



## Refugee Information Management Working Group, Moldova

### Meeting Notes #2

**Meeting Start Time: 3/17/2022, 2:00 PM**

**Location: Microsoft Teams (online).**

**Chaired by UNHCR (Milindi Illangasinghe & Mariann Urban)**

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#### Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Population data (stock, flow)
3. 5Ws
4. CODs (Common Operation Datasets)
5. [Operational Data Portal \(ODP\)](#)

6. Agency updates on assessments and assessment registry
7. Rapid Needs Assessment
8. AOB

### Population Data Stock

- UNHCR presented its plan to ensure consistent population figures are captured in country. UNHCR is in close coordination with government authorities, particularly the board guards to gather information on population movement (flow figures)
- To gather population data on static (stock figures), UNHCR will be partnering with REACH to undertake the following activities:
  - Area-Based Monitoring - Periodical assessments of areas (towns, neighbourhoods/municipalities) where refugee populations are residing
  - Site Mapping – Identification of sites housing refugees (collective, planned, unplanned)
  - Site Monitoring – Periodic sectorial assessments of the sites involving inputs from the sectors/working groups
- The community level information will be complemented with other refugee data from HH surveys and assessments to provide an overall picture of the displacement scenario. UNHCR will present the findings from the population data exercises to all IMWG members and make the data and analysis available through the UNHCR data portal for Moldova (to be established soon).
- UNHCR population data and figures are published on the [Ukraine situation view on the Operational Data Portal](#). A dedicated sub-location page for the Republic of Moldova is being developed and will be accessible to all partners for the purpose of data sharing and dissemination. The portal is publicly accessible.
  - o Note: The sub-location page for the Republic of Moldova has been published [here](#).
- IOM and UN Women launched a joint initiative to track displacement patterns, intentions and needs of displaced populations. Following internal review, the data resulting from this exercise will be shared with partners

### 5W

- Feedback received from partners following the dissemination of a 5W template has been incorporated, including drop-down lists of activity categories provided by sector leads. The adjusted template is being populated with information already received and will be disseminated among all partners shortly.

### COD (Common Operational Datasets)

- All partners engaged in the emergency response are strongly encouraged to utilize Common Operational Data Sets (COD), especially for GIS related activities. This includes uniform P-codes and names of locations.
- Subnational Administrative Boundaries for the Republic of Moldova can be found on HDX [here](#)
- Various categories of GIS datasets, including administrative boundaries, are available on UNHCR's Operational Data Portal [Geoservices page](#). The datasets can be downloaded in different formats, however, wherever possible, the use of the API is strongly recommended

### Operational Data Portal (ODP)

- A [Ukraine situation view](#) is accessible on the Operational Data Portal, featuring displacement figures and key resources. The Operational Data Portal is a data dissemination tool accessible to the public.
- Dedicated sub-location pages for Ukraine's neighbouring countries receiving refugees are being developed, with the Moldova sub-location page being accessible [here](#)
- The ODP has a Working Group page function, which allows for sector-specific sub-pages for data dissemination, meeting schedule, and contact list. Using the Operational Data Portal Working Group function for the IMWG is being suggested by UNHCR.
- Document upload requires an account on the Portal, which can be created for Working Group members as required

### Agency updates on assessments and assessment registry

- To avoid duplication and enable identification of gaps in assessment, the group is working on an Assessment Registry. Working Group members are encouraged to share information on assessments undertaken by them.
- UNDP shares details on several assessments undertaken and planned:
  - o Income simulation exercise to assess the potential impact of the situation on household
  - o Assessment on impact of the situation on the wider economy in the region and different economic sectors
  - o Planned for the week of 21 March: Joint data collection exercise with Monday.com and the border police at the Palanca border crossing. The pilot aims to register 30% of the refugees crossing this border in 72 hours and to gather data on their needs for the improvement of services. Outcomes of this exercise will be shared with the IMWG once available
    - Presentation by Monday.com available here: [Moldova & monday.com - Prezentări Google](#)
- TWB (Translators Without Borders) share the link of Questions and guidance around relevant languages for the context in needs assessments: <https://translatorswithoutborders.org/language-questions> as well the link of their community Translation Partnership program <https://clearglobal.org/partner-with-us/ukraine-appeal/>

### Rapid Needs Assessments (RNA)

- UNHCR is considering conducting a Rapid Needs Assessment. All sectors are encouraged to feed into the design of this exercise.
- REACH recommends reviewing gaps in the available information first, before conducting a new needs assessment.

### Next IMWG meeting scheduled for Thursday, 24 March 2022

