

UNHCR Field Coordination Meeting in Otaci BCP

25 October 2022

Participants: The Mayor of Otaci, CDA/LCA, Blue Dot/UNICEF, ACTED, Solidarites International, Actions Against Hunger, IOM, UNHCR.

The proposed agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Recent Developments in Otaci BCP
3. Activity updates
4. A.O.B.

Agenda	Discussions	Action Point
Introduction	Participants Introduction	
Recent Developments in Otaci BCP	The Mayor's Office: The mayor greeted the participants of the coordination meeting and said that during the reporting period it was calm in Otaci, except for the case when the Novodnestrovsk hydroelectric power station was under the threat of attack. This incident made it clear to everyone that the fighting was going on nearby, as explosions were heard. The only thing that the mayor's office could do at that moment was to advise the partners to go to the gas station above Otaci. The flow of refugees remained at the same level. The mayor raised the issue of providing the bus station with water and a contract with the communal household, which are engaged in the supply of water throughout the city. It was reported that during the winter period there may be problems with the provision of water. The mayor said that the city takes over the removal of garbage that is thrown away from the bus station, and this will be paid from the city budget. The mayor informed that the Kyiv-Chisinau train is provided by the Ukrainian railway, at the Volcinet station, which is not far from Otaci, until now the people didn't get off.	
	ACTED: Added about the train. This is not the first transport from Ukraine that runs through Otaci. Since the summer there are buses Chernihiv - Chisinau and Kyiv - Chisinau, from which we can see that the flow has decreased. From updates: ACTED with partners from the Action Against Hunger began to distribute snacks to refugees at the bus station. Last week and this week, ACTED is distributing diapers to refugee children who live in the Ocnita region. During the reporting period, 20 refugees were transported by duty bus and placed in accommodation centers.	

	<p>Solidarites International: The mayor's office applied in written form on the issue of a contract with the communal household to provide the bus station with water. The procedure dragged on, but on the day of the meeting the contract was signed, and Solidarites Int took over the payment and supply of water to the bus station. The preparation of sanitary containers for operation in the winter period was completed. The company that performed the work guaranteed that in case of problems, they would be repaired at their expense, except in cases of power outages. Question to UNHCR when the bus station will be provided with a generator. Regarding plumbing, on the day of the meeting, a contract will be signed with a local company, which will come once a week and inspect the equipment, and in case of a malfunction, will repair it. It was reported that cleaning in sanitary containers at the bus station takes place twice a day, they are provided with toilet paper and soap. Solidarites Int are also maintaining the toilet at the Otaci BCP.</p>	<p>Solidarites International: Follow up action: supplying the bus station with water. Solidarites International: Follow up action: signing a contract with a local company for sanitary container maintenance and reparation in case of a need. UNHCR: Follow up action: installation of the generator at Otaci Bus Station.</p>
	<p>Blue Dot: There are no significant changes in Blue Dot for the reporting period. As the mayor said, there is still a flow of refugees, but those who come now are already more informed and organized about transport, they plan their trips in advance and therefore do not use the services that Blue Dot and partners provide. On November 6, the Kyiv-Chisinau train was launched, Blue Dot plans to keep in touch with the border police regarding cases of unaccompanied children. According to the schedule, the train arrives late at night and, if necessary, Blue Dot can take the children to their office.</p>	<p>Blue Dot: follow-up action: keep in touch with the border police regarding cases of unaccompanied children on the Kyiv-Chisinau train.</p>
	<p>CDA/LCA: reported that in connection with the launch of the Kyiv-Chisinau train, unaccompanied children may be on the train, so LCA / CDA will monitor it. As for the train running, tickets for it are not sold in Moldova. In this part of Moldova it passes through Volcinet. This train is of interest as there may be cases to prevent human traffic. In general, people know where they are going. There are cases of third-country nationals for whom a more detailed examination is carried out when crossing the border with Moldova, in connection with the decision of the border police of September 30, 2022. If such persons</p>	

	<p>cannot confirm the purpose of the visit and the address where they are going, they may be returned back. General LCA/CDA activities, any category of issues. The flow of people did not increase during the reporting period. The participants of the meeting were informed that the Commission for Emergency Situations made changes to the decision on the provision of medical care. According to an agreement between the National Agency for Health Insurance and UNFPA, women from Ukraine between 18 and 55 years of age receive medical care free of charge. There are questions about this age limit, for example, if a woman is over 55 years old, then how to act in this case. Such decisions are not always logical. LCA/CDA monitors and provide updated information.</p>	
	<p>Action Against Hunger: reported that they would continue to provide snacks and hot drinks to refugees at the bus station. Now they are exploring local suppliers of hot food. AAH are exploring the possibility of expanding the composition of snack kits, if necessary. Thanked UNHCR and ACTED for their help in distributing the kits.</p>	<p>Action Against Hunger: Follow up action: the provision of snack kits and hot drinks at Otaci bus station.</p>
	<p>IOM: although IOM has its own containers at the bus station, they have not started their activities there yet. At the end of the week IOM is planning a visit to Otaci with a colleague who will be responsible for Otaci and Palanca to see how they can establish their presence there.</p>	<p>IOM: Follow up action: visit to Otaci and establishing their presence at the bus station.</p>
	<p>UNHCR: The UNHCR representative thanked the partners and the mayor's office for participating in the coordination meeting. It was reported that as discussed at the last meeting, the winterization program has begun, which includes three types of assistance: the distribution of non-food items in accommodation centers, which began last week through ACTED, the second at the bus station also through ACTED, the third for the host community and refugees through the IFRC. UNHCR has emptied two storage containers at the bus station for NFIs, when ACTED receives the items they can store it there and distribute them to the refugees. This week the duty accommodation centers in the North are Edinet and Riscani. Accommodation centers in Soroca and Moldexpo in Chisinau are already closed. At the moment, 69 accommodation centers are open in Moldova with a total capacity of 5134 places, 2873 people are accommodated.</p>	<p>UNHCR: Follow up action: start of the winterization plan at Otaci Bus Station.</p>

	<p>Last week, together with Action Against Hunger and ACTED, at the bus station began the distribution of snacks for refugees and provision of hot drinks (tea, coffee) in the waiting area tent.</p> <p>UNHCR asked partners not to park personal vehicles at the bus station. Clarified the working hours of employees of partner organizations.</p> <p>The partners were informed that UNHCR received 5 wheelchairs and 5 trolleys for the bus station last week. The generator would be installed soon. It was recalled that on the second floor, where the UNHCR office is located, there is a space that partners can use.</p>	
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The next meeting is on 22 November 2022, at 11:00 AM in Otaci Mayor Office.

Thank you.