



Regional Refugee Response  
for the Ukraine Situation



## Balti Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 11 December 2023

### 1. Meeting Details

<b>Date</b>	11 December 2023
<b>Time</b>	11:30 - 13:00
<b>Chair</b>	Hideaki Kojima, UNHCR Associate Field Officer
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### 2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Validation of Local Referral Pathways document
3. Presentation on the final report of RRP2024 Local Consultation workshop
4. Updates from all organisations on key achievements and key 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hideaki Kojima, UNHCR</li> <li>• Adela Glodeanu, UNHCR</li> <li>• Kyrlyo Prykhodko, UNHCR</li> <li>• Nadejda Crijanovschi, Social Assistance Department</li> <li>• Carolina Darii-Topor, Terre des hommes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vladimir Petrovici, IOM</li> <li>• Diana Strechii, CDA</li> <li>• Valerii Ciolacu, A.O. Mostenitorii</li> <li>• Dorin Adasan, UNFPA</li> </ul> |
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### 5. Information collection and relevant links

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/Actions
Introduction and Updates from UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR welcomed the participants and shared the following points:</li> </ul>	



<p>Hideaki Kojima, UNHCR Associate Field Officer, <a href="mailto:kojima@unhcr.org">kojima@unhcr.org</a> Kyrylo Prykhodko, UNHCR Inter-Agency Associate, <a href="mailto:prykhodk@unhcr.org">prykhodk@unhcr.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>UNHCR</b> explained the concept of the Refugee Coordination Model and the coordination structure for the Refugee Response in the Republic of Moldova. It was emphasized that the Local Refugee Coordination Forum meeting, being a part of the coordination structure, is organized for three main objectives – coordination, information sharing and consultation -, and therefore, it is important for local partners to proactively share any difficulties or challenges they face during their activities so that the issues will be brought to the national-level working groups for possible solutions.</li><li>– <b>UNHCR</b> presented the final report of the RRP2024 Local Consultations, organized in October, in 8 locations in the country, explaining the methodology and challenges identified in Cahul. The final report is available on UNHCR Operational Data Portal (<a href="#">ROM</a> / <a href="#">RUS</a> / <a href="#">ENG</a>).</li><li>– <b>UNHCR</b> distributed the Local Referral Pathways document for Balti to the participants and asked for fact check and validation. The document is currently available only in English (<a href="#">Link</a>). Organizations are invited to go through the document and notify UNHCR in case there is outdated or incorrect information.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Activity updates from participants</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>IOM</b> reported that the information centre in Balti has registered 43 families for the rental assistance programme. IOM is currently conducting several activities including firewood distribution, educational support, and an infrastructural renovation of a lyceum in Balti.</li><li>• <b>CDA</b> reported as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The number of men crossing borders irregularly is increasing in the last couple of months. There were several cases where Russian citizens living in Ukraine arrived in Moldova but cannot go back to Ukraine since they only hold Russian passports and do not have Ukrainian documents to prove their residency in Ukraine. The cases are currently being treated by CDA. It should be ensured at the borders that all Russian passport holders exiting Ukraine are informed of the fact that they cannot re-enter Ukraine if they do not have a proof of residency in Ukraine.</li><li>– Asylum seekers and refugees are facing difficulty settling in because many employers do not know about this legal status and are suspicious to hire them.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNHCR will notify the issues to Protection WG.</li></ul>



	<p>Especially for men who crossed the borders irregularly, it is difficult for them to rent a house because landlords also have a negative view towards them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– There was a case where a man who crossed the border irregularly was accommodated in the RAC in Donduseni but was forced to leave the RAC after four days despite his intention to stay longer. The exact reason of his being asked to leave is unknown.</li> <li>• <b>DRC</b> reported that they conducted distribution of hygiene items in Balti, Rezina, Calarasi and Ungheni, with a total of 1,249 kits distributed. There is no specific challenge identified so far.</li> <li>• <b>Terre des hommes</b> reported that they are in charge of BlueDot and operating two rooms (one for children and another for mothers with infants). They also conduct case management to respond to individual requests by providing electronic appliances, computers for online education, phones, clothes, firewood, etc. There is no specific challenge identified.</li> <li>• <b>UNFPA</b> reported that the organization is conducting MHPSS activities such as yoga for refugee women. They also distributed vouchers in the last months.</li> <li>• Mos Tenitori reported that they conduct distribution of medicines and hygiene items in the RACs in Riscani and Donduseni.</li> <li>• <b>Social Assistance Department</b> shared that they supported DRC, CASMED and ACTED to distribute vouchers. The recently observed challenge is that there are some conflicts ongoing between refugees living on their own and refugees living in the RACs. Refugees living in the RACs sometimes complain why only refugees living on their own are receiving assistance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR will notify the issue to Basic Needs WG and Protection WG.</li> </ul>
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6. Details of the Next Meeting	
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