

# Food Security Working Group (FSWG) | Meeting minutes

Meeting Details	
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>05.06.2024, 16:00-17:00</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Grigore Guzun, Programme Officer, WFP Moldova- <a href="mailto:grigore.guzun@wfp.org">grigore.guzun@wfp.org</a>
<b>Co-chair</b>	Alina Alexei, Programme Assistant, WFP Moldova- <a href="mailto:alina.alexei@wfp.org">alina.alexei@wfp.org</a>
Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Updates from the members</li> <li>3. AOB</li> </ol>	
Attendees:	Organization
Grigore Guzun	WFP
Alina Alexei	WFP
Almothana Hasan	Acted (BNWG)
Daniele Pedretti	HelpAge
Diana Taran	ACF
Shadi Seifeldine	WVI
Hortense Leclercq-Olhagaray	We World
Ivan Ivancev	Hope4

Agenda point	Discussion	Actions
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting began with a round of introductions, allowing attendees to introduce themselves and their respective organizations.</li> </ul>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WFP:</b> is currently providing snacks and hot meals at the Palanca and Otaci borders and delivering three hot meals per day/per person in RACs through their implementing partners, Helpage and ACF.</li> <li>• <b>Helpage Moldova:</b> On behalf of WFP, has successfully distributed three hot meals to 2,200 beneficiaries across 35 Refugee Accommodation Centers (RACs) and one TAC. Among these, seven RACs received vouchers, while the remaining 28 were provided with catering services. Additionally, three more RACs are scheduled for closure in June.</li> <li>• <b>ACF:</b> In partnership with WFP, has been actively distributing hot meals and snacks at both the Palanca and Otaci borders for refugees using the humanitarian bus. Specifically, 207 snacks and 164 hot meals were distributed at Otaci, while 252 snacks and 238 hot meals were distributed at Palanca. There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of people crossing the borders in May.</li> <li>• <b>Hope4</b> is continuing their support through their warehouse. Hope 4 assisted 635 people in May with food boxes, primarily containing canned food. This support will continue into the next month. Hope 4 utilizes its internal database, which has around 404,000 people registered, sending invitations to those who did not receive support in the previous month.</li> </ul>	<p>For additional information or inquiries, please contact Grigore at <a href="mailto:Grigore.guzun@wfp.org">Grigore.guzun@wfp.org</a></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>We World</b> continues its fresh food distribution program, serving 2,000 households per week across three different points in Chisinau, operating three times a week. The program mainly targets Ukrainian refugees (approximately 85%), with the remainder being vulnerable local families. This effort is complemented by Global Medic, which provides dry food.</li> <li>• <b>WVI:</b> has been involved in two main activities. For Activity One, which involves hosting households, they completed verification for round 13, targeting 6,930 households and reaching 4,910 eligible beneficiaries, with assistance ending on May 28th. Additionally, 4,833 households were tracked during the month. For Activity Two, which focuses on capacity strengthening, 247 participants received training between April and May, achieving 100% of the target population for this period. The total distributed under this activity since January is 1,650,500 USD DOPS. WV is also continuing the cash for work intervention to support residents inside RACs, involving 61 volunteers. The cash for training program ended on June 4th, targeting 28 beneficiaries who will now be assigned to partner centers. Vouchers for food and hygiene are being distributed across Moldova to the most vulnerable host communities and refugees, benefiting 750 households as of the end of March. WV noted the need for precise data on the number of refugees in Moldova, estimated to be between 118,000 and 120,000.</li> <li>• <b>Acted (BNWG)</b> has no major updates but confirmed that the three RACs previously announced at BNWG meeting will close in June, along with Group F receiving a closure notification. Details regarding the movement of people will be provided once concrete information is available. Acted mentioned that some partners are providing cash for rent support, and refugees are either being reallocated to other RACs or finding alternative accommodations. Approximately 500 refugees from 2024 will now follow the MSLP rule, allowing them to stay only for 90 days unless they fall under the vulnerability criteria.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helpage mentioned a report titled "I Go to Sleep on an Empty Stomach," which focuses on the nutritional needs of older people in humanitarian crises. Helpage requested 20 minutes in the next meeting to present this research, noting similarities in the nutritional status and needs of older people in Moldova and other countries. It was agreed that Helpage would present this at the next meeting.</li> <li>• All FSWG meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The upcoming meeting is scheduled for <b>July 2, 2024.</b></li> </ul>	