

MOLDOVA: GENDER TASK FORCE MEETING

Meeting Details	
Date	6 May 2022
Time	10:00 – 11:30
Venue	Zoom
Chair	Ms. Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform), Ms. Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women)
Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the final work plan • Update on GiHA Checklist • AOB (update on training, bi-weekly meetings) 	

Participants			
#	Name	Organization	Function
1	Dominika Stojanoska	UN Women	Country Representative
2	Ekram El-Huni	UN Women Regional Office	Programme Coordinator
3	Ceren Gures	UN Women Regional Office	Programme Specialist
4	Svetlana Andries	UN Women	Programme Specialist
5	Tatiana Udrea	UN Women	Programme Analyst
6	Nighina Azizov	UN Women	Programme Analyst
7	Olesea Simion	UN Women	Communications Officer
8	Evghenia Hiora	UN Women	Project Officer
9	Tatiana Ciobanu	UN Women	Programme Associate
10	Cristina Lesnic	UN Women	Lead Gender Expert

11	Renata Grădinaru	UN Women	Gender Expert
12	Ioana Creitaru	UNDP	Resilience and Livelihoods Coordinator
13	Olesea Perean	UNDP	
14	Yurii Arnautov	UNHCR	Information Management WG
15	Irina Roibu	UNHCR	Inter-Agency Coordination Associate
16	Flore Rossi	UNICEF	Child Protection WG
17	Lilia Pascal	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection	Head of Department for Gender Equality Policy
18	Svetlana Mirca	State Chancellery	Lead Consultant in Direction of Coordination for Human Rights and Social Dialogue
19	Mariana Ioga	National Agency for Social Protection	Head of Social Assistance and Rehabilitation Department
20	Nina Lozinschi	Gender Equality Platform	General Secretary of the Platform
21	Mariana Buruiana	Women Law Centre	Director
22	Irina Luncasu	CALM	Project Coordinator
23	Becky Higgins	Plan International	Deployable Information Management Specialist
24	Sharifa Abdulaziz	Voice Amplified	
25	Carolina Sile		
26	Maria Postevca		

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action items

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<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) presented meeting agenda and invited new members to present themselves. ● Irina Roibu (UNHCR), Ioana Creitaru (UNDP) presented themselves. 	
<p>Issues to Flag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) invited members of the group to raise issues of importance for joint discussion. ● Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed that lawyers associations providing legal aid at MoldExpo refer people with early signs of stress and vulnerability to the protection units. An 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To discuss the issue of persons with stress signs or particular vulnerability

<p>issue for the GTF to look into is to see how these people are then referred to the service providers dealing with gender-based violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nighina Azizov (UN Women) informed that this issue has not been discussed specifically at the GBV SWG. However, referral pathways are already developed, they will be presented and implemented at the local and regional levels, including RACs. Specific Operating Procedures (SOPs) for refugee response will be developed and synergized with the UN Women initiatives already in place. These SOPs should provide additional support. ● Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) informed that the issues raised during the previous meetings have already been addressed in writing to respective working groups. Some of them will be re-addressed at the next Inter-Agency Coordination Forum. Updates will be shared with the group. ● Lilia Pascal (Ministry of Labor and Social Protection) confirmed that SOPs to guide work with refugees are needed. SOPs for local population are already in place. She recommended to have these SOPs focused on RACs and specialists from NGOs providing assistance and connected to the existent units for GBV identification. It may be also beneficial for GBV sector to have their own specialized SOPs. UNICEF and the Directorate for Child Protection elaborated the Regulation on Identification, Assistance and Monitoring of Children at Risk from Ukraine. A common Decree of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection on Legalization of Admission into the Country of Children from Ukraine with no Legal Guardians has been adopted. ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) mentioned that SOPs are also needed for the LPAs that manage refugees hosted in private accommodations. ● Nighina Azizov (UN Women) informed that referral pathways contain specialized services for children and women victims of violence, abuse and discrimination. NGOs service providers assure local dissemination of information of available services. She agreed that accent should be placed at refugee women, specifically at various categories thereof – refugee women transiting, temporary staying in Moldova, returning back to Ukraine and settling in Moldova. 	<p>referred to service providers dealing with GBV at GBV WG.</p>
<p>Approval of the final work plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) informed that as agreed an additional activity on thematic discussions on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda implementation in the context of refugee crisis has been added to the plan and invited GTF members to come up with other suggestions, if any. ● Svetlana Andries (UN Women) asked what elements of WPS agenda are to be covered under 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conceptualize informative sessions on WPS for other working groups ● To conceptualize training for

