



## Comrat Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 06 July 2023

### 1. Meeting Details

<b>Date</b>	06 July 2023
<b>Time</b>	14:30 - 16:00
<b>Chair</b>	Inna Vlah, Vice Mayor of Comrat Igor Gorgan, Senior Field Assistant, UNHCR
<b>Reporting</b>	Hanna Ursol, Protection Associate, UNHCR Hideaki Kojima, Associate Field Officer
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### 2. Agenda

1. Temporary Protection updates (i.e., next steps and information campaign/ message to refugees/ registration), IGM
2. Social Center “Care” presentation
3. The NGO “Psycho-Social Center” presentation
4. Participant’s main updates and challenges
5. 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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| - Inna Vlah, Deputy Mayor of Comrat Municipality          | - Alexandr Odnostalco, General Directorate of health and social protection ATU Gagauzia |
| - Sergiu Andronachi, Mayor of Cimislia Municipality       | - Alla Leiciu, International Women’s Organization “INNER WHEEL COMRAT”                  |
| - Hideaki Kojima, Associate Field Officer, UNHCR          | - Iva Bucatciuc, protection officer, DRC  |
| - Hanna Ursol, Protection Associate, UNHCR                | - Ines Arnvutovic, Protection Advisor, DRC  |
| - Igor Gorgan, Senior Field Assistant, UNHCR              | - Aliona Curdoglo, program manager, IBC, International NGO                              |
| - Olesea Barladean, program manager, NGO “Gunes Cancaazi” | - Alexandr Vasiliev, Project Assistant, ACTED   |
| - Julia Angelceva, volunteer, psychosocial center         |   |



- Aliona Iamboglo, consultant, CDA
- Galina Filipova, Social assistance, and Family protection Directorate, Taraclia Raion
- Dimitrii Furtuna, Administrator, Youth Centre “AXIS” Tineretul Gagauziei
- Maryna Borkut, Human Rights officer, OHCHR
- Olha Floranska, information management officer, OHCHR
- Svetlana Panaitova, Project assistant, PIN Moldova
- Alexandra Sirbu, project assistant, PIN
- Vladimir Petrovici, project coordinator, IOM
- Svetlana Stiroi, consultant, IOM
- Svetlana Regus, Parliament Information Centre
- Serghey Rosca, Comrat rayon legal consultant, CDA
- Natalia Capanji, section of social assistance, Ceadir-Lunga Municipality
- Zhanna Kelban, Municipal “Shabunin’s” Centre, Vulcanesti Municipality
- Tinnor Victor, Basarabeasca rayon legal consultant, CDA
- Natalia Gufer, Programme officer, Administration of Vulcanesti rayon
- Adrian Adasan, mobile team coordinator, UNFPA

**5. Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points**

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Igor Gorgan, UNHCR Senior Field Assistant, gorgan@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Vice Mayor of Comrat</b> and <b>UNHCR</b> welcomed participants to the meeting and the participants introduced themselves. <b>Vice Mayor</b> reiterated the readiness of Comrat City Hall to solve any issues raised and provide support to partners working on refugee protection.</li> <li>• <b>The Mayor of Cimislia</b> greeted to the participants and encouraged the participants to conduct any activities which will help refugees and at the same time support residents in the city.</li> <li>• <b>UNHCR</b> reported on the Temporary Protection as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The registration process for the Temporary Protection (TP) is ongoing and UNHCR is ready to provide support. UNHCR counts on humanitarian organisations to continue sharing information about TP and the requirement to legalise the status of Ukrainian refugees in Moldova.</li> <li>– So far, only 6,000 TP documents were delivered, but the number is very low considering the actual number of Ukrainian refugees residing in the country.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>GIM Green Line: 0 800 015 27</p> <p>CDA contact phone: +373 605 748 48</p>
<p><b>Social Center “Care” presentation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Center “Care”</b> made a presentation on the organization and its activities:</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The Centre was created on 14 June 2003 in Vulcanesti and is now operating with 12 employees.</li> <li>– The centre provides services for children of 4-18 years old, including social services, accommodation and day services. It also provides support in socialization of children (approximately 27 children a day). The centre provides assistance to children with autism, developmental problems, hearing and visual impairments, socially deprived families, as well as psychological and social support.</li> <li>– The centre provides assistance to Ukrainian refugees starting from the onset of the war in Ukraine. The centre’s capacity is for 30 persons but at the beginning of the war sometimes the center used to accommodate up to 40 persons. Psychological support is provided to Ukrainian refugees there.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The NGO “Psycho-Social Center” presentation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NGO “Psycho-Social Center”</b> made a presentation on the organization and its activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The organization has been operating since July 2010 in Vulcanesti.</li> <li>– The centre provides food packages and lunches to people in need and refugees. It also provides hygienic stuff. During the winter period, the centre provided wood to people in need.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Presentation by International Women’s Organization “INNER WHEEL COMRAT”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants provided an update on their activities. Among the others, the following issues were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Challenge of travelling to Cahul for cash assistance verification and TP, in particular for elderly people and people with disabilities;</li> <li>– Need to open a cash centre in Comrat. There are 450 refugees in Comrat but also there are refugees in the nearby villages, and it will be also convenient for people from Ceadyr Lunga;</li> <li>– Regarding the available mobile teams, there are following organisations: Caritas Moldova, Biaz Gul, CDA, Acted, Intersos, DRC, UNFPA Safe Space.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• UNHCR, informed about the forthcoming training on Mainstreaming GBV Risk Mitigation on 13 July in Chisinau. UNHCR to share additional details.</li> <li>• <b>The CDA focal points</b> from Comrat and Basarabeasca pointed out a problem of cash assistance registration because of far distance to the cash centre. Currently, there is only</li> </ul>	



	<p>one cash registration centre in Cahul, and it is very difficult for refugees, especially persons with disabilities, in the south to go all the way to Cahul to get registered. The mayor suggested to open another cash registration centre in Comrat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DRC</b> mentioned that mobile teams operating in the region by many organizations are not utilized fully because there is no sufficient coordination among the actors. Since there are still many people who need assistance either in TP application or cash assistance registration, we need to think of a way to use mobile teams more efficiently.</li> <li>• <b>Youth Centre 'Axis'</b> (the managing organization of UNHCR Community Centre) informed about the official opening of UNHCR's community centre at the end of July. The key activities at the centre will be: integration of the Ukrainian refugees, creation of favourable conditions for development, and education. The centre is looking for any ideas for cooperation and joint activities to be held at the community centre and its outdoor space and stage.</li> <li>• <b>Mayor of Cimislia</b> informed the following points:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The City Hall repaired a building in the city centre and 27 refugees were now accommodated. GIZ supported them with purchase of furniture. There were 27 refugees living in the hotel. The location of the new place was more convenient, with a kindergarten and school nearby. They also arranged different events in the city with participation of the Ukrainian refugees.</li> <li>– The city is currently accommodating 86 refugees in total (of which 27 are in a RAC).</li> <li>– The city needs a financial assistance to repair a playground and to create a stage for cultural events, but there were no funds available. The city has a football playground where children play until late in the evening every day, but the facility is old and not well maintained.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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6. Details of the Next Meeting	
<b>Date</b>	To be confirmed
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<b>Venue</b>	To be confirmed