

INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOODS

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Temporary homes and temporary jobs for the refugees from Ukraine that cross the border to Moldova

More than 260 refugees from Ukraine found jobs in Moldova. Some of them continue to do similar activities to those in their hometown, while others should change their specialization. Galina, a refugee from Ukraine, lives in Soroca city now, in the North of the Republic of Moldova, having a temporary home and a temporary job.

She worked in Ukraine as an accountant for seven years. In the first days of the war, Galina and her family fled Ukraine. They found shelter in Soroca to live, and with the help of a local NGO, Galina obtained employment documents and was hired at a local garment factory.

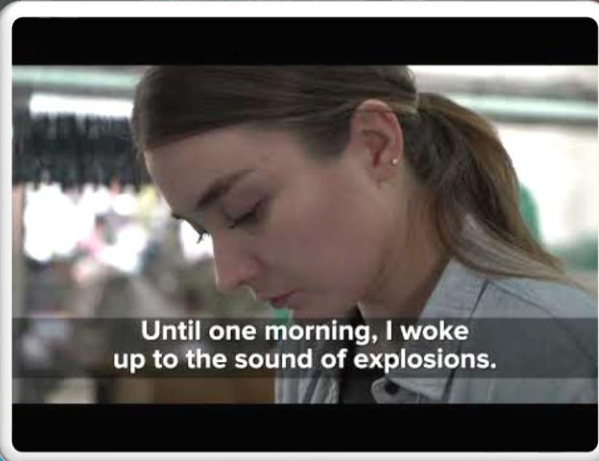
"Now I have to earn a living and do something else. And time passes faster if you have a job and don't wait. My new colleagues are compassionate, helped me, explained and showed me what to do." says Galina. Her new colleagues appreciate her dedication to work and help her to succeed.

Like Galina, dozens of other refugees have benefitted from legal aid, helping people obtain identity documents, seek employment, and enroll their children in school or kindergartens.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, more than 400 refugees have received legal aid and psycho-social support from "DACIA" Youth Resource Center in Soroca. The NGO is a member of the Regional Dialogue Platform for Access to Justice, supported by UNDP Moldova and with the financial support of Sweden.



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The **Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group** is one of several Working Groups of the country-level refugee coordination structure set up by the **Government of Moldova** and **UNHCR**, with participation of a wide array of public and private, central and local institutions and stakeholders in the context of the Ukraine refugee crisis. The Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group is **chaired by the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova** and **UNDP**. The mandate of the WG is to enable a coordinated approach among partners working on livelihoods and inclusion topics, articulate and complement each other's work and allow for **a coherent response in line with the mandate of each organization**. The work undertaken by the Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group is a **prime example of the humanitarian – development nexus**: addressing crisis response needs, while considering longer-term resilience-building priorities that benefit refugees, returning migrants and host communities.

Updates on inclusion and livelihoods interventions by our members

- **UN Women** is integrating refugees into ongoing STEM/ICT education and jobs activities and give access to pre-accelerator/accelerator programs to access business development and employment opportunities. Refugees residing in the Transnistria region receive targeted support from UN Women to access services, counseling, information, and other current needs.
- **Monday.com in partnership with UNDP** piloted a data collection exercise (survey) at the Palanca border crossing point and designed a platform to store and analyze the data. In 72 hours, over 320 refugees registered within the platform. The data can be used by the National Employment Agency and Migration and Asylum Bureau for further action and communication with the refugees.
- **UNDP** launched a funding competition for digital solutions for accessing public services dedicated to refugees from Ukraine who have come to Moldova. The selected solutions will be funded by a maximum of \$40,000, but not more than 50% of the total value of the proposal.
- Through the EU funded Confidence Building Programme and Cross-river Cooperation Platform, **UNDP** conducted a needs assessment of the educational and psychological needs of the children refugees. Recreational activities for 40 children from both banks located in refugee centers (teachers, psychologists, animators) on both banks were conducted.
- **The European Union** provided €100,000 through its “EU4Moldova: Focal Regions” Programme, **implemented by UNDP and UNICEF**, to support the local authorities of Cahul and Ungheni to immediately respond to the needs of refugees from Ukraine arriving in the Republic of Moldova.
- **ILO** is planning the design and implementation of Local Employment Partnerships (LEPs) for the integration of refugees and other disadvantaged groups in 4 districts in Moldova.
- **FAO** is planning to provide cash to refugees and host families for the purchase of agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilizers. The estimated needs amount to 3 million USD for 2022, and this funding envelope is yet to be mobilized.
- **ACTED** is planning to employ 20 Ukrainian refugees currently living at Moldexpo and 3 other RACs in Chisinau for sorting the items at the Moldova Film warehouse.

What do we do?

- ☞ We enable a **coordinated approach** among the members of the Working Group, and with other Working Groups
- ☞ We support the implementation of coordinated **needs assessments** of refugees and host communities
- ☞ We help **identify solutions** to provide livelihoods for refugees through economic inclusion, for instance through access to formal labour markets, promotion of entrepreneurship and economic opportunities
- ☞ We **advocate for the positive impact** that inclusion can have on refugees and host communities
- ☞ We **help build partnerships** with the non-governmental and private sectors for implementation of intervention

Contact us: The Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group meets every Wednesday from 1 to 2 PM Chişinău time on Zoom: <https://undp.zoom.us/j/83411777112>. Meeting ID: 834 1177 7112. For any questions you may have regarding the Working Group, please reach out to Ms. Ioana Creitaru at ioana.creitaru@undp.org.

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