

INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOODS

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Refugees from Ukraine found comfortable workplaces and welcoming co-workers in Chisinau

Due to the war in Ukraine, the lives of millions of people changed overnight. Many Ukrainians were forced to leave their homes, being internally displaced or fleeing to neighboring countries searching for safe shelter. Refugees had to leave behind their loved ones and give up jobs, hobbies, and other things that their lives were made of.

Ana is one of the refugees from Mykolaiv that found a living and working space in Chisinau. She works in IT, and with the support of UN Women, she found a workspace that allows her to continue her professional activity and interact with other specialists in her field. "Initially, I was working from home, but I realized I wasn't comfortable doing so at some point. I needed a quiet environment and space. I decided to find a coworking space in Chisinau. That's how I ended up at iHUB. Here I met some warm-hearted and welcoming people. All of my co-workers support me and speak only well of my country," Ana says.

"All my co-workers support me and speak only well of my country. And shortly after I joined the iHUB team, I was offered support as part of 'Empowering Women Hubs Networks' project. I was deeply moved and am very grateful to iHUB and UN Women for this opportunity. I am happy and feel at home here. I have a comfortable workplace, as well as lots of valuable communication with my colleagues," added Ana.

Empowering Women Hubs Networks is a 10-month project to contribute to economic development by engaging more girls and women in promising sectors and promoting gender equality and women's empowerment via information and communication technologies. The project was initiated by UN Women and is implemented by SEED Forum with Swedish support, in partnership with TEKWIL, and funded by USAID and Sweden.

Discover the full story [here](#).

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The **Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group** is one of several Working Groups of the country-level refugee coordination structure set up by the **Government of Moldova** and **UNHCR**, with participation of a wide array of public and private, central and local institutions and stakeholders in the context of the Ukraine refugee crisis. The Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group is **chaired by the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova** and **UNDP**. The mandate of the WG is to enable a coordinated approach among partners working on livelihoods and inclusion topics, articulate and complement each other's work and allow for **a coherent response in line with the mandate of each organization**. The work undertaken by the Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group is a **prime example of the humanitarian – development nexus**: addressing crisis response needs, while considering longer-term resilience-building priorities that benefit refugees, returning migrants and host communities.

Updates on inclusion and livelihoods interventions by our members

- **WeWorld NGO** distributed 3,000 food bags to child refugees located in Chisinau and Criuleni districts. All products are procured and purchased from small local producers, so contributing to support local economy and livelihood activities. The products are healthy, child-friendly (biscuits, fruit juices, etc.) and easily “recognizable” by Ukrainian children, since they are similar to local Ukrainian products.

- With support of **UNDP** and **Sweden** within the “Strengthening efficiency and access to justice in Moldova” project, the **CRT Dacia NGO** provided hosting and meal services in Soroca city for six refugees from Ukraine for 33 days.
- **NGO Legal Clinic** from Comrat offered legal assistance to 11 refugees located in the South region of Moldova. The activity was developed with support of **UNDP** and **Sweden** within the “Strengthening efficiency and access to justice in Moldova” project.
- A multi-sectoral rapid assessment, focusing on protection, education, livelihoods, and social cohesion is planned to be organized this month by **WeWorld NGO**. The data will be collected from Criuleni and Gagauzia.

UN Women supports Local Public Authorities from Moldova to respond to the Refugees Crisis from Gender Perspective

10 rural communities
from **6 districts**

will receive support to address the essential needs of refugees hosted in private families

Value of support:

246, 020 MDL

Ialoveni

Bardar

Cahul

Colibasi

Anenii Noi

Hirbovat

Causeni

Taraclia

Edinet

Cupcini

Stefan Voda

Caplani, Rascaieti, Olanesti
Volintiri, Talmaza

515 refugees

Total number of beneficiaries



218 women

incl. 5 with disabilities and chronic diseases, 13 Roma women



48 men

incl. 4 with disabilities and chronic diseases and 5 Roma men



136 girls



113 boys

Equipping the Unique Refugee Crisis Response Cell for LPAs under CALM

Value of support: **100, 000 MDL**

The UN Women support funded by Sweden will be provided to communities in partnership with the Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova



Contact us

The Inclusion and Livelihoods Working Group meets every Wednesday from 1 to 2 PM Chişinău time on Zoom: <https://undp.zoom.us/j/83411777112>. Meeting ID: 834 1177 7112. For any questions you may have regarding the Working Group, please reach out to Ms. Ioana Creitaru at ioana.creitaru@undp.org.

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