



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation



Palanca Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 13 December 2023

1. Meeting Details

Date	13 December 2023
Time	12:00 – 13:30
Chair	Volokh Karina, UNHCR Snr. 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 | - Grigore Scraba, GSS |
| - Mihail Macovetchi, CDA | - Calin Costenco, GSS |
| - Cristina Babin, INTERSOS | - Olga Costenco, IOM |
| - Stela Satova, UNFPA | - Igor Vozian, ACR |
| - Nicolae Derli, ACTED | |

5. Information collection and relevant links,

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/Actions
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR shared the following points: 	



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- Coordination Meeting: On 15 November 2023, the Local Coordination Meeting was held by UNHCR at Palanca bus station. At the meeting were present: ACTED, INTERSOS, UNFPA, GSS Security, BLUE DOT, IOM and Youth One World organization. The meeting started with recent updates took place at the PBS, updates on the activities of the partners and UNHCR spoke about the Recalibration process of the bus station.
- Evacuations: UNHCR received a total of 87 evacuees in the following 4 evacuations operated by the GLORIA organization during the past weeks. The evacuees received services at PBS and left for Romania with IOM bus.

	Date	# of evacuees	Transported to
1	16 November 2023	17	Romania (IOM) and other cities in Moldova (ACTED)
2	30 November 2023	30	Romania (IOM)
3	4 December 2023	35	Romania (IOM)
4	7 December 2023	5	Romania (IOM)

- AoB:
 - On 26 November 2023, Regional Bureau for Europe director Philippe LECLERC, Senior Operations Coordinator Filippo ROSSI, together with UNHCR Representative in Moldova Francesca BONELLI and Senior Operations Coordinator of UNHCR Moldova Bertrand BLANC, visited Palanca border reception center.
 - On 26 November 2023, the strong wind and snow damaged four small and two large tents, one of which needs to be dismantled and repaired. We are waiting for the workers to arrive and fix the tent, but in the meantime, the waiting area will be prepared in the meeting container.
 - On 7 December 2023, UNICEF visited Blue Dot’s office at Palanca border reception center and at the BCP.

Activity updates from participants

- **CDA** reported that there had been a reduced flow of people crossing the border on foot in the last 2 weeks. Consequently, there were fewer cases of fines for an overstay



	<p>exceeding the 90-day stay limit in the Republic of Moldova or of an expired car vignette. In addition, there were fewer number of unaccompanied children identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACR has been involved in distributing snacks and other goods in their stock at the border. However, the organization is running out of water for tea to be provided to refugees.• INTERSOS reported that there had no significant updates.• IOM reported that 117 people (63 women, 26 men, and 28 children) have left Palanca for Romania from 15 November 2023 until today (13 December 2023). IOM will not be present at the Palanca bus station on 24, 25 and 31 of December 2023 and from 6 to 8 of January 2024 as official holidays.• UNFPA is working under normal conditions. The organization distributed 11 vouchers to women at the border and at Palanca station in the last two weeks.• GSS security reported that there will be a staff change as of the beginning of January 2024 and the hand over is ongoing until 31 December 2023. Mr. Costenco Calin will replace Mr. Grigore Scraba from the beginning of 2024. Mr. Grigore thanked everyone for their work during the year.• ACTED reported as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Since the last meeting, ACTED has transported 35 people from Palanca to RACs and Chisinau, and transported 142 people living in RACs to access to legal services or to change their place of residence through an ad-hoc transportation service.– Through the Pilot project, which involves three weekly trips transporting refugees for legal/consular/IGM/hospital services, ACTED transported 40 people from the southern region of the country.– As mentioned in the last meeting, a colleague from Information Management team and social workers who monitor the situation of beneficiaries visited all accredited RACs in the southern part of the country. During the visits, brochures regarding the transportation project were distributed and people already have started to make a request for transportation.	
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6. Details of the Next Meeting	
Date	TBC
Time	12:00 – 13:00
Venue	Palanca Bus Station