

Food Security Working Group Meeting

Minutes

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Chisinau, Moldova

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Location: Microsoft Teams

Agenda:

1. Operational updates by partners
 2. Updates on RRP indicators for FSWG members
 3. Multi-sector needs assessment in Moldova
 4. Moldova: Inter-Agency Operational update (15 May – 15 June) report
 5. AOB:
 - Request from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on contingency support
 - Consideration of another wave of refugee influx by the national authorities
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The latest updated dashboard (June 27):

- FSWG is covering 70 centers, populations: 3 030 refugees
- Total meals coverage by the FSWG: 1 053 453
- The dashboard is updated twice a week by WFP.
- Link: <https://analytics.wfp.org/t/Public/views/MoldovaHotMealCoverageLIVE/ROM-OnePagerGovPart?%3Aembed=y&%3Aiid=1&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y>

Brief updates from partners on operational process

- Acted – provides hot meals to 10 RACs, around 490 beneficiaries, 11 142 meals per day. Acted is willing to take over the accredited RACs covered by WCK, as they are leaving in July.
- CRS/Caritas Moldova - provides hot meals to 10 RACs. Food assistance outside RACs – vouchers (3000 lei) for Linella. Plan for 5 weeks has been elaborated, which means visiting the UN Cash Centers outside Chisinau, so beneficiaries don't need to travel to Chisinau. Only 30% who registered since March 28th on UN system came, thus 70% are not showing up. There is no information if they are still in Moldova.
- HelpAge - provides support to 32 RACs (24 catering, 8 vouchers/on site cooking).
- Solidarites – provides hot meals to 2 RACs and 4 uncredited RACs, numbers of residents have been consistent.

Updates on RRP indicators for FSWG members

- It was agreed upon the indicator to be reported by FSWG members, which is formulated as number of beneficiaries reached out through food assistance. This will allow to split the indicator under two modalities:
 - Cash based transfers (vouchers)
 - In kind food
- Soon a link to the platform will be shared among FSWG members, which will allow them to report their activities through this tool and increase the visibility of their contribution related to food assistance.

Multi-sector needs assessment in Moldova

- The recent exercise on multisector needs assessment in Moldova has been led by REACH team and UNHCR.
- At the latest meeting of intersector working group, the initial findings of the assessments were shared with the representatives of different sectors.
- The presentation with the main initial findings is attached to this document, so it may be useful for FSWG members in making decisions in several aspect like WASH, education, food assistance.

Moldova: Inter-Agency Operational update (15 May – 15 June) report

- The report will be updated monthly. The latest one is covering the period May 15- June 15.
- Link: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/93865>
- For the next report, FSWG members will be asked to share more detailed information about their activities in terms of food assistance. The names of organization and achievements will be included in the report on behalf of Food Security Working Group and shared at inter-agency team, in order to be visible for all stakeholders from Moldova.

AOB:

- **Request from the Ministry of Interior on contingency support** – to provide food assistance in 5 centers close to border crossing points. Once WFP will receive the complete information, it will be circulated among FSWG members to know if there are other organizations interested to help in this regard.
- **Consideration of another wave of refugee influx by the national authorities** - The recent information in the media shows that there is a new possible influx of refugees coming from Ukraine. The Head of Health Department of Chisinau said that they already activated their contingency plan. The RACs which have been frozen will be reevaluated, in terms of accommodation possibilities and provision of medical services. Moreover, the statement of the Head of Crisis Response Center says that an intervention plan has been developed at national level, with the reference to all stakeholders from national and international communities. This provides us with some indications that they may require from WFP to be more prepared in terms of contingency plans and to increase the support of food assistance to refugees hosted in RACs.
- **WFP didn't activate yet its contingency plan** but will continue monitoring the situation in the country.