

## Roma task Force

Meeting Details			
<b>Date</b>	27.01.2023- Next meeting is planning 23Feb2023		
<b>Time</b>	10.00 am		
<b>Chair</b>	"Roma Voice" Coalition INTERSOS		
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Agenda			
<p><b>Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and review of the Agenda</li> <li>• Temporary Protection</li> <li>• 8th of April International Roma Day</li> <li>• Presentation of a document with Guidelines and Priorities for the year 2023</li> <li>• AOB</li> </ul>			
Participants			
UNFPA	UNDP	WeWorld	Roma Voice Coalition
IOM	UNFPA	PIN	Roma Women Platform Romni
UNHCR	NRC	Clear	AO Roma Community "ŞATRO"
Government of RM	INTERSOS	Global	OHCHR
CCR	IRC	Mercy Corps	Peace Winds

## Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion
<p><b>1. Temporary Protection</b> Alina Sava, field officer, INTERSOS</p> <p>Nicolae Radița, Prime minister advisor Interethnic relationships, Government</p> <p>Sandu Sabina, protection officer, UNHCR</p>	<p>Alina Sava, INTERSOS presented the document approved by the government on temporary protection. And asked Nicolae Radița to make clear what is the document meant for and how it has to be implemented, used by people who flee Ukraine.</p> <p>Nicolae Radița mentioned that the Republic of Moldova was not prepared to welcome such a massive number of Ukrainian people. The first mission was to ensure the management of the refugee process as providing shelter, guiding refugees in receiving accommodation and basic guaranteed needs.</p> <p>Nicolae Radița underlined that there were held a lot of discussions between state institutions, UNHCR to redress the existing situation and the issues faced by refugees, such as: adaptation to the existing situation, employment, social assistance, medical issues, education, documentation problems, inclusion etc.</p> <p>Sandu Sabina explained difference between asylum and TP and explained the mechanism of functioning of TP and the steps a person has to make to apply for it.</p> <p><b>Temporary protection (TP)</b> serves as a solution to extend the possibility of refugees' residence for a longer period of time. Along with this, TP will contribute to a more efficient management of migration flows, the legalization and monitoring of refugees in the country.</p> <p>Temporary protection is offered for one year and it is granted to the following categories of persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ukrainian citizens residing in Ukraine before February 24, 2022;</li> <li>b) Ukrainian citizens who were on the territory of the Republic of Moldova before the February 24, 2022;</li> <li>c) stateless persons and nationals of third countries, other than Ukraine, who benefited from international protection or equivalent national protection in Ukraine before of 24 February 2022 and who cannot safely return to their country their region of origin;</li> <li>d) family members of the persons mentioned in letters a), b) and c).1.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> More information on Temporary Protection: <https://cancelaria.gov.md/sites/default/files/document/attachments/771.pdf>

<p>Mariana Turcanu, Prime minister advisor Education, youth, diaspora and social protection, Government</p>	<p><u>If a person does not have any documents</u> proving their identity and residence in Ukraine, he/she still has options to legalize the residence in RM by applying for asylum or for stateless status.</p> <p>Mariana Turcanu has specified the even for those who arrived before 24 February can apply for TP providing the necessary documents. People have to be registered at the border, and in order to be sure they have access to basic services and that we meet the needs of those we need mapping. Ministry of Internal Affairs is responsible for implementing of the TP process.</p>
<p><b>2. 8th of April International Roma Day</b> Marin Alla, CEO, <i>“Roma Voice” Coalition</i></p> <p>Alina Sava, field officer, INTERSOS</p>	<p>In order to promote and share Roma culture and traditions, there will be organized <b>a Roma week</b>. It is going to be invited the prime minister of the country. There will be made a draft of agenda for the Roma week. The partners are welcomed to offer any support or activities.</p> <p>This week will cover all problematical issues faced by Roma ethnicity, not only Roma refugees from Ukraine but also for Roma from the Republic of Moldova including the Roma from Transnistria.</p> <p><b>There are going to be organized:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Awareness raising activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organize activities that promote a better understanding of the Roma communities and the challenges they might face</li> <li>- Engage host communities as well</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>Cultural activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organize cultural activities that give value to the culture and traditions of Roma communities. E.g. Organize culinary activities.</li> <li>- Musical activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>Actors to involve</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage other organizations and actors from the Government</li> <li>- Engage host communities</li> <li>- Engage Moldovan Roma people.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>3. Presentation of the Strategic Framework of RTF Guidelines and Priorities for the year 2023</b></p> <p>Alina Sava, field officer, INTERSOS</p>	<p>Alina Sava presented the guidelines and priorities of RTF for the 2023 year, these are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mapping</li><li>2. Temporary Protection</li><li>3. Education</li><li>4. Employment and vocational training</li><li>5. Gender based intervention</li><li>6. Adapt to shifting operational environment</li><li>7. Promote integration<sup>2</sup></li></ol>
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<sup>2</sup> The full document on Strategic Framework of RTF for the 2023 year is attached.

<p><b>4. Other questions</b></p> <p>Natalia Kropivka, Protection Officer, UNHCR</p> <p>Elena Sirbu, President, Roma Women Platform Romni</p>	<p>Natalia Kropivka has mentioned that UNHCR together with partners will provide information campaigns for Roma community through community mediators, a person who they trust in order to avoid disinformation. These campaigns that will explain all the steps to be undertaken to get advantage of TP. There will be used all needed methods to provide information to Roma community due to a big percent of illiterate people among this ethnicity.</p> <p>Elena Sirbu has announced about the existence of a YouTube channel with information in 5 dialects of Romani. There are already 50 videos on instructions on general steps a person has to make after passing the border of the Republic of Moldova.</p>
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**5. Conclusions**

Marin Alla  
underlined the  
following  
conclusions

1. UNHCR together with partners will provide information campaigns for Roma community.
2. At the next RTF meeting the RTF strategy has to be approved by partners.
3. There will be made and sent to the partners the draft of agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> of April the International Roma Day.
4. Until the date of 23th February Partners are welcomed to offer any kind of participation activities they want to be part of.
5. There has to be a bilateral communication between RTF secretariat and partners to identify solutions to any appearing problems in implementation of any project. It is desirable to unite the efforts and communicate about the activities undertaken to avoid double-action.
6. Between the RTF meetings, it is needed a prompt feedback on solving any issues.
7. The Roma Voice Coalition together with INTERSOS took over the work on Roma Task Force. At the same time, UNHCR remained an active participant in the process.