

MOLDOVA: GENDER TASK FORCE MEETING

Meeting Details	
Date	22 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"> • Election of co-chair • Updates from Inter-Sector WG • Updates from members of GTF, issues to flag at sectoral WG • Review of MSNA methodology • 0 draft of checklist on gender mainstreaming in humanitarian action • Approval of workplan, discussion of Q2, division of responsibilities • AOB 	

Participants			
#	Name	Organization	Function
1	Dominika Stojanoska	UN Women	Country Representative
2	Svetlana Andries	UN Women	Programme Specialist
3	Ekram El-Huni	UN Women Regional Office	Regional Programme Coordinator and Humanitarian Advisor
4	Ala Negruta	UN Women Regional Office	Statistics Specialist
5	Emilia Rusu	UN Women	Programme Officer
6	Olga Stoler	UN Women	Coordination Officer
7	Evghenia Hiora	UN Women	Project Officer
8	Cristina Lesnic	UN Women	Lead Gender Expert

9	Renata Grădinaru	UN Women	Field Consultant
10	Iuliana Bordeianu	UN Women	Field Consultant
11	Ela Rotari	UN Women	Field Consultant
12	Colleen Roberts	UNHCR	Gender-Based Violence Officer
13	Elena Maria Calix Tejeda	UNHCR	Interagency Coordination Officer
14	Leona Weiher	UNHCR	Information Management
15	Olesea Perean	UNDP	
16	Svetlana Mirca	State Chancellery	Lead Consultant in Direction of Coordination for Human Rights and Social Dialogue
17	Lilia Pascal	Department of Policies for Ensuring Equality between Women and Men, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection	Head of Department
18	Mariana Ioga	National Agency for Social Protection	Head of Social Assistance and Rehabilitation Department
19	Valentina Bodrug Lungu	Gender-Centru	President
20	Nina Lozinschi	Gender Equality Platform	General Secretary of the Platform
21	Irina Luncasu	CALM	
22	Emma Matreniuc	NGO of People with Disabilities "Vivere"	
23	Liliana Palihovici	Institutum Virtutes Civilis	
24	Petru Lupu	Ministry of Labour and Social Protection	
25	Mariana Buruiana	Women Law Centre	Director
26	Sharifa Abdulaziz	Voice Amplified	
27	Becky Higgins	Plan International	Deployable Information Management Specialist
28	Inna Grinco		

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action items

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Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) presented meeting agenda and invited new members to present themselves. • Leona Weiher (UNHCR) presented herself. 	
Election of co-chair	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) informed that the Platform for Gender Equality nominated her to co-chair the GTF. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) asked if there were any objections to this nomination and confirmed unanimous election of Nina Lozinschi as co-chair of GTF. She thanked Colleen Roberts for co-chairing the first meetings of the GTF. • Coleen Roberts thanked UN Women for the creation of the GTF and acknowledged the importance of CSOs chairing and participating in it. She confirmed that she would remain in the group as the representative of the GBV SWG and that UNHCR will continue supporting gender mainstreaming across all sectors of humanitarian action. 	
<p>Updates from MSWG</p> <p>Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) provided updates from the last Inter-Agency Working Group, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population data updates: 412 088 Ukrainians entered since 24 February 2022, 97,026 staying in Moldova (slight increase), 254,033 moving on to Romania, 53,974 returning to Ukraine, 40% are women, 10% men, 25% girls, 25% boys. • Child Protection informed that there was important progress on identification, assistance and monitoring of children at risk - child protection support deployed to the border 24/7 in Palanca. Otaci, Leuseni and Sculeni are to follow. 5 blue dots rolled out in Otaci, Palanca, Moldexpo, Leuseni, Sculeni as one stop hub for all refugees. They provide Identification and referral of children at risk, psychosocial support, legal aid and counselling, information and advice desks and child and family friendly spaces. • Roma Task Force has been established. • Disability Task Force has been established. An advocacy plan has been elaborated. • Education Working Group informed that only 1,800 were enrolled in formal education system out of 40,000 children staying in Moldova. • World Food Programme provides hot meals in the centers and cash assistance to host families. UNHCR provides cash assistance to refugees. Cash assistance to family businesses hosting refugees has been raised at the Cash Working Group and is pending solution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share MoM from the ISWG • To share Information about Roma and Disability Task Forces • To share presentation about cash assistance to refugees
<p>Updates from members of GTF, issues to flag at sectoral WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) invited GTF members to inform of issues to be flagged at the upcoming sectoral WGs. • Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) informed about the problem of refugee women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To communicate Health Working Group the issues raised

