



Palanca Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes - 07 June 2023

1. Meeting Details

Date	07 June 2023
Time	12:00 - 13:00
Chair	Volokh Karina, UNHCR Senior Field Assistant
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2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Update on recent developments in Palanca Bus Station (PBS)
3. Activity updates from participants
4. AoB

3. Information collection and relevant links

Moldova operational data portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784>

Local Refugee Coordination operational data portal: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/search?>

4. Participants (Name, Position, Organization)

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| - Karina Volokh, UNHCR | - Irina Adam, ACTED |
| - Katherine Lampe, UNHCR | - Igor Calancea, IGSI |
| - Flore Rossi, UNICEF | - Doina Cazoti, ISRAAID |
| - Cristina Babin, INTERSOS | - Calin Costenco, HELVETAS |
| - Diana Negru, BLUE DOT | - Ion Gradinari, HELVETAS |
| - Olesea Dorguz, CDA | - Grigore Scraba, GSS |
| - Stela Satova, UNFPA | |

5. Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>Mrs. Karina Volokh, UNHCR Snr. Field Assistant, volokh@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNHCR shared the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 31 May 2023, the Local Coordination Meeting was held by UNHCR at Palanca Bus Station (PBS). At the meeting were present: ACTED (online), INTERSOS (online), HELVETAS, UNFPA, CDA, DRC, BLUE DOT, ISRAAID and UNHCR Ukraine (online). UNHCR welcomed all the present at the coordination meeting and started the meeting with recent updates taken place at PBS and with partners’ activity updates. – On 5 June 2023, UNHCR received 29 people at PBS evacuated by the GLORIA organization. All evacuees benefited from the various services offered and, while waiting for the departure of the bus, had coffee/tea and some snacks. – On 6 June 2023, UNHCR, together with the CDA, visited Stefan Voda library where a wheelchair was donated after their request following visits with Mobile team. The provision of wheelchairs to the library will have a significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities and the elderly as it will enable them to access the second floor of the library and participate in different activities organized. – Today (7 June 2023), UNHCR and UNICEF will conduct a training on child protection at PBS for all the staff in the territory. The purpose of the training is to inform all staff of CP and referral pathways in case of CP cases at PBS. – UNHCR asked all the partners in PBS to be on stand-by for possible evacuations after the attack to Kakhovka water dam in Ukraine. 	
<p>Child protection cases at Otaci BCP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACTED shared that 22 people were transported from 1 to 6 of June 2023, and no other special requests for evacuation were received. The distribution of SIM cards and bottles of water is still ongoing as long as necessary. ACTED reduced their staff and there was a staff change in the transportation team. ACTED reminded participants of their openness to receive any ad-hoc requests to bring people to IGM offices for applying Temporary Protection (TP). ● BLUE DOT reported that they had assisted 28 children and 22 adults since the beginning of June, and is continuing to provide NFIs (e.g. hoodies, umbrellas.) to vulnerable families. The team was reduced and now two staff are always present at PBS. Last week, the mobile team visited beneficiaries in Olanesti and Crocmaz villages. 	



- **INTERSOS** shared that all activities were continuing as normal. They continue to offer English lessons for beneficiaries (Ukrainian and Moldovan people). They proposed to have a session on self-care for all the humanitarian workers in Palanca to prevent burnout on 3 July 2023 (date and time to be confirmed).
- **ISRAID** reported that their activities were continuing without changes.
- **CDA** shared that their work was ongoing as usual. During the last 2 weeks, CDA provided free legal counselling, assistance with TP and asylum application to people. They observed regular evacuations through Tudora border on Monday and Wednesday. After the situation of the water dam in Ukraine, they noticed that the border police prepared a road for pedestrians coming from Ukraine.
- **UNHCR and UNICEF** shared the following points:
 - UNHCR asked participants whether they observed any situations where children's rights were violated. In response to this question, some participants expressed their concern that only 5 percent of refugee children are enrolled in any sort of education according to the official statistics. They are working to encourage refugees to enroll their children into any school environment. To tackle this, some partners are starting to conduct an initiative, together with UNICEF, to provide computers to schools so that refugee children will go to schools and be taken care of by teachers. There are currently 45 schools on the list of potential distribution.
 - UNHCR and UNICEF asked the participants whether each organization knew the CP referral procedure and how to deal with a dubious case related to CP. They also asked for some suggestions on topics to be covered during a training on child protection.
 - UNHCR and UNICEF informed all the participants of summer camps planned in Chisinau. The participants were kindly invited to propose other potential areas for the summer camp for children.
- **GSS** reported that their work is ongoing as usual. They requested the participants to check items found at PBS to figure out the owner of every item.
- **UNFPA** reported about their ongoing psychological support activities as well as mobile team in several villages throughout Moldova. They continue to distribute dignity kits to people who travel. They emphasized that their activity is offered as first-aid MHPSS



	<p>counselling to those in need and then inform the beneficiaries to whom they can reach out to continue MHPSS sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM reported that their transportation support to Romania was ongoing as usual. 41 people (20 women, 4 men and 13 kids) were transported from PBS over the past 2 weeks. • HELVETAS reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 53 people were assisted between 31 May 2023 to 7 June 2023, of which 19 children, 18 adults and 16 elder people. No people with special needs were assisted. – A new project has now been approved and will conduct sessions in Stefan Voda on how to behave in emergency situations. – HELVETAS donated 45 laptops to 5 schools in Stefan Voda with the support of the local authorities. – They are working on the transfer of their services to other organizations of the local authorities in the coming 3 to 6 months. If there is someone willing to take over the services, HELVETAS can provide all the necessary tools and support for the handover. In case they cannot find anyone to take over the goods and activities, they will stop their activities in Moldova. • IGSU informed that there was no change in their presence and activities. They continue to be present and fulfill duties at PBS. They agreed with Solidarities International to clean the territory and do waste management at PBS. 	
<p>Follow-up actions needed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH services provided by UNICEF and Solidarities International will be ended on 25 June 2023 due to the termination of the relevant contracts. The services include cleaning, desludging and water trucking of the WASH containers, disinfection, solid waste management and distribution of travel kits at PBS. UNHCR and UNICEF are working with WASH sub-working group to solve this issue so that WASH facilities will remain operational. 	

6. Details of the Next Meeting	
Date	14 June 2023
Time	12:00 - 13:00
Venue	Palanca Bus Station

