

Third Coordination meeting in Otaci – 12.04.22

Participants: ACTED, MSF, Boat Refugee Foundation, Major and vice Major Otaci, IOM (GBV specialist and border management issues), border police.

Agenda points

1. Context updates
2. Referral pathway workshop
3. Contingency Planning

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<p><b>Context updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>IOM:</b> First time they are joining the meeting. They are planning to do community level protection monitoring. They already have persons from Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) conducting surveys in the area.</li> <li>- They are partnering with local NGOs for prevention of trafficking and providing information on this issue, as border police told them there was a gap on information. Their local partners have done GBV before, so this is something they are planning to have a look in.</li> <li>- They also are planning to provide CBI, because they have heard from a national partner there is need to provide cash assistance. ACTED clarified that they are providing cash assistance at the region, so there is a need to coordinate these actions. The cash-based assistance is very organized and there has been good coordination also with the national level with the cash working group.</li> <li>- <b>Mayor’s office:</b> They don’t report significant changes from last week. They continue to work with people located in the area by providing information and registering them. The registration is done by their social assistant. A new registration center was opened in Donduseni, they are directing persons there.</li> </ul> <p><b>UNHCR:</b> Shares that the cash program started. Also, a meeting was held with Ocnita mayor’s office with the person responsible for social issues and the deputy mayor. They recognize that they know only where certain part of the population is but for the rest of the people we don’t know where they are and it is difficult to</p>	

	<p>map them. The municipality raised the issue that they would like directions from the national level on how they can do the mapping of where people are.</p>	
<p><b>Information provided to refugees</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor:</b> people are not eager to get registered because they are not planning to apply asylum or want to be recognized as refugees. Major thinks that registration should be done at the central level.</p> <p>Mayor says that the strategy should be through spreading information because they think that the registration entails refugee status and not refugee assistance. And they think that if they are registered, they need to stay in Moldova when they want to go to another country.</p> <p>Persons are mixing the refugee status and the temporary protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal is to improve how the information is spread regarding the cash assistance and the enrollment process.</li> <li>- Major suggests having information in general about all the services available in the country, not only in Otaci because if people want to move on.</li> </ul> <p><b>MSF:</b> There's a lot of organizations with information and the messages are presented in different ways and not necessarily understandable for persons crossing the border. The main need is to get information organized and finding a way of grouping them.</p> <p>MSF worked on an overview of the services provided by organizations working at the border to make it easier for people to understand.</p> <p>Organizations agreed suggest (based on conversation with border police) streamlining the information AFTER people cross the border to decongest the border. Border police are suggesting the possibility to move the 2 tents that are closer to the border, to allow a more normalized process in the border, sort of like an information point.</p> <p>IOM plans to discuss this with the CCCM colleagues.</p> <p>MSF suggests that someone (IOM or UNHCR) comes and do <b>site planning</b> at the border and provide advice to the local administration. A suggestion would be the parking lot.</p> <p>Organizations clarified that they've met today and organized themselves on the provision of services happening at the border, so that they reception of persons would be more organized.</p>	<p>Information: Work on the messaging and take to the cash working group to WFP.</p>

<b>Referral pathways</b>	The workshop to follow up the referral pathways (CP and GBV) will be carried out Thursday April 14 <sup>th</sup> , at 2 pm at the district's office.	
<b>Contingency planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The organizations present in Otaci have completed their contingency scale-up possibilities, to be shared with the local authorities. IOM will add their inputs to the joint document.</li> <li>- The organizations present at Otaci have already done a mapping of their scale up possibilities in case of the contingency; they worked with the rayon government. IOM will include their services in the mapping.</li> </ul>	IOM will provide inputs to the services mapping, within 2 or 3 days?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The mayor will invite the mayor of Unguri to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	