<p>consuming alcohol. In Moldova women do not have access to alcohol treatment programmes, the latter being limited to men, and it is not clear how to provide them with the respective services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Buruiana (Women Law Centre) flagged that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are difficulties in identifying health services for cancer patients. Currently there are no referral pathways for such cases in place. While managers of the RACs and the representatives of the LPA are not aware of the possible course of action, the local health service is not in contact with the national health service. The State Secretary, Zinaida Bezverhni, currently coordinates the provision of health services to refugees. • There is an issue with access to mental health services for refugees. Phone numbers are not correctly displayed on the respective websites and not all of them are functional. • Cristina Lesnic (UN Women) flagged that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees with chronic diseases (diabetes, epilepsy, etc.) have difficulties receiving compensated drugs as the family doctors do not have clear instructions from the Ministry of Health. • Shelter managers are not trained to interact with service providers and currently limit their accountability to just providing shelter and food. Shelter managers need to be trained on interaction and collaboration with various service providers. • Becky Higgins (Plan International) informed that Plan International and UNFPA have done a presentation on the risks and gaps for adolescent girls that will be shared with the members of the GTF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan International to share presentation on risks and gaps for adolescent girls
<p>Review of MSNA methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) invited GTF members to review and provide written feedback on methodology for the Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment by 25 April to be jointly discussed in a Zoom meeting on 26 April, 13:30. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share the MSNA methodology with the GTF • GTF members to finalize MSNA methodology review by 26 April
<p>0 draft of checklist on gender mainstreaming in humanitarian action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checklist on gender mainstreaming was elaborated for each sector and would contain concrete gender-sensitive sector-specific recommendations for assessment, strategic planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share the checklist with the GTF • GTF members to provide inputs by 4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 draft checklist would be shared with GTF members alongside with an ask to provide inputs by 4 May to be later discussed. • It was important to scrutinize the checklist against the local context. • Deadline for GTF to provide inputs and feedback was by 4 May. • Next step would be to share the checklist with sector working groups for review and inputs. • Colleen Roberts (UNHCR) mentioned that elaboration of the checklist was a great and highly needed initiative. • Cristina Lesnic (UN Women) mentioned that the checklist was a comprehensive strategic document and suggested to have national authorities involved in its review. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) asked the GTF members to be nasty and do a proper scrutiny of the document, because it would influence the work of the group. • Ekram El-Huni (UN Women Regional Office) mentioned that this was an extremely useful exercise. GTF Moldova would be among the first in the region to place it out. Ukraine was in the process of elaborating similar document around the clusters. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) mentioned that review and inputs from the regional office would be highly appreciated. • Valentina Bodrug (Gender-Centru) mentioned that psychological aspects need to be added to the checklist and that it was important to consult with as many organisations as possible. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) mentioned that GTF would compile, clean and prepare the final version of the checklist for discussion at the meeting on 6 May 2022. 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTF to compile, clean and prepare the final version of the checklist for discussion at the meeting on 6 May 2022
<p>Approval of workplan, discussion of Q2, division of responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evghenia Hiora (UN Women) briefly presented the draft of the GTF workplan. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited GTF members to lead or co-lead activities under the current work plan. • Invited Nina Lozinschi to scrutinize the plan and suggest changes or additions thereto. • Mentioned that it was necessary to broadly mobilize resources and budget them for the implementation of the plan. • Informed that deadline for finalization of work plan was by 27 April. • Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) mentioned that the Gender Equality Platform can be added as lead and supporting agency for Area 2 and 3. • Lilia Pascal (Ministry of Labor and Social Protection) mentioned that it would be important for the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection to be involved in the formulation of documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTF members to consider leading, co-leading and supporting activities under work plan • Nina Lozinschi to scrutinize the work plan

presented today.	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) proposed to decrease the periodicity of meetings to bi-weekly. • Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) suggested to have weekly meetings for the next two weeks to finalize important documents and switch to bi-weekly meetings afterwards. • Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) asked all GTF members to provide information about their activities on the ground as it was important to be visible as a group. • Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) informed that Gender Equality Platform would make an effort to share information about the activity of the platform on a regular basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTF members to provide regular updates on their activity on the ground
<p>Suggestions for the Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of work plan 	

The next meeting scheduled for 29 April 2022 from 10:00 -11:30 in [Zoom](#). Interpretation in Romanian and Russian will be provided.