



## PROTECTION WORKING GROUP/DISABILITY & AGE TASKFORCE (DATF)

Meeting Details	
Date	09.02.2024
Time	11.00-12.00 am
Chair	Ludmila Malcoci, Executive Director, Keystone Moldova Alberto Tonon, Disability Inclusion Specialist, OHCHR/UNHCR
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Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opening and presentation</li> <li>● Market Assessment presentation REACH</li> <li>● OHCHR Monthly protection monitoring presentation</li> <li>● Workplan 2023 – achievements and challenges</li> <li>● Workplan 2024 – what this year?</li> <li>● AOB</li> </ul>	
Information collection and relevant links	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● UNHCR Operational Data Portal (DATF page: <a href="https://data.unhcr.org/en/working-group/421?sv=54&amp;geo=10784">https://data.unhcr.org/en/working-group/421?sv=54&amp;geo=10784</a>)</li> </ul>	
Participants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ludmila Malcoci, Keystone Moldova</li> <li>● Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</li> <li>● Corina Gribincea, Keystone Moldova</li> <li>● Nadine Frisk, REACH</li> <li>● Valentina Toporet, Motivatie</li> <li>● Azat Doskozhaev, ICRC</li> <li>● Galina Climov, AOPD</li> <li>● Gratiela Parlui</li> <li>● Maria Chavez, Intersos</li> <li>● Joanna Filopoulos, REACH</li> <li>● Ana, UN Women</li> <li>● Viorica Culeac, UN Women</li> <li>● Tatiana Ghidirimschi, Low Vision</li> <li>● Vitalie Mester, CRPD Moldova</li> <li>● Daniele, HelpAge</li> <li>● Dmytro Kharchenko</li> <li>● Doina, WeWorld</li> <li>● Mihaela Lavrov, Peace Winds</li> <li>● Natalia Babici, ASRM</li> <li>● Olha Florynska, OHCHR</li> <li>● Olena Koval, UNHCR</li> <li>● Valerian Tabirta, EDF</li> <li>● Ludmila Iachim, Motivatie</li> <li>● Sivkova Sara, UNCHR</li> <li>● Tatiana Ciobanu, UN Women</li> <li>● Mariana, JEW</li> <li>● Madina Karsakpayeva, UNICEF</li> <li>● Sabine Ebner, UN Women</li> <li>● Loredana Roscovan, IOM</li> <li>● Asociatia Surzilor</li> </ul>	



### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</i></p> <p><a href="mailto:tonon@unhcr.org">tonon@unhcr.org</a></p>	<p>The DATF Chair welcomed the participant for the first meeting of the year.</p> <p>The DATF members welcomed Corina Gribincea from Keystone as officially supporting the secretariat of the Disability and Age Task Force.</p>	
<p>Market Assessment presentation REACH</p> <p><i>Nadine Frisk, REACH</i></p> <p><a href="mailto:nadine.frisk@impact-initiatives.org">nadine.frisk@impact-initiatives.org</a></p>	<p>The market assessment was conducted by REACH.</p> <p>It was conducted in urban and semi urban locations and identified the experiences of households with persons with mobility limitations.</p> <p>This was a 2nd round of assessment conducted from October to January.</p> <p>People with mobility challenges in particular in old buildings and people with disabilities have financial barriers compared to other refugees.</p> <p>Specific questions to people with mobility disability were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Which difficulties were they facing?</li><li>- Were the buildings suitable for the needs?</li></ul> <p>Location: 2 urban (balti and chisinau) 2 semiurban (Orhei and Ialoveni) Were conducted qualitative interview and quantitative</p> <p>For this presentation only qualitative FDG with HH and with persons with mobility limitation and NGOs working with people with disabilities.</p> <p>Sampling - 20 hhs with pwd (11 urban and 9 semi-urban) + NGO 7 representatives</p>	<p>Alberto to share the report with the group</p>



