refugees renting private accommodations** without a stable source of income.

- **Host community members:**
  - The following criteria should be taken into consideration when identifying potential beneficiaries: people with disabilities, members of minority groups, and households facing socio-economic hardship.
  - **Moldovan households** hosting refugees.
  - **Moldovan households living in rural areas and in dwellings not fit for the winter period.**
  - Additional gender and age considerations should be taken into account when targeting Moldovan households, including prioritization of female single-headed households and households with older persons or with 3+ children.

- **Third Country Nationals**
  - Third-country nationals are likely to face increased barriers to local integration due to documentation and language-related issues. Humanitarian support will be key to allowing this population group to cope with additional winter-related needs.
2022 - 2023 Winterization
Government Response and Needs

- **Financial Aid for Winter Period:** A monthly payment on the value of 700 MDL (36.5 USD) will be made to persons receiving state pensions and/or social allowances with low income from November 2022 to March 2022.

- **Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund:** through the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund – approved in July 2022 – households facing energy vulnerability will be granted compensations for the payment of energy bills as a measure to reduce the impact of rising energy prices.

- **Firewood price and distribution:** Vulnerable households or those who heat exclusively with firewood will be able to buy up to 3 cubic meters of firewood at a fixed price during the first phase (October – November). In a second phase (December – January), the Government Forest Agency (Moldsilva) will provide additional volumes depending on the existing need and stocks.
● **Contributions to the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund.**

● **Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs):** While the number of RACs with a population residing in them has been gradually declining over the course of the year, a considerable amount of 74 RACs with more than 3,000 people staying are still active as of the beginning of August. These centers face challenges in coverage of utility bills amid increasing energy costs. Requested support from the government include improvements on RACs insulation, repairment/improvement of electricity systems, installation of electric generators, distribution of NFIIs, among others.

● **Social Institutions** hosting most vulnerable population groups, including refugees.

● **Health and educational facilities:** support for the winterization of health and educational facilities have also been highlighted by the government. Support to ensure uninterrupted service provision may include installations of electricity generators, improvements/repairs to insulation and electrical systems, and distribution of hot meals.

● **Awareness Raising:** Develop and promote awareness raising campaigns among refugees and Moldovan households on rational consumption of energy and ways to promote energy efficiency during winter.
Overview of Kobo Inputs

2022 - 2023 Winterization

NFI distribution
- 7,139 Moldovans
- 1,850 TCNs
- 70,107 Refugees

Cash & vouchers
- 15,530 Moldovans
- 195 TCNs
- 92,289 Refugees

Food distribution
- 7,660 Moldovans
- 53,116 Refugees

Community infrastructure
- 163

Count of RAIs by Activity

- Cash and monetized assistance
- Food distribution
- NFI distribution

Budget: $21,901,217

Organizations: 20
Activities: 114

Moldova
Republic of Moldova
Winterization Campaign 2022-2023
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