

DISABILITY TASKFORCE REPORT

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All in total NGOs supported 111 refugees with disabilities this week for their better accommodation and social inclusion.

Keystone Moldova - provided support to 68 refugees with disabilities, of which 43 were adults, 17 - elderly and 8 – children. The beneficiaries were placed in hosting families (27 cases) and in shelters (41 cases). Women represented 81% of the total number of refugees with disabilities assisted by Keystone and men – 19%. 18 persons had a severe disability degree, 14 - an accentuated disability degree, 24 – a moderated disability degree and in 12 cases the disability degree was not established or not communicated. The main services delivered were as follows: informational support - 7 persons, health care support - 55 persons, including medical consultation for 2 persons, medicines for 50 persons, medical equipment for one person and assistive devices for one person. Hygiene packages were offered to 2 persons, 2 persons received nutrition packages and assessment of needs was conducted for 23 persons.

OSORC Rehabilitation and Counseling Center provided assistance to 37 refugees with disabilities of which 15 were adults, 9 - elderly and 13 – children. 18 persons were accommodated within the Center and 7 received support in identifying accommodation. Women represented 51% of the total number of refugees with disabilities assisted by OSORC and men – 49%. 9 persons had a severe disability degree, 14 - an accentuated disability degree, 14 – a moderated disability degree. The main services delivered were as follows: informational support - 11 persons, legal assistance – 9 persons, psychological counselling – 9 persons, health care support – 12 persons, including medical consultation for 3 persons, medical equipment for one person and assistive devices for 8 persons. Hygiene packages were offered to 37 persons, one person received special nutrition, 8 children benefited from yearly intervention services and 2 of them received toys and educational materials.

FCPS (Fiecare Contribuie pentru Scimbare) provided assistance to 5 refugees with disabilities, of which 2 were adults, 2 children and one elderly. Only one of the refugees has a confirmed disability degree when the others had a disability (autism spectrum disorders, stroke severe consequences) but not certificated. All of them received health care support, including medical consultation for one person, medical equipment for 2 persons, medicines for 2 persons and assistive devices for one person. One person received psychological counselling.

Tony Hawks Center provided assistance to one girl with accentuated disability degree which consisted of needs assessment, accommodation within the Center and rehabilitation.

The discussions with NGOs representatives show that the main issues to be addressed in regards to persons with disabilities refugees are as follows:

- limited access to **cash assistance program** due to limited accessible information, lack of computers and internet, and need for support to fill the requests and to receive finances
- limited access to **accessible information regarding the legalization of the refugee status** in Moldova, as well as limited support for personal documentation
- limited access to **adapted shelters** for persons with limited mobility, and sensorial disability

- limited access to **medications** of persons with chronic diseases, mental health and epileptic syndrome, due to lack of financial resources
- limited access to **assistive equipment** of persons with severe mobility problems and sensorial disabilities (particularly visual impairments of children)
- Limited access to **adapted transportation** due to lack of adapted cars and limited financial resources of NGOs to buy fuel
- Limited access to **hygienic and nutrition packages (gluten free nutrition)**

The most pressing needs identified by the OSORC and FCPS to continue assisting the refugees with disabilities are:

- **Hygienic and nutrition packages and especially baby food, special food, diapers for adults and fresh fruits and vegetables (OSORC, FCPS)**
- **Medicines (OSORC, FCPS)**
- **Medical devises for diabetics (OSORC, FCPS)**
- **Summer clothes and shoes (OSORC, FCPS)**
- **Mobile toilets for refugees places in houses with insufficient toilet facilities (FCPS)**