

Task Force on disability, information for Inter-Agency update

The Disability Taskforce, as an interagency coordination group, was created in the context of the refugee crisis. The Disability Taskforce is chaired by the Keystone Foundation with the support of the UN Human Rights Office and includes representatives of state institutions, development partners, organizations of persons with disabilities and UN Agencies. The Task Force on disability developed a joint advocacy action plan to integrate disability in all emergency and contingency plans referring to emergency situations and refugees. The Advocacy plan is focused on the following issues identified during the 3 meetings conducted: identification and registration of persons with disabilities refugees and provision of support based on needs, physical and informational accessibility, rehabilitation and social services, education and health for better inclusion of persons with disabilities refugees.

Support provided by members of Disability Taskforce to persons with disabilities:

- **Keystone Moldova** supported 45 families with a family member with a disability with the nutrition packages, assistive equipment, and medications through the Mobile team, as well as 30 persons with disabilities- with information, psychological counseling, and reference services through the Hotline service for persons with disabilities- 080010808.
- **The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection** allocated 10% of places in two shelters with improved mobilities for persons with mobility disabilities due to the advocacy of OHCHR, Keystone Moldova, Center for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CDPD) and Alliance of Organization of Persons with Disabilities. CDPD evaluated the accessibility of those centers and is fundraising for increasing the physical accessibility of the centers.
- **Fiecare Contribuie Pentru Schimbare NGO from Criuleni district**, with the supported 35 persons with disabilities with housing services, transportation, medication, and hygienic packages.
- **SOS Autism NGO** is housing 22 families with persons with autism, delivering housing, nutrition, and medical services. 8 children with autism are supported with rehabilitation services.
- **Motivatie NGO** supported 25 persons with mobility disabilities with adapted transportation.
- **NGO Eco-Răzeni and Floare de cireș Social Enterprise**, in collaboration with the ILO International Labor Organization and IM Swedish Development Partner, prepared and delivered over 14,300 portions of food to 8 refugee centers in Ialoveni district and Chisinau municipality during March 2022
- IM Swedish Development Partner is supporting the Fiecare Contribuie Pentru Schimbare NGO from Criuleni district, SOS Autism NGO, Motivatie NGO, Eco-Răzeni NGO is providing assistance and support to refugees with disabilities and their families.
- **Low Vision NGO** supported 13 persons with visual disabilities with diagnostic and rehabilitation services. Two of them will be supported with assistive equipment.