



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation



Palanca Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 17th January 2024

1. Meeting Details

Date	17 January 2024
Time	12:00 – 13:00
Chair	Volokh Karina, UNHCR Snr. Field Assistant
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2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Update on recent developments in Palanca Border Reception Centre
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 | - Calin Costenco, GSS |
| - Igor Calancea, IGSU | - Olga Costenco, IOM |
| - Mihail Macovetchi, CDA | - Diana Negru, Blue Dot |
| - Nicolae Derli, ACTED | - Constanta Cravet, Concordia (online) |
| - Diana Ciorba, ACTED | |



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<p>Introduction</p> <p>Ms. 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"> – <u>Evacuations</u>: UNHCR received a total of 247 evacuees in the following 9 evacuations operated by the GLORIA organization during the past weeks. The evacuees received services at PBS before being transported to respective locations. <table border="1" data-bbox="558 574 1549 1036"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Date</th> <th># of evacuees</th> <th>Transported to</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>14 December 2023</td> <td>17</td> <td>Romania (IOM) and other cities in Moldova (ACTED)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>17 December 2023</td> <td>51</td> <td>Germany (Be An Angel)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>20 December 2023</td> <td>25</td> <td>Romania (IOM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>21 December 2023</td> <td>28</td> <td>Romania (IOM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>28 December 2023</td> <td>29</td> <td>Romania (IOM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>4 January 2024</td> <td>25</td> <td>Romania (IOM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>10 January 2024</td> <td>50</td> <td>Germany (Be An Angel)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>11 January 2024</td> <td>13</td> <td>Romania (IOM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>15 January 2024</td> <td>9</td> <td>Romania (IOM)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On 14 December 2023, UNHCR together with CDA registered 3 people to TP and identified a stateless citizen who will be monitored by CDA for documentation. – On 19 December 2023, UNHCR visited the Caplani School gym together with Mr. Igor Calancea from IGSU for assessing needs of infrastructural support. – On 20 December 2023, UNHCR had a meeting with CDA’s new focal point in Causeni to plan the work schedule in 2024. – On 21 December 2023, UNHCR had an introductory meeting with the newly appointed Mayor of Palanca to strengthen relations of cooperation and reciprocal support. – On 22 December 2023, workers from Amber-Moldovanu SRL did the installation work and moved the large heater from the damaged tent to the integral one. 		Date	# of evacuees	Transported to	1	14 December 2023	17	Romania (IOM) and other cities in Moldova (ACTED)	2	17 December 2023	51	Germany (Be An Angel)	3	20 December 2023	25	Romania (IOM)	4	21 December 2023	28	Romania (IOM)	5	28 December 2023	29	Romania (IOM)	6	4 January 2024	25	Romania (IOM)	7	10 January 2024	50	Germany (Be An Angel)	8	11 January 2024	13	Romania (IOM)	9	15 January 2024	9	Romania (IOM)	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– In the last weeks, several containers were removed for the purpose of recalibration of the Palanca bus station. Some tents were replaced or repaired.	
Activity updates from participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IGSU informed everyone present of the removal of the tent camps followed by the official request of IGSU since the emergency situation had ended on Moldovan territory. As for the Palanca Border Reception Centre, the Minister of Internal Affairs, together with the organizations present in the area, will decide how to operate in the future. Meanwhile, we all have to take care of all the goods in the area.• CDA mentioned that all the updates were in our bi-weekly report. After the end of the state of emergency on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, Ukrainian citizens will be able to enter Moldova only with a foreign passport and no longer with an internal passport. At the border, we have seen an increase in the number of people fined for overstaying 90 days in Moldova and in the number of asylum seekers. The Ukrainian border is strengthening the screening of Ukrainian men in the military conscription age.• ACTED reported the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– ACTED transported 55 people from 13 December 2023 to 16 January 2024. Through special transport requests from centers or from partners, ACTED has transported 308 people, of which 226 were children with their parents who received help from Ave Copii.– A pilot project to provide transportation three times a week to transport people who have appointments at hospitals/IGM/ambassies was closed.– ACTED is operating at the borders in Palanca and Otaci on a daily basis and has the possibility to transport on special requests made by the administrators of centers or actors present in Palanca and Otaci. It is important to note that an ad hoc transportation arrangement will be available when there are at least 5 people to be transported.• GSS reported that there was no update, and they were continuing their work as usual.• IOM reported that 145 people were transported to Romania from 13 December 2023 until 16 January 2024, of whom 77 women, 26 men, and 42 children. IOM doctors continue to be present during the weekends.	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BlueDot reported that 116 children and 73 adults benefitted from their services in December. In the last two weeks (from 1 January to 16 January 2024), 42 children and 29 adults accessed the services. BlueDot continues to distribute some NFIs for the most vulnerable families and continue do to visits with Mobile Team every Tuesdays and Thursdays.• Concordia shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– They had not participated often in the coordination meeting in recent months because they had activities in several districts of Moldova.– Currently, approximately 37 refugee children and 20 refugee adults from Tudora and Palanca come to weekly meetings in their multifunctional center Concordia in Tudora. In the meetings, they discuss problems in the community, how they can get involved in different activities at the center.– Concordia is providing food products and cash vouchers in several localities in Stefan Voda. In addition to that they plan to offer food packages and cash vouchers to approximately 40 refugee families and 25 host families in Causeni. Concordia carried out a similar project last year and supported 47 refugee families and 37 host families from Tudora.	
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6. Details of the Next Meeting

Date	7 February 2024
Time	12:00 – 13:00
Venue	Palanca Border Reception Centre