Emergency Response to Ukraine Situation
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NFF Inter-Agency Meeting (#02)

Discussion Points

Opening

- Lachin Hasanova (Snr. Inter-Agency Coordinator): Swift action is ongoing, need to support the remarkable efforts of the Government and humanitarian community. Refugee coordination is being set up, with close cooperation with the Government.
- 5W to be shared to be filled in by sectors.
- Nexus links established, development partners are on board

Data & Refugee Statistics

- Alice Farmer, Protection Coordinator shared a PPT with the latest data.
- Lars Lonnback (IOM): Agreeing with figures, starting to look at gender breakdown.
  - IOM DTM, also looking at TCN (refugee data from UNHCR, TCN source is IOM)
- Roland/Alic: looking at data onwards, in the making is the Green Corridor Programme, moving people from Moldova straight to Romania. This will be voluntary, people who want to move to the EU they can. Counselling is important, to ensure everyone fleeing Ukraine has access to the right information.
- Shadi Ameen (ACTED Team Leader): working with UNHCR to organize bus transportation to hosting sites and stations, and to border with Romania. People are aware of their destination before departure. Maps are shown before departure and they know where they are going.

Coordination
Above is the proposed coordination structure, under discussion with Government.

Dima Al-Khatib (UNDP): Livelihoods, now as Solution: can we discuss this. Also, work in coordination in UNCT should be used too. Other actors also will feed into the crisis cell, how to integrate.

Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women Rep): Proposing to consider a Gender in Humanitarian Action Working Group, cross-cutting to all.

Bertrand Blanc (UNHCR): the above chart has been shared with the Government for inputs. It is endorsed by the Government, working on the merging process with existing coordination structures. It is now about fine-tuning different sectors. This chart will be upgraded as we move further. On Livelihood: this is moved to Solutions. It’s an anticipatory sector, for what we do after the emergency. UNDP will have a strong role to play. Taskforce and Sector are overlapping in terms of goals, so good to have a discussion about this. On UN Women: let’s try to find a way to include, a Task Force could be an option (should not be too heavy). Gender is priority, as for PSEA too. Protection will take lead on PSEA, hope INGO will come into this structure (now with UN Women, UNFPA and UNHCR).

Manuel Etter (Swiss rapid response, supporting SDC): structure is clear and makes sense. Would like to request if you can indicate where new teams can provide 5W information, for us to share the relevant info.

Bogdan Danila: we need to work on ToRs for working groups. Lachin: this will be done.

Carla Melki (MSF): it is not clear who is doing what where.

SDC: LNOB issues to be taken into account: Roma refugees (incl. without IDs) who reportedly are sometimes being refused support. Also, PwD in need of special assistance. Protection will respond.

EUCPT: setting up an office in Moldova. Ready to cooperate with the structure, channel EU assistance into this response.

Miljana (WHO Rep): There are two focal points, UNHCR will be distributing information on coordination. Needs Assessment tool also created.

Stela (WHO): Health Sector meeting is happening this week. How registration will be discussed, as well as the process from the Ministry.

Virginia VILLARARRIBAS (WFP), new Country Director ai in Moldova. WFP is working in Logistics, or CBT, food and telecommunications. We might need to look at ECT.
- Nigina (UNFPA Rep): we have now a joint mission with UNHCR-UNFPA to borders and displacement centers, which will fit in SHR and GBV work to be done. Referring back on Health response: fully support in terms of coordinating, we have to look how we establish referral mechanisms and services. On GBV sub-working group: we are trying to engage civil society and ministry of labour and social protection. We want to come with already complete vision next week, we will keep you informed.
- Suggestion: share calendar of meetings, with Lachin. We can consolidate and share with others.
- Larisa Virtosu (UNICEF): Education Working Group is functional. We already have specific objectives, including estimates, which can be shared. Our meetings will be on Fridays.

Alice Farmer – Protection Cluster Coordinator

- Sharing protection overview: needs are significant, people arriving are already in fragile position. From border points there are transit centers, and third the people who are in the communities. We need to include these people displaced in the communities. Lack of food, lack of shelter, child friend friendly space. We need to deliver on basic needs. Also, there’s a stark need for information sharing to people of concern. We are also lacking a structure for people of vulnerable groups, including with GBV lens, medical cases, little framework, also CP. Demographics does not include not many men, need to look at identification and referral. Cash programming has started, legal partners at border are doing 24/7 monitoring, but we really need to increase this. ACTED is increasing transportation. Had an initial batch of NFI, more coming.
- Protection Working Group is to meet tomorrow.

Jeremy Wetterwald – REACH Mapping

- REACH support UNHCR with the IM work. Some initial findings:
Hanna Mattinen

Cash Working Group has been set up with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. The CWG already met last week and will meet again on Friday this week. Invitation will follow.
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Hi everyone, here is the Protection Working Group mailing list link for those willing to receive meeting invitations, minutes, and other tools:
https://forms.gle/i5B7kqyNhQHZYLVD9
Moldova Protection Working Group Mailing List
Please fill in this form to subscribe to the Protection WG and the sub-working groups under it.
ACTED: assessment launched, started to coordinate with local NGOs, working on transportation, also planning to coordinate with local NGOs to do IM. Coordinating with authorities. More activities to be planned, in coordination with UNHCR and others.
Reporting / RPP
Simon Springett: women figures, need to find quick practical solutions and operational work. Government has been quick
Kathleen Solidarite: we need to start as soon as possible. We need to get accreditation. How to help.