



Otaci Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 11 July 2023

1. Meeting Details

Date	11 July 2023
Time	11:00 - 12:30
Chair	Alexandra Cuznetova, UNHCR Field Assistant
Reporting	Andrei Cazacu, UNHCR Field Associate
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2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Recent Developments in Otaci BCP
3. Activity updates
4. A.O.B.

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?>

Moldova Services Advisor Log in: [Services Advisor](#)

Moldova Services Advisor Public view: <https://moldova.servicesadvisor.net/>

4. Participants (Name, Position, Organization)

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| - Dimitrii Zavrotskii, Otaci Mayor | - Nicolae Derli, Senior Project Officer in Transportation, ACTED (online) |
| - Alexandra Cuznetova, Field Assistant, UNHCR | - Gradinar Irina, Senior project officer SMS – ACTED (online) |
| - Andrei Cazacu, Field Associate, UNHCR | - Plugaru Aliona, Project Officer, People in Need Moldova (online) |
| - Mariana Grama, Field Coordinator, NRC | - Russu Anastasia, PLACE Project Assistant, People in Need Moldova (online) |
| - Ecaterina Covtun, Base Manager, ACTED | - Danylo Nedvetskyi, Project Lead - Legal Analysis, DRC (online) |
| - Strutinschi Alexandr, Field Assistant, IOM | - Margaryta Pavlenko, Monitor, Right to Protection (online) |
| - Popovici Vladimir, Field Coordinator, IOM | - Arina, NGO Stimul (online) |
| - Faureanu Natalia, Coordinator, Blue Dot | - Maxim Mihalachi, Senior Project Officer in Transportation, ACTED (online) |
| - Rostislav Coviid, Legal Advisor, CDA | |



- Sirbu Simion, Director, Artemida
- Grama – Cojocaru Nicolae, Social Assistant, UNFPA
- Preda Alexei, Children helper, Bahtalo Ker
- Dira Ruslan, Senior Officer, Border Police (IGPF)

5. Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Alexandra Cuznetsova, UNHCR Field Assistant, cuznetov@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor welcomed all participants to the meeting. In the last two weeks, there have been no major changes regarding the work of the municipality in supporting refugees. There were requests from companies carrying out repair works near the border to move the tent near the custom point. • UNHCR shared the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The field team continues its work on Moldova Services Advisor, so all those who encounter difficulties or have questions about the functionality of the platform can contact our colleague Andrei Cazacu. The link to this platform will be attached in the minutes of the meeting. – On the week of 17 July 2023, a training on Child Protection will take place in Otaci organized by UNHCR in partnership with UNICEF, tentatively on 19 July 2023 (date to be confirmed). – UNHCR proposes to organize joint activities at OBS for refugees and host communities. UNHCR kindly asks participants to consult with colleagues in the organizations and come up with ideas and proposals. 	
<p>Child protection cases at Otaci BCP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NRC is operating the mobile team visits in 15 villages in the north where the team is distributing dignity kits. During the reporting period, we identified the needs of 119 Ukrainian families including socially vulnerable families, of which 31 cases were referred to another organization. NRC also organized information sessions with the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite the Social Assistance department of Ocnita raion to the coordination meeting



	<p>presence of lawyers, 209 people were reached out (of which 95% are refugees, the rest host families, the most frequent interviews were about temporary protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– We come with a request to the UNHCR to give us the possibility to organize the distribution of NFIs from the UNHCR centre in Donduseni. Moreover, we have other activities planned for the community and we would like to request UNHCR support in this regard.• ACTED shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– During the reporting period, 83 beneficiaries were transported to Chisinau, 9 beneficiaries were transported to RACs, 4 beneficiaries were transported to Calaraseuca IGM Office. 31 beneficiaries were relocated from one RAC to another, of which 20 dropped by IGM offices.– Information support is ongoing io beneficiaries.• IOM shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– IOM provided support in transporting 19 people to Romania and is continuing to provide snack kits only to travellers. During the reporting period, 147 medical services were provided to refugees and host communities.– IOM have offered information sessions with a mobile team composed of 2 lawyers and 2 medical assistants. If necessary, a psychologist and an animator (for CP cases) can also join the team.– IOM also helps citizens from Edinet and Ocnita by paying for their professional studies. When beneficiaries want to receive some courses, we refer these needs to partners and provide financial support for the beneficiaries to attend these courses.• Bluedot shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– During the reporting period, services were provided to 72 groups of people, a total of 133 people. No cases were registered where children were unaccompanied.• CDA shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– CDA continues to do monitoring at the border. During the reporting period, a decrease in border crossing was observed and some cases of entry denial were identified. Most	<p>to discuss child protection issues at the border.</p>
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of denials occurred for third country nationals due to lack of justifications for entering Moldova.

- During the reporting period, CDA assisted 37 beneficiaries, with the most frequent questions being about TP and other forms of legalization in Moldova.

- **UNFPA** shared the following:

- UNFPA offers field support via mobile teams conducted 5 times a week in 13 districts in the north. During the period, 3 mobile teams were working in the field and 1000 beneficiaries received counselling.
- Orange safe spaces received 1,005 beneficiaries during the past weeks and continue to be active and ready to provide support.
- The most common requests received are for financial assistance. UNFPA is trying to help the beneficiaries financially.
- During the reporting period, 63 beneficiaries received support (informational support on TP, free transportation, medical assistance) at the OBS and at the border crossing point. Distribution of hygiene kits is also ongoing

- **Bahtalo Ker** explained its services to newly joined participants in the coordination meeting and reported that there were some families from the neighbourhood frequently accessing their laundry service.

- **Border Police** shared that there was no major change in the flow at the border and that most of crossings at the border are to go on holiday or to go to health rehabilitation centres. People are more informed about TP and legislation in Moldova.

- **People in need** shared the following points:

- A child friendly space was opened on 7 July 2023 and 49 children are already registered. At the space, we offer art therapy and educational support.
- Another new project is already being conducted in 3 northern districts (Balti, Edinet and Soroca), which supports people in the community to find a job by making a connection between a potential employee and an employer. The project also help them to study in professional fields, such as tailor, cook, nutritionist, etc.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Another project called StartUP is launched to provide support to Ukrainian people who want to start a small business. The project supports people to procure necessary equipment or furniture to start a business. • DRC mentioned that the organization does not have any activity in Otaci currently, but is open for collaborations with actors in Otaci. DRC offers courses for NGOs, and partners are invited to contact the focal point for further information. • STIMUL reported that support was provided to 96 people during the past 2 weeks. The organization is receiving many questions regarding financial assistance and requests for NFIs. • Right to Protection shared that there were no cases in need of special attention. Recently, most people crossing the border are heading to the airport to go on holiday or for treatment abroad. 	
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6. Details of the Next Meeting	
Date	25 July 2023
Time	11:00 - 12:00
Venue	Otaci Mayor Office