

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOOD SECURITY SUB-WORKING GROUP: MOLDOVA

Date: 17 May 2022

### Agenda:

- 1) Operational update from members of the sub-working.
- 2) Coordination of coverage of food needs in:
  - a) Border crossings (contingency planning, emergency stocks).
  - b) Accommodation centers.
  - c) Host community.
- 3) Optimization of menu in RACs.
- 4) Donor visibility and upcoming field visits, if any.
- 5) AOB.

#### 1) Operational update from members of the sub-working group.

- The discussion is to identify the duration of operational presence in Moldova by organizations covering RACs with hot meal.
- WCK will keep covering 5 current RACs until the end of June with gradual scale down by mid of July.
- WFP has confirmed support of 40+ RACs with meals until the end of August.
- Solidarite International has informed about plan to cover their RACs until the end of August and more RACs, if required.
- CRS/Caritas can cover 10 current RACs until required and cover more RACs, if required.

#### 2) Coordination of coverage of food needs in:

##### a) Border crossings.

- The discussion is to coordinate among partners on food distribution in border crossing points and preparation for contingency provision of food to refugees in mass influx scenario.
- WFP currently has stopped provision of food refugees in transit locations (border crossing points, bus/train stations).
- WCK is continuing to provide hot meals in border crossings.
- In terms of contingency planning and stock piling, UNHCR has informed that this is task led by the Government of Moldova.
- Yet, WFP informed that some organizations have emergency stocks in different locations, and it shall be good to have contingency stocks (like AAH stock taking 1,000 food/NFI packages in Stefan Voda district, etc.) to be reflected in the 5W table administered by UNHCR.
- As for the emergency preparedness, there was a list of 28 RACs identified by Government as a standby for a mass influx. Also there are 5 locations for tented camp, as a last resort option under contingency planning.
- WFP is ready to cover 20 standby RACs for 2,900 people with 3xmeals per person/day for 10 days through CP ACTED as reflected in the FLA until the end of August 2022.
- For the rest 8 standby RACs for 1,180 people, WCK is ready to cover food requirements in mass influx scenario. Also, WCK might be covering tented camps with meals, should it be required.

##### b) Accommodation centers.

- The discussion is to coordinate and to ensure provision of minimum 3 meals per person/day coverage of refugees in government accredited RACs in Moldova.

- WFP has reminded about consultation with ANAS and overall WFP recommendation to all members of FSWG to keep 100 MDL/per person/day for on-site cooking RACs.
- WFP in team with support from REACH has conducted assessment of accredited RACs to check capacity to move from catered food to on-site cooking considering summer season food contamination risks and cost efficiency reasons.
- At the moment, from 45 RACs under WFP support, 15 centers are receiving vouchers from WFP (100 lei/person/day), 19 centers have challenges (need repair, kitchen equipment, staffing, certification, etc.) to move to on-site cooking and currently undergoing in-person assessment by WFP staff, while 11 centers will likely remain with catered food provision due to no kitchen/capacity to move to on-site cooking.
- UNHCR has asked ANAS to share the list of unaccredited RACs in Moldova and any plans to assess them and provide accreditation. It will be one discussion points at the meeting between UNHCR and ANAS.
- WFP has informed about meeting with ANSA and agreement reached to involve ANSA in assessment of RACs for certification and ongoing monitoring of RACs providing on-site cooking.

c) **Host community.**

- The discussion is to coordinate and avoid duplication when distributing in-kind assistance to refugees staying with host community in Moldova.
- ICRC as of last week has started distribution of in-kind assistance in target locations of the country.
- Caritas Czech Republic in Moldova is conducting donor mapping to assess and plan in-kind assistance to refugees in Moldova.
- Samaritan's Purse is providing in-kind assistance for refugees in host community. Separate coordination meeting to be organized among ICRC, Caritas and Samaritan's Purse to avoid any duplication.

**3) Optimization of menu in RACs.**

- The discussion is to meet the dietary diversity and nutritional requirements of different age group of refugees in RACs in Moldova.
- WFP as a chair of FS WG has received an official request from Management Crisis Center (CUGC) and ANAS in Moldova to diversify food provided in RACs to the needs of refugee children.
- WFP has met with CPs ACTED and HelpAge about gradual diversification of menu for catered food in RACs.
- For RACs with on-site cooking, administration of the RACs shall meet with refugees and in line with budget limitations diversify menu to the dietary requirements of children.
- WFP as a chair of FS WG is actively encouraging organizations providing meal in RACs to diversify the menu to children. WFP will send the letter from Management Crisis Center (CUGC) so members of FS WG also can discuss and diversify the menu to children.
- UNICEF colleague informed about National guidelines for nutrition and food dietary diversity for children in Moldova (2020). It will be also circulated among members of FS WG with minutes of the meeting to facilitate diversification of menu in RACs.

**4) Donor visibility.**

- WFP proposed to create shared folder for soft copy of visibility items and communication materials related to food security, WASH in RACs, cooking and safety rules in kitchen and canteen area.
- It will help to improve visibility of FS WG members in light with more and more VIP missions arriving to visit RACs.
- Communication/reporting staff of FS WG shall meet separately and create a folder with materials.