

MOLDOVA: GENDER TASK FORCE MEETING

Meeting Details	
Date	15 April 2022
Time	10:00 – 11:30
Venue	Zoom
Chair	Ms. Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women), Ms. Collen Roberts (UNCHR)
Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of new members • Presentation of MSN assessment by the IMWG • Updates from MSWG, updates from GTF members • Discussion on co-chairing • Review of RRP indications • Discussion of the draft GTF work plan • AOB 	

Participants			
#	Name	Organization	Function
1	Lachin Hasanova	UNHCR	Senior Interagency Coordination Officer
2	Colleen Roberts	UNHCR	Gender-Based Violence Officer
3	Elena Maria Calix Tejeda	UNHCR	Interagency Coordination Officer
4	Diego Nardi	UNHCR	Interagency Coordination Officer
5	Dominika Stojanoska	UN Women	Country Representative
6	Svetlana Andries	UN Women	Programme Specialist
7	Jo-Anne Bishop	UN Women Regional Office	Coordination Specialist, UN Women ECA RO
8	Ekram El-Huni	UN Women Regional Office	Regional Programme Coordinator and Humanitarian Advisor

9	Ala Negruta	UN Women Regional Office	Statistics Specialist
10	Tatiana Udrea	UN Women	Programme Manager, WEE
11	Victoria Ignat	UN Women	Programme Analyst, WIL
12	Emilia Rusu	UN Women	Programme Officer
13	Evghenia Hiora	UN Women	Project Officer
14	Cristina Lesnic	UN Women	Lead Gender Expert
15	Renata Grădinaru	UN Women	Field Consultant
16	Iuliana Bordeianu	UN Women	Field Consultant
17	Ela Rotari	UN Women	Field Consultant
18	Olesea Perean	UNDP	
19	Galina Leșco	WHO	Gender Based Violence Consultant and Head of Youth Friendly Health Center Neovita
20	Svetlana Mirca	State Chancellery	Lead Consultant in Direction of Coordination for Human Rights and Social Dialogue
21	Lilia Pascal	Department of Policies for Ensuring Equality between Women and Men, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection	Head of Department
22	Irina Banova	National Agency for Social Protection	Head of Agency
23	Mariana Ioga	National Agency for Social Protection	Head of Social Assistance and Rehabilitation Department
24	Dina Ciubotaru	HelpAge International	Programmes Coordinator
25	Valentina Bodrug Lungu	Gender-Centru	President
26	Nina Lozinschi	Gender Equality Platform	General Secretary of the Platform
27	Irina Luncasu	CALM	
28	Dina Cibotaru	Help Age International	
29	Irina Luncasu	CALM	
30	Edward Beswick	Reach	
31	Emma Matreniuc	NGO of People with Disabilities “Vivere”	
32	Liliana Palihovici	Institutum Virtutes Civilis	
33	Valentina Geamana	Protection Center “Victims of Violence”	
34	Olga Sturza		

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action items

Agenda/Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) presented meeting agenda and invited new members to present themselves. • Galina Lesco, Elena Maria Calix Tejeda, Edward Beswick, Ekram El-Huni presented themselves. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) briefly explained the purpose and tasks of the GTF – coordination, gender mainstreaming across all sectors of humanitarian response and exchange of information. 	
<p>Presentation of MSN assessment by the IMWG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Beswick (Reach) informed about the upcoming Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General objective - to support evidence-based humanitarian response in Moldova through the provision of multi-sectoral data about the needs and coping capacities of Ukrainian refugee households in the country. • Assessment will cover both RACs and households. • Research questions – demographic profiles, reported priority needs, coping and resilience capacities of Ukrainian refugee households, which household profiles have the highest needs. • Assessment is funded by ECHO and UNICEF. UNICEF is a key donor and partner in MSNA design. • It will be led by assessment and analysis working group, co-chaired by UNHCR. Reach is the implementing partner for the assessment. Most of working groups and cross-cutting task forces have already been contacted this week for inputs. • Timeline – initial sector inputs by 15 April, development of indicators and questionnaire by 21 April, sector comments on indicators by 28 April, finalization of inputs from sectors by 1 May, data collection to begin on 9 May, preliminary report by, final report by. • Sample size is currently under consideration. • GTF is invited to provide expert review of indicators and tools through the gender lens. • Galina Lesco (WHO) asked if the assessment will include host families. Answer: Host families will not be interviewed, but the assessment will provide a distinction among refugees living in private accommodations and across families. For the category living across families, we will have specific indicators to understand what the dynamics are. As a follow up to the MNSA, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place MSNA online for review and comments • Share the member list and map GTF members participation in other working groups • Share TOR, member list, inter-agency coordination structure with new members

