

Assessment & Analysis meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time: 19-Apr-2022, 3:00 PM
Location: Microsoft Teams (online).
Chaired by REACH & UNHCR

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Agenda:

1. **Update on Light MSNA**
2. **Update from IOM**
3. **Schedule of future meetings**

Update on Light Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA)

- REACH briefed on the way organizations can participate in defining the information to be collected through the MSNA. The Sectors will be the framework for organizations to participate. The Sector leads are responsible for ensuring consultation with sectoral partners to ensure there is a sector-wide endorsement of the existing information gaps that the MSNA will fill. This point is being emphasized in this weeks sector coordination meetings.
- There was a discussion on the extent host families will be included in the MSNA. The currently plan is to collect information on the needs of refugees living outside of RACs in host communities. The needs and concerns of families who are NOT hosting refugees will not be included as part of the MSNA
- An important part of preparing for the MSNA is compiling a baseline understanding of where refugee households are staying. There is no comprehensive information source for this.
 - o Information is available on the overall number of refugees likely to be staying in Moldova.
 - o Information on the roughly 4,000 staying in the RACs is available from REACH's site monitoring.
 - o There is data available from the Government (Crisis Centre) on the number of refugees staying in villages, outside of RACs. This represents about 19,000 refugees and the assumption is that these are refugees living in rural communities.
 - o There is a remaining gap for those (roughly 65,000) refugees outside of RACs but staying in more urban areas. This is an information gap that needs to be urgently filled. Potential sources could be NRC (see below), UNDPs joint project with CALM, Cash programming, etc.
- NRC briefed on their UDOC project which was informed by a pilot and data collection exercise in Cahul. Information collected will inform the design and approach of activities focusing on community engagement, information provision, service mapping and referrals for refugees living in the hosting community

Update from IOM

- **IOM** briefed about a number of their ongoing activities, including:
 - o Flow monitoring: in collaboration with **UNWomen** enumerators interview refugees and third-country nationals at two border crossings with Ukraine, two border crossings in Romania, and three transit locations in Chisinau. Reports are issued on origin, intentions and basic needs of refugees and TCNs (more on this below). This week, surveys with refugees and TCNs who return to Ukraine have also started in 2 BCPs.
 - o Community-based protection monitoring: IOM along with UNHCR and other Protection Working Group partners are conducting community-based protection monitoring at key locations across the country. This data will be compiled, analyzed and shared by the Protection working group.
 - o Transnistria: IOM in collaboration with UNICEF and others supports assessment in support of ongoing livelihood and trust-building activities in the Transnistria region. Next joint visit on 27 April.
- **IOM** and **REACH** also discussed plans to align more closely their border monitoring activities, namely:
 - o IOM and REACH, with the support of the IMWG, are working to harmonise their border monitoring data collection tool
 - o Once the harmonised tool is deployed, IOM and REACH plan to combine their datasets and eventually produce a joint output detailing the findings from their respective border monitoring exercises

Discussion about future meetings

- There was a discussion about the desired frequency of future meetings. Different options were put forth and discussed. In the end the group agreed to have a meeting every two weeks, with the next meeting planned for 3 May.
- Nevertheless, the meeting chat is always open and available to ask questions to the group or share documents. The assessment registry is our tool for sharing basic information about who is assessing what, where. Finally, if there is a need for a more frequent meeting we can call one.

Next Assessment & Analysis meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 3 May 2022