

Multi-Sector Needs Assessment Moldova

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Objectives

Context: Lack of comprehensive, generalizable statistically representative assessments of refugees' needs and vulnerabilities

Support an evidence-based humanitarian response in Moldova through the provision of multi-sectoral data about the needs and coping capacities of Ukrainian refugee households in the country.

Understand household composition of refugees, including key demographics

Identify priority needs of refugee households, including health needs, education needs, accommodation needs, livelihood needs, and protection risks

Understand coping capacity and vulnerability/resilience in the event of protracted displacement

Identify household profiles with most critical needs to inform targeting

Identify needs and impact of humanitarian aid

Methodology and sampling

Population of interest

All Ukrainians in Moldova displaced due to war living in the Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) or in the host community. Due to operational challenges in data collection, the Transnistrian region was not included in the sampling frame.

Sampling

Probability stratified random sampling at RAC level and non-random purposive sampling at Ukrainians displaced due to war and residing in the host community in Moldova (non-RAC). Due to the limited availability of primary data regarding the number and the location of Ukrainians in Moldova living in the host community, findings for refugees living in the host community should be considered as indicative only. **Moreover, the sampling frame excluded settlements with less than 50 refugees and RACs reporting less than 20 inhabitants. This is to account for the potential operational challenges in identifying respondents in these communities. Further details about the total number of refugees living in Moldova is available on the [UNHCR Data Portal](#).**

Data collection method

Face-to-face interviews with head-of-family or another person knowledgeable about the socio-economic situation. The questionnaire included both questions about the situation of the family as well as individual members. Data was collected between May 16 – May 31, 2022.

Findings for Ukrainians living in RACs are statistically significant at 95% level of confidence and 10% margin of error. Findings for Ukrainian living in the host community (non-RAC) are indicative only.

Strata	Estimated number of families	Final Sample size (# of interviews collected)
RAC	910	130
Community	12,675	574
Total	13,585	704

Sampling frame

Community		RACs	
Raion	# of interviews	Raion	# of interviews
Anenii Noi	11	Anenii Noi	2
Balti	43	Balti	5
Cahul	3	Basarabasca	2
Calarasi	1	Briceni	1
Causeni	8	Cahul	8
Chisinau	443	Chisinau	78
Edinet	8	Cimislia	4
Falesti	3	Criuleni	2
Ialoveni	2	Dubarasi	6
Ocnita	4	Edinet	1
Orhei	4	Falesti	6
Rezina	2	Ialoveni	5
Stefan Voda	10	Stefan Voda	2
Straseni	2	Straseni	2
Taraclia	9	Telenesti	4
Telenesti	3	Ungheni	1
Ungheni	4	UTA Gagauzia	1
UTA Gagauzia	14	Total	130
Total	574		

In total, enumerator teams travelled to 36 cities and villages to interview Ukrainians living in communities and 20 cities and villages to interview Ukrainians living inside RACs – covering 39 RACs in total.