<p>area-based assessments are planned to zoom in on particular locations with high refugee population with focus on capacities and perceptions of the host communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) explained that once the methodology arrives it will be placed online for joint contribution from the GTF members. • Ekram El-Huni (UN Women) mentioned that Reach is the key expert in undertaking MSNAs and thanked them for their involvement and early consultations with the GTF. • Lachin Hasanova (UNHCR) emphasized the importance of GTF gender mainstreaming into the MSNA from the onset. It is crucial to assure that gender is mainstreamed in the indicators and tools of the assessment from the very beginning and that a representative of the GTF attends the weekly Assessment and Analysis Working Group and channels gender perspective to all the discussions. 	
<p>Updates from MSWG, updates from GTF members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) provided updates from the last Inter-Agency Working Group, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection Working Group shared information on the development of the referral pathways for Gender Based Violence and Child Protection for all humanitarian workers. • Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group (GBVSWG) updated on the referral pathways and priorities. Dominika Stojanoska invited members of the GTF to join GBVSG meeting today at 14:00 to discuss GBV sub-group work plan and standard operating procedures on data sharing and protection. • Livelihood and Inclusion shared information on work done on the local level. • Information Management group shared information on MSN assessment. • Accommodation and Transport Working Group shared that 94 RACs hosting 3,880 refugees. • Health Working Group shared information about 9 emergency medical teams operating and technical groups organized twice per week. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed GTF members that UNHCR compiles an Inter-Agency Refugee Response Update twice a week and invited them to share information on their activities with evghenia.hiora@unwomen.org or Information Management Group every Wednesday and Friday by COB. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) renewed the invitation to the GTF members to join sector working groups, raise issues, participate in discussions and channel gender perspective thereto. She has also invited members from the sector working groups and the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTF members to share info with Evghenia Hiora on their activities • Convey a message on MSWG about gender FP attending GTF meeting • Include gender mainstreaming efforts to regular Inter-Agency Updates to UNHCR • Renew invitation to Gender Focal Points in working groups to attend GTF meetings

Inter-Agency working group to raise issues, if there are any.

- **Lachin Hasanova** (UNHCR) suggested Gender Focal Points from working groups to provide updates during GTF meetings on achievements, challenges and issues related to gender mainstreaming in particular sectors. It is important to make sure that gender is on agenda in sector working groups and is not limited solely to the GTF meetings.
- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) invited Colleen Roberts to provide update on gender mainstreaming in GBVSWG and suggested to renew the invitation on the next Inter-Agency Working Group meeting to other gender Focal Points in sectors to join GTF meetings.
- **Galina Leşco** (WHO) asked who coordinated GBVSWG. Answer: UNHCR and UNFPA, Colleen Roberts to be contacted at robertco@unhcr.org.
- **Colleen Roberts** (UNHCR) invited GTF members to join the GBVSWG and provided update on gender mainstreaming in GBVSWG. The group:
 - Finalizes referral pathways to the country level and the draft work plan that may be shared with the GTF.
 - Will have a meeting today to discuss the involvement of local women organisations on GBV survivors, clinical management of rape in Moldova.
 - Plans to review methodology for MSNA for GBV component on safety of refugee women and girls.
- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) suggested to discuss the cases of conflict related sexual violence and issue of the referral pathways with GBVSWG and OHCHR and flagged the importance of discussion of code of conduct for humanitarian workers engaged in the provision of cash assistance and of issues of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) stressed the importance of Gender Focal Points from the working groups participating in GTF meetings and providing brief updates.
- **Lachin Hasanova** (UNHCR):
 - Confirmed that the message to Gender Focal Points in working groups will be reinforced on the upcoming Inter-Agency Working Group meeting. Mainstreaming gender is a not stand-alone task.
 - Mentioned that for the upcoming RRP it is important to make sure that Gender Focal Points mainstream gender in every aspect of the plan – assessment, implementation, monitoring, and reporting for each sector.
 - Emphasized the importance of Weekly Inter-Agency Updates and asked sector leads to reflect gender mainstreaming works in their reports.