	<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What type of housing?</li><li>- Which financial legal social obstacle?</li><li>- Which gov and org support for access rental market?</li><li>- What is the impact of TP on secure houses for refugees?</li><li>- Which assistance was received?</li><li>- What should be considered by the humanitarian actors?</li></ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sample limited cannot be generalized</li></ul> <p>Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of accessible houses for pwd with mobility limitation</li><li>- Newer building have better accessibility feature</li><li>- People won't adapt the houses or it would increase the rent</li><li>- Different accessibility challenges</li><li>- Need to stay in location close to store market and hospital</li><li>- Public transportation not a factor since ppl rely on private transport (taxi and friends)</li></ul> <p>The impact of TP has very low on the housing market.</p> <p>Affordability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rent is a key point of struggle</li><li>- Pwd rely only to pension and cash assistance which is low</li><li>- HH with people with disability mostly unemployed, also for old refugees</li><li>- Compromise diet to afford rent</li></ul> <p>Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rent assistance program should consider people with disabilities</li><li>- Adapt houses for specific needs</li><li>- Financial assistance or social houses or support to cover bills</li><li>- Incentivise landlord to rent houses for communities</li></ul>	
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	<p>Conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Few accessible houses</li><li>- Difficult in mobility around the communities</li><li>- Additional financial assistance to pay rent or adapt houses</li></ul>	
<p>OHCHR Monthly protection monitoring presentation</p> <p><i>Olha Florynska, OHCHR</i></p> <p><i>olha.florynska@un.org</i></p>	<p>The OHCHR fact sheet reflect 6 months data not only the monthly as usual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Monthly factsheet update in 3 languages</li><li>- They were conducted 913 interviews with refugees including TN 29%</li><li>- The factsheet include interview with refugees with disabilities</li><li>- The interview include the WGQs, with the most difficulties are mobility and visual</li><li>- The monitoring is covering all part of Moldova</li></ul> <p>Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Big need for spectacles. People were referred to Low Vision</li><li>- Almost 90% of persons with disabilities have also serious medical condition</li><li>- Only 26% have disability certificate from Ukraine</li></ul> <p>Anxiety and Depression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- More than 50% of all respondents share distress</li><li>- Sensitization is needed on MHPSS services</li><li>- The majority of people with distress are older people</li></ul> <p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- People with disabilities are generally not employed</li><li>- The issues are related due to age, disability and health issues</li><li>- But also for refugees with disabilities with age between 18-59 find difficult to find job</li></ul>	<p>Alberto to share the factsheet with the group</p>



<p>Workplan 2023 – achievements and challenges</p> <p><i>Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</i></p> <p>tonon@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Alberto presented the main achievements and results from the DATF activities in 2023 in line with the workplan developed at the beginning of 2023.</p> <p>Main achievement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Participations of members during the year to the different activities</li><li>- Good coordination among members</li><li>- Qualitative assessment conducted by the DATF members which provided valuable data on the situation of refugees with disabilities</li><li>- Mainstreaming disability with other Working Group and Task Force (i.e: Basic Need WG with assessment on accessibility of the RAC and supporting the Monitoring RAC consolidation strategy, AAP TF with improvement of comm materials for Temporary Protection)</li><li>- Strengthening of referral pathway among the actors and other sectors (more than 7.000 refugees with disabilities supported in 2023)</li><li>- Preparation of 2 Briefing Note one on Disability and one on Older refugees</li><li>- Participation on RRP 2024 planning</li><li>- Preparation of Advocacy messages shared with the MLSP during the RAC consolidation strategy</li><li>- Training for more than 600 humanitarian actors</li><li>- Engagement of OPDs with humanitarian actors (UNHCR December Dialogue on Disability in the Refugee Response)</li></ul>	
<p>Workplan 2024 – what this year?</p> <p><i>Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</i></p> <p>tonon@unhcr.org</p>	<p>The following points were identified as key points to keep in mind in 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Revise the referral pathway</li><li>→ More engagement with the MLSP</li><li>→ Better reporting mechanism</li><li>→ Follow up on engagement of OPDs with other actors</li><li>→ Trainings for humanitarian stakeholders</li><li>→ Support other sectors (establish a technical working group for specific supports)</li><li>→ Engagement of refugees with disabilities</li><li>→ Communication materials</li></ul>	<p>Alberto will share the draft version for the Work Plan 2024 to allow DATF member to provide inputs</p>



	→ More visibility of our work	
Conclusion / AOB	<p>Alberto raised 2 questions to the members that members approved without any concern from any member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Frequency of the meetings: to move from monthly to 5 or 6 weeks meetings</li><li>- Inclusion of HelpAge as co-lead of the Task Force together with Keystone and OHCHR/UNHCR</li><li>- Alberto will share the workplan 2024 for partner to comments and input</li></ul>	<p>Alberto to add Daniele in the co-lead</p> <p>Alberto to share workplan for 2024 for partner to comment</p>