



Palanca Coordination Weekly Meeting Nr.43

Meeting Details	
Date	<i>11. 01. 2023 - Next meeting TBA</i>
Time	<i>14.00 – 15.00</i>
Chair	<i>Volokh Karina, Field Team</i>
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update on recent developments that took place at PBS.2. General updates from all humanitarian actors at PBS.3. AOB.	
Information collection and relevant links	



Participants

Karina Volokh – UNHCR

Iurie Birsan - UNHCR

Igor Calancea – IGSU (*PBS*)

IGSU (tent camp)

Solidarites International- Present one
representative.

LCA (CDA)- Present one representative.

UNFPA – Present one representative.

INTERSOS – Present two Representatives.

IOM- Present one representative.



Blue Dot- Present one representative.

ACTED- Present one representative.

Helvetas – Present three Representatives.

Concordia (online) – Present one
representative.

Summary of discussions and agreements / action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
1. Update on recent developments that took place at PBS.	<p>UNHCR Field Team – Karina Volokh</p> <p>UNHCR welcomed all participants and began with updates from UNHCR and then continued with updates from all organizations present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">On 04 January, the Field team received 7 people transported by the Be an Angel organization at PBS. They requested food support and after eating, left for Chisinau. Be an Angel will organize the evacuation of 7/8 people throughout January.	<p>Activity:</p> <p>Responsible:</p> <p>Deadline:</p>



<p>2. General updates from all humanitarian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On 04 January, the Field team following the routine visit to the Palanca border was informed that there was another incident with UNHCR tent for the waiting area, a car crashed into it and damaged the already damaged part of the tent even more.• UNHCR winterization program is continuing at Palanca Bus Station through ACTED. The distribution of NFIs at the PBS is proceeding well and every Friday the Field team verifies the quantity distributed with ACTED.• On 9 January, 34 people transported by Hope & Faith organization were received at PBS. They stayed until they ate and then ACTED transported them to Cebalaccia and from there they left for Germany on the same day.• On 10 January, the Mobile team composed of UNHCR, INTERSOS and CDA visited the villages of Palanca and Tudora where they spoke with the refugees living there and provided them with all necessary information and the latest updates.• On 10 January, the Field team received 6 people at PBS transported by the organization Be an Angel. They stayed until they ate and then left for Chisinau.• Today, on 11 January, the Field team is expecting to receive 8 people transported by Be an Angel at PBS. They will stay until they eat and then they will leave for Chisinau.• Starting from this week (9th January), the volunteers (ACR.MD) who were providing food at the Palanca border will no longer provide any food due to financial difficulties and will only be present at the barrier to help refugees with their luggage and provide them information. There is only Amici dei Bambini providing food kits, coffee and tea in our tent and, in a week, they will provide more food: “placinta”, as they are not providing it for the moment because they have changed the supplier.	
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actors at PBS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field team reminds all organizations that UNHCR has mapped all Palanca services on the Services Advisor platform. At the moment the information is not public, it is only on the back end of the platform ready to be reviewed by the organizations and made visible if they wish. For those who have not yet done so, we kindly ask you to go to the platform and enter all the services your organization provides t PBS (only at PBS). Each organization has its own focal point/access.	
	<p><i>Updates from humanitarian actors present at PBS:</i></p>	
	<p>LCA (CDA): Has no significant updates during the last week they did gave legal advice to 10 Refugees.</p>	
	<p>IOM: Regarding the situation at Palanca station. The previous IOM team leader at Palanca Liuba left their team and at the moment IOM is looking for a person who will substitute her. From 1st of January IOM offered transport to total of 76 passengers, 24 males and 52 females. From December IOM offered transport to 627 persons, 196 males, 431 females, number of persons much higher that from the month of November. Today January 11, 2023, IOM is excepting to bring at Palanca 1 bus with approximatively 6-8 Refugees. Now IOM is Suffering of the fact that they don't have enough staff employed at both stations Otaci and Palanca. Now their major goal since 1st of January for achievement is to hire local staff especially at Otaci Station.</p>	
	<p>HELVETAS: No major changes. Total amount of people received and helped was 123 individuals which 2 of them were individuals with disabilities, 21 children, 52 elder persons at risk, and 48 adults.</p>	
	<p>ACTED: No major changes since the meeting from last week. Main activities were regarding transportation of Refugees and delivery of winter products to the beneficiaries.</p>	



Since the beginning of the month of January, they were implicated in transportation of 63 individuals to locations as Chisinau and Cebalaccia.

UNFPA: There have been no major updates in their activities. From last meeting till today 11 January 2023 90 individuals received psychological help at the Palanca bus station and border. Same domain of help was given to the refugee center located at Causeni City.

INTERSOS: Has a new Field Officer at Palanca Bus Station, her name is Ilaria. On 10th of January together with CDA and UNHCR organized a Mobile team visits to Palanca and Tudora.

BLUE DOT: Since last meeting help was given to 46 children and 37 adults. At Palanca Bus Station is operating the same staff of 4 People. Since last meeting Blue Dot organized mobile team visits to villages as Caplani, Ermoclia, and Popeasca. The work in Blue Dot locations, as Airport Containers, is continuing without any changes.

IGSU (PBS): No major updates since last meeting. Igor the focal point prevented us that on next week there will be a visit planned at Palanca from the side of the Ministry of the internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova. And regarding similar situations of visits by different delegations, Igor gave us the purpose to inform each other at minimum of a day before the visit itself will take place. Igor the contact person from IGSU (PBS) told us that he is very thankful for the help given by UNHCR regarding fuel provisioning. In order to avoid the fuel problem regarding frequent visits at the gas stations, Igor came to us with a purpose to reserve a special place at the containers for further storing fuel in bigger volume. He asked us all as being their partners for a suggestion on how to make the activities at Palanca Bus station more efficient.

IGSU (tent camp): They came with the request and the propose to improve the road in order to create access for the evacuation of waste from the bathroom and toilet containers,



by covering the road with gravel. Regarding that, they raised this topic with the road agency up to the district level, but without any success. In order to fix the problem related to the access to waste disposal, IGSU hopes that a referral to the affiliated organizations will make a progress in this case.

Solidarities International: Performed work activities in the domain of maintaining the territory clean, solving problems regarding; sanitation, water services, solid waste removal. They conducted negotiations regarding the disinfection of objects. Those negotiations are not finished yet, they will continue next week. Those negotiations are needed because at Palanca are needed to be taken urgent actions regarding disinfection of things such as tents, mattresses, pillows. Besides this, they mentioned that at Palanca should be implemented urgent methods of fighting against rodents, because the donations offered by ACTED such as food and UNHCR donations too were affected by rodents. Also, representant of Solidarities international asked us if we could move two garbage containers to the Palanca Bus Station.

Concordia(online): Since last meeting till this moment had a lot of activities at the multifunctional center from Tudora. Their basic activity now is related with offering sanitary packages of amount of 415 Refugees. At the moment they told us that they have in stock 2500 packages in their deposit and asked us for help regarding distribution of this goods.



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3. AOB.	Urgent methods of fighting against rodents	
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