Discussion on co-chairing

- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) asked whether there was any interest, intention and possibility in co-chairing this group.
- **Liliana Palihovici** (Institutum Virtutes Civilis) asked about tasks, responsibilities and expectations from the co-chair and suggested to have one representative from one platform to co-chair.
- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) explained that UN Women covers the technical aspects of the meetings. Responsibilities of the co-chair will include setting up agenda, implement the work plan that we will jointly develop, meet the expectation of this group, take on some of urgent tasks, follow up with the members on division of labor, coordinate the whole work of this group and representation in other working groups.
- **Valentina Bodrug-Lungu** (Gender Equality Platform) informed that they would need to discuss this with the board of the platform and come back with the decision tentatively on Monday or Tuesday.
- **Liliana Palihovici** (Institutum Virtutes Civilis) suggested to nominate Nina Lozinschi as a co-chair, the General Secretary of the Platform for Gender Equality.
- **Nina Lozinschi** (Gender Equality Platform) thanked the GTF members for the nomination, confirmed her availability for this position and confirmed that the final decision would be communicated during the next week.
- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) emphasized the importance of having a co-chair from the national platforms.
- **Lachin Hasanova** (UNHCR) suggested to think of capacity development, specifically of training for Gender Focal Points and sector members on gender equality and specific checklists relevant to sectors.
- **Dominika Stojanoska** (UN Women) confirmed that the training and checklists are currently under elaboration and informed that more details and proposals will be communicated at the next GTF meeting. She also suggested to have a sub-group of the GTF working specifically on them.
- **Lilia Pascal** (Ministry of Labor and Social Protection) appreciated the idea of gender mainstreaming in all working groups and training on gender in humanitarian action and suggested to have gender-sensitive data in questionnaires and assessments for each sector.
- **Ekram El-Huni** (UN Women) highlighted that GTF needs to remain demand driven from the country level needs. Capacity building is indeed important, it needs to be practical. She

- Share ToR and work plan of the GTF with Platform for Gender Equality
- Share checklists
- Message to convey that GE FP need to be invited at early stage for review of methodology
- To come with proposal for training gender in humanitarian action

<p>confirmed that there already is a group at the regional level interested to involve in the capacity building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cristina Lesnic (UN Women) suggested to discuss refugee assistance sector trends to support government with expertise at GTF meetings. GTF could advise national authorities on risks, upcoming challenges and other crisis related issues. She asked whether inputs for amendment of national legislation with regards to 90-day stay for Ukrainian refugees will be discussed with the members of the GTF. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested to additionally discuss the content of the training with the regional office for it to be short, practical and useful and suggested GTF members to share topic suggestion and proposals, if any. • Agreed that discussion of trends is important and emphasized the need to have sector Focal Points attending GTF meetings to have a substantive discussion. 	
<p>Review of RRP indications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed that GTF needs to provide feedback for the Rapid Refugee Response by end of Monday COB and asked members if they have any inputs. • Valentina Bodrug-Lungu (Gender Equality Platform) asked if it was possible to have disaggregation for “# of individuals who receive cash assistance” as to have refugees and hosting families separately. Overall, it would be great to differentiate among assistance to refugees and local community for all indicators where possible. • Lachin Hasanova (UNHCR) informed that there was no room for many changes to the indicators under the RRP. Sector leads were asked to submit their targets by the end of Monday. As to the information on hosting families, this data will be reflected in the narrative part of the RRP. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed that the GTF will provide inputs and recommendations for consideration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share RRP indicators online document and GTF members to provide inputs for RRP by Monday noon • Consult RRP indicators with sector groups • Prepare note of acronyms for interpreters
<p>Discussion of the draft GTF work plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed that 0 draft work plan would be shared with GTF members and asked to provide feedback to be discussed next week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide feedback on working plan
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valentina Geamana (Protection Center “Victims of Violence”) asked if a refugee woman who is victim of violence is entitled to cash assistance and if so, how she could access it. Colleen Roberts informed that there was a cash assistance site at Moldexpo and suggested to be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise a question of women subject of conflict related sexual violence at

<p>contracted directly on this matter at robertco@unhcr.org, 0682 27 429. Lachin Hasanova provided a link to UNHCR resource center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) suggested to raise a question of women subject of conflict related sexual violence at the GBVSWG or Protection Working Group. • Lachin Hasanova (UNHCR) suggested to always mention what sector represented each of the members when speaking. 	<p>the GBVSWG or Protection Working Group.</p>
<p>Suggestions for the Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of co-chair • Discussion of work plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide agenda suggestions for next meeting.

The next meeting scheduled for 22 April 2022 from 10:00 -11:30 in [Zoom](#). Interpretation in Romanian and Russian will be provided.