Key Preliminary Findings

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Demographics

 **67%**  **33%**

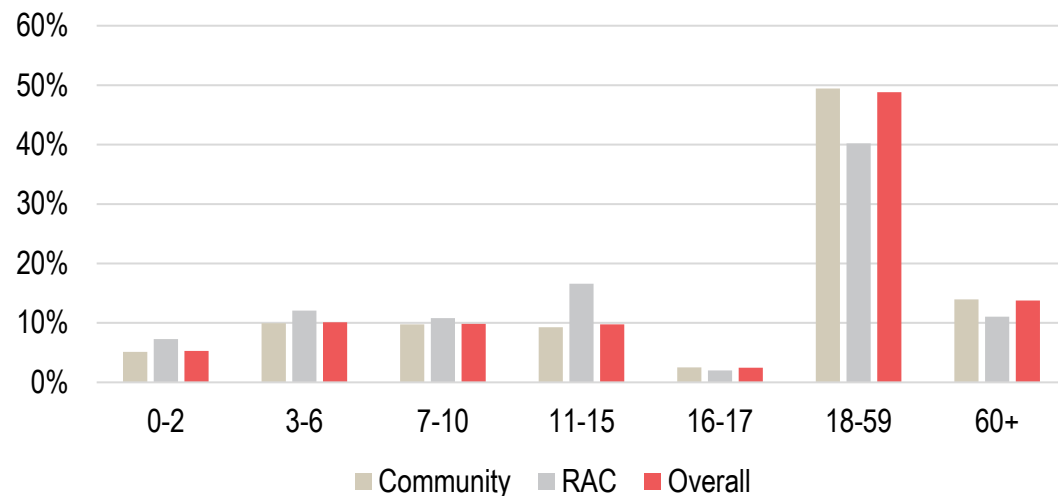
Average age **31** years old

 **37%** of family members are children under 18

 **62%** of families have children

 **4%** of families have an either pregnant or lactating woman in composition

Proportion of individuals by age groups



Proportion of families by oblast of origin

Oblast of origin	Community	RAC	Overall
Odessa	53%	59%	54%
Mykolaiv	15%	22%	16%
Kyiv city	10%	3%	10%
Kharkov	6%	4%	6%
Kherson	3%	1%	2%

Women were found to comprise the highest proportion of family members (67%).

Almost half of all household members (49%) were found to be adults between 18 and 59 years old, followed by those above the age of 60 (14%).

Population residing in RACs (49%) was found to comprise a higher proportion of individuals under the age of 18, compared to the population outside RACs (37%).

Of all families, 8% of families reported moving to another oblast in Ukraine between the beginning of war and coming to Moldova

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Families reporting on the safety concerns for women in their area

Choices	Community	RAC	Overall
Discrimination or persecution	3%	2%	3%
Suffering from verbal harassment	2%	3%	2%
Being robbed	1%	2%	1%
Being kidnapped	1%	2%	1%
Suffering from sexual harassment or violence	0%	1%	0%
Being exploited	0%	2%	0%
Being threatened with violence	0%	2%	0%
Prefer not to answer	0%	1%	0%
I do not know	7%	8%	7%
No threat	88%	86%	88%

Families reporting on ways to get support if they experience violence

Choices	Community	RAC	Overall
Police	83%	82%	83%
Government hotline	13%	24%	14%
Hotline or NGO	3%	7%	3%
Social services	2%	3%	2%
Family or relative	1%	0%	1%
Volunteer	1%	2%	1%
Womens centres or NGOs	1%	2%	1%
Mental health or PSS services	0%	2%	0%
Health facilities	0%	1%	0%
Do not know	12%	11%	11%

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Families reporting on the safety concerns for **boys** in the area

Choices	Community	RAC	Overall
Violence in the community	2%	4%	2%
Psychological distress or trauma	2%	2%	2%
Bullying at school	1%	1%	1%
Risk of trafficking	1%	1%	1%
Lack of birth certificate	1%	0%	1%
Lack of ID	1%	0%	1%
Family separation	0%	4%	1%
Risk of recruitment by armed group	0%	1%	0%
Risk of sexual abuse	0%	1%	0%
Child labour	0%	0%	0%
Child marriage	0%	0%	0%
Violence within home	0%	0%	0%
I do not know	18%	17%	17%
No risks	77%	74%	77%

Families reporting on the safety concerns for **girls** in the area

Choices	Community	RAC	Overall
Violence in the community	3%	3%	3%
Risk of sexual abuse	3%	1%	2%
Psychological distress or trauma	2%	1%	2%
Bullying at school	1%	1%	1%
Family separation	1%	1%	1%
Risk of trafficking	1%	2%	1%
Lack of birth certificate	0%	0%	0%
Lack of ID	0%	0%	0%
Child marriage	0%	1%	0%
Risk of recruitment by armed group	0%	1%	0%
Violence within home	0%	1%	0%
I do not know	15%	19%	15%
No risks	78%	74%	78%

Next Steps

Dates	Activity
end June – mid July	Interactions with the working groups and other interest government and humanitarian actors
end July	Factsheet with findings
end July	Final presentation of findings
August	Draft report with findings

Output	Download link
Terms of Reference (Survey protocol) of the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment in Moldova	Link
Dataset	Link
Preliminary findings presentation	Link
Multi Sector Needs Assessment in Moldova UNHCR Data Portal Page	Link

Thank you for your attention



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