<p>these thematic discussions and what would be the coverage – national, regional, security zone or any other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) explained that the proposal was to have GTF consult working groups on feminist perspective on WPS agenda. In addition, Gender Center will shortly have informative sessions for LPAs from the security zone on human security. ● Svetlana Andries (UN Women) mentioned that these are relevant initiatives in light of Moldova not having a national program on peace and security. Draft of the national program developed earlier needs to be updated and aligned to the new context. It is important to have a larger perspective over this agenda specifically on human security and women participation in decision-making in the context of crisis settings and war. UN Women may be counted at both as implementing and dialogue partner. ● Cristina Lesnic (UN Women) suggested to support building of negotiation and mediation abilities for LPA in the context of refugee crisis in cooperation with CALM to include relevant trainings, sessions, and workshops, implementing UN Resolution 1225 at the local level. ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) suggested to include the above proposal as separate activity in the GTF workplan under area 2. ● Mariana Buruiana (Women Law Centre): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supported the proposal and suggested to include in the training information on communication channels to be used by LPA for communication with refugees and the local community hosting refugees. ● Flagged that some local women are desperate for work and that tensions because of the competition with refugee women are there. It is important not to cut the support to the local population. ● Lilia Pascal (Ministry of Labor and Social Protection) mentioned that it is important to have CALM as a member of GTF. ● Svetlana Andries (UN Women) informed that CALM has created a Refugee Crisis Response Unit to support LPA in the context of refugee crisis with support of a number of partners, including UN Women. ● Irina Luncasu (Congress of Local Authorities) informed that a Refugee Crisis Response Unit has been created to support LPAs in liaising with national authorities, donors and civil society and provide multifaceted technical support for the management of refugee crisis. 	<p>negotiation and mediation abilities for LPAs</p>
<p>Update on GiHA Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) invited members of the GTF to submit comments 	

<p>for the checklist if they haven't managed to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evghenia Hiora (UN Women) explained that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The checklist is elaborated based on Inter-Agency Standing Committee Gender in Humanitarian Action Handbook. ● It has been reviewed by the regional office and follows to be consolidated by the UN Women Gender in Humanitarian Action specialist. It will then be shared with the UN Women Regional Office peer review and Sector Leads in Moldova. ● Volunteers to support the UN Women Gender in Humanitarian Action specialist and/or present the Checklist at the Regional GTF meeting are welcome. ● Cristina Lesnic (UN Women) expressed her availability to support the UN Women Gender in Humanitarian Action specialist. ● Ioana Creitaru (UNDP) suggested to align sectors in the checklist to the sector structure in Moldova and to consider nexus between refugee response and development for the periods of transition and recovery. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evghenia Hiora (UN Women) presented the upcoming Gender in Humanitarian action training, invited UN Agencies and NGOs to cooperate and asked whether GTF members were interested in the Training of Trainers to be ultimately able to train frontline workers in the case of prolonged crisis. ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) confirmed that the importance of the training and informed that there is an extensive interest on the peculiarities of work with refugees inside their network. There are some trainings already available, but they are not enough, and they do not always reach regional players. It is important to work with NGOs and LPA to assure adequate coverage and to have training and handout materials translated into Romanian and Russian. ● Irina Luncasu (CALM): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Underlined the importance of having the representatives of the LPA enrolled into the upcoming training. ● Mentioned that LPA could greatly benefit of the Standard Operating Procedures for the refugee response. ● Confirmed that CALM is ready to take part in the Training of Trainers and to ultimately train the members of the network. ● Ioana Creitaru (UNDP) confirmed that Inclusion and Livelihood WG and UNDP are interested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conceptualize and send out NGOs mapping template

<p>to cooperate on the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evghenia Hiora (UN Women) informed that the mapping of NGOs providing services to refugees is in process. Mapping template is under elaboration and will be tentatively shared with the group before the next meeting. ● Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform) suggested to switch to bi-weekly schedule of GTF meetings. Members agreed. 	
<p>Suggestions for the Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval of the final work plan 	

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2022 from 10:00 -11:30 in [Zoom](#). Interpretation in Romanian and Russian will be provided.