



Otaci Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 06 February 2024

1. Meeting Details

Date	06 February 2022
Time	11:00 - 13:00
Chair	Alexandra Cuznetova, UNHCR Field Assistant
Reporting	Adela Glodeanu, UNHCR Field Assistant
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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)

- Vladimir Viscun, Deputy Mayor, City Hall;
- Alexandra Cuznetova, Field Assistant, UNHCR;
- Hideaki Kojima, Associate Field Officer, UNHCR;
- Pierre Alejandro Chacon Zambrano, Inter-Agency UNHCR;
- Glodeanu Adela, Field Assistant, UNHCR;
- Mariana Grama, Field Coordinator, NRC;
- Merjievski Serghei, Field Assistant, IOM;
- Rostislav Covi, Legal Advisor, CDA;
- Faureanu Natalia, Coordinator, Blue Dot;
- Grama – Cojocaru Nicolae, Social Assistant, UNFPA;
- Shadan Namiq, NRC; (online)
- Nicolae Derli, ACTED; (online)
- Yulia Pyndus, ACTED; (online)
- Alkairawan Shihab, IOM; (online)
- Diana Taran, FSL Officer, Action Against Hunger; (online)



5. Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points		
Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
Introduction UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHCR shared the following points:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– A new UNHCR colleague, Pierre, arrived in Moldova and he will be in charge of the Local Refugee Coordination Forum from now. He introduced himself and asked participants for further good cooperation with UNHCR.– It was highlighted that Ukrainian citizens need to be registered to TP by 29 February 2024 in order to continue receiving UNHCR Cash Assistance.	
City Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Mayor shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– The deputy mayor thanked organizations for their joint effort over the last two weeks to support the refugees and the local community.– In the last two weeks, there have been no major changes, and the number of refugees requesting support from the municipality has remained constant.– The number of Ukrainian citizens crossing the border, however, has increased in relation to the need to apply for TP.• ACTED shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– During the reporting period, 169 beneficiaries were transported to Chisinau.– 56 beneficiaries received transport services from RAC in the northern part of the Republic of Moldova to IGM Office in Balti for obtaining TP.• CDA shared the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– During the last two weeks, 153 legal consultations and 121 consultations specifically for obtaining TP were offered over phone call and in person.– All partners present at the Otaci Bus station got informed of the new criteria for registration for cash support offered by UNHCR.– During the reporting period, a penalty was given to a Ukrainian citizen for the overstay in the territory of the Republic of Moldova.– In the period of two weeks, seven men irregularly crossed the borders, out of which a man with the citizenship of the Russian Federation applied for the refugee status. The rest moved onwards to Europe.	



- A citizen of Ecuador was refused entry to the Republic of Moldova because he did not have a valid visa to enter the country.
- A citizen of Israel was refused entry to Ukraine on suspicion of having false documents. Thus, the IGM team was invited to take the person for further investigation.
- **IOM** shared that, in the last two weeks, they provided support to 166 beneficiaries in total, out of which nine beneficiaries were transported to Iasi and 120 beneficiaries received medical assistance. 37 winter sets for children were distributed.
- **NRC** shared the following:
 - NRC will provide Romanian language courses for refugees and the local community in northern Moldova.
 - During the reporting period, information sessions were provided to refugees on how to obtain TP, attended by 186 beneficiaries.
 - In the coming weeks, 136 beneficiaries from Donduseni, Edinet, Briceni and Ocnita are to receive winter NFIs.
 - An assessment of refugee needs for 2024 is currently ongoing.
- **Action Against Hunger** shared that its operation at Otaci Bus Station started from January 2024. Currently, three staff are working at Otaci Bus Station to distribute snacks (meat and fish) and hot food to beneficiaries using transport from Otaci Bus Station as well as to refugees who come to register for TP. In January, 350 snack kits were distributed.
- **BlueDot** shared the following:
 - In the last two weeks, 122 beneficiaries have been referred for support, out of which 60 women, 29 men, 13 girls and 11 boys, and two women with disabilities. 69 individuals came for the first time, 32 for the second time, and 21 people for more than three times.
 - There were also five men who irregularly crossed the border and were referred to the border police.
 - BlueDot continues its activities with children from both local community children and refugee children from Ukraine. Currently, the activities are held on Saturdays and Sundays. In the last two weeks, 20 children and 15 parents participated in the activities.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– BlueDot raised an issue that the role allocation at Otaci Bus Station is not clear since the services providers present have changed in the last months. Previously, ACTED was supposed to find accommodation for people arriving at the Bus Station but it is not the case right now. A clear information should be provided in regard to all the service providers and services provided to avoid miscommunication.• UNFPA shared that 170 refugees received consultation on TP and 149 refugees were pre-registered for TP in the last two weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHCR will update the SOP for Otaci Bus Station and share it with the partners.
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6. Details of the Next Meeting	
Date	20 February 2024
Time	11:00 - 12:30
Venue	Otaci Mayor Office