

## Assessment & Analysis meeting

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Start Time: 03-May-2022, 3:00 PM**

**Location: Microsoft Teams (online).**

**Chaired by REACH & UNHCR**

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#### **Agenda:**

- **Introductions:**
- **Review of ongoing assessments**
- **Update on MSNA**
- **Contingency planning**

#### **Introductions**

- New colleagues from UNHCR, REACH and WFP were introduced and welcomed to the Assessment and Analysis group

#### **Update from IOM**

- **IOM** briefed about a number of their ongoing activities, including:
  - 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.

- 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.
  - 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:
  - IOM and REACH, with the support of the IMWG, are working to harmonise their border monitoring data collection tool
  - 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

#### **Review of ongoing assessments.**

- **UNHCR** briefed on the ongoing assessment and monitoring initiatives
- **Protection Profiling** has replaced border monitoring and is a JOINT initiative collecting information about the demographics, intentions, origins, and needs of those refugees crossing the borders and in key transit sites. IOM, Intersos, LCA, and UNHCR are all collaborating on this initiative. It features a single data collection form, joint analysis and a joint product.
- **RAC monitoring** REACH continues its great work providing daily updates on the occupancy and vacancy in all 90+ RACs. This is supplemented with more detailed weekly data collection looking at the specific facilities and capacity of the RACs. Weekly factsheets are produced.
- **Light MSNA** is progressing nicely. See below
- **Community-based Protection Monitoring** has completed its data collection and the summary of results is available [on a public dashboard](#). A joint analysis meeting between the participating agencies, is planned for 6 May.
- **Protection Monitoring** is an in-depth technical Protection tool for assessing the needs of individuals in need of protection services and is closely linked to various referral pathways. This is ongoing and led by the Protection Working Group.
- **UNDP/CALM** work is proceeding nicely on this initiative which will interview the mayors of every municipality and village to learn about the capacity for hosting refugees. Results are expected in 3 weeks.

#### **Update on the Light MSNA.**

- **REACH** provided a quick update on the ongoing preparation for the Light MSNA. This initiative will look at multi-sectoral needs for those refugees outside the RAC.
- The questionnaire is 95% finalized. All Sectors and relevant task forces, and sub-working groups have consulted widely and provided their priority data gaps and approved the questions on the questionnaire.
- The sampling methodology was discussed between REACH, UNICEF and UNHCR and will be finalized shortly.

- As planned, data collection is expected to begin in May.

### **Contingency planning.**

- **UNHCR** continued the discussion on what steps the IMWG (and A&A group) would take in the event of a major escalation of refugee entries into Moldova.
- In short, the plan is to continue with the assessment and monitoring tools that are already in place, strengthening where necessary.
- There was a brief discussion about planning for insecurity and displacement from Transnistria. This would have to be closely coordinated with the inter-sector coordination mechanism, but it is imagined that our existing suite of tools could be adapted to this scenario.
- **UNHCR** will share a brief note outlining these agreed actions.

**Next Assessment & Analysis meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 17 May 2022**