



SECTOR WG/SWG/TASKFORCE CASH WORKING GROUP

Meeting Details			
Date	14 07 2022 - Next meeting on 28 07 2022		
Time	09.00 – 10.30 am		
Chair	Yigit Anil Gurer (UNHCR) / Tudor Mancas (MLSP)		
Reporting			
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Agenda			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Multi-Sectorial Needs Assessment preliminary findings (<i>REACH</i>)2. WFP's Shock Responsive Social Protection Programme (<i>WFP</i>)3. Results of the Verification Exercise (<i>UNHCR</i>)4. <i>AOB</i>			
Information collection and relevant links			
Moldova operational data portal: https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784 See Agenda Point 1 below			
Participants			
UNHCR	CRS	IOM	ACTED
WFP	FCDO	IFRC	Helvetas
Ministry of Labour & Social Policy	UNFPA	Charity Centre for Refugees	REACH
	PIN Moldova	Help Age	



Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Agenda Point 1</p> <p>Multi-sectorial needs assessment findings</p> <p>REACH</p>	<p>REACH presented the key findings of Multi-Sectorial Needs Assessment along with the information on objective, methodology, sample size and initial findings. The assessment was conducted with a sample size of 704 HHs (574 HHs outside RACs) through face-to-face interviews.</p> <p>The key findings of the assessment are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women were found to comprise the highest proportion of the family members with 67%. - 71% of the head of households are not working in Moldova. - The most often-reported coping strategy resorted to by the families is spending savings in order to cover main needs. - The top three modalities for expenditure payments are cash (83%), credit or debit card (45%) and vouchers (21%). - Just above 93% reported humanitarian assistance since their arrival to Moldova. <p>Three-quarters of respondent families (75%) reported their intentions to go back to Ukraine if the conflict would end.</p> <p>More information on methodology and key findings can be reached from following the links: Dataset; Preliminary findings presentation; Multi Sector Needs Assessment in Moldova UNHCR Data Portal Page.</p> <p>Q&R CWG:</p> <p>REACH recently collects feedback from different sectors, including the inputs from the CWG - Alin LUCHIAN - alin.luchian@reach-initiative.org. By the end of July is the expected time to finalize the factsheets, and the final report will be released in August.</p>	



<p>Agenda Point 2</p> <p>Shock Responsive Social Protection Programme – cash assistance to vulnerable Moldovans</p> <p>WFP</p>	<p>WFP presented UNHCR-UNICEF-WFP joint proposal on Shock Responsive Social Programme, in particular the workstream 1: Cash assistance to vulnerable Moldovans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Households with disabled persons, single parent households with child(ren), and households with more than three dependents are planned to be targeted from MLSP database by using categorical targeting.- The transfer value is MDL 1,100/household, aligned with the national schemes.- Duration: six months payment- The total target is 90,000 households and reaching out to 20,000 households will be the initial target to be met.- To decrease the exclusion error, a referral mechanism will be set up for households not covered by social protection programmes managed by the Government.- WFP will transfer the cash assistance to the beneficiaries via MPay.	
<p>Agenda Point 3</p> <p>Results of the in-person Verification Exercise – Cash assistance programme</p> <p>UNHCR</p>	<p>The verification exercise started in June and will continue till the end of August:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The overall objective of the verification exercise is to update the individual and household level information, ensure the presence of the family members in the country, keep the collected data up to date (activation/inactivation) and amend the transfer value as per the active individuals verified.- Currently, the total number of active caseload is 58,961 individuals/24,531 HHs.- UNHCR is implementing the verification activity with a phase approach. The verification exercise for individuals enrolled in March 2022 has been completed. The next phase for the individuals enrolled in April and May is still	



	<p>ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 14,074 individuals verified in person in June and the no-show households/individuals are being inactivated in the data base until they approach the centres. The key trend observed so far is that not all family members are approaching the verification interview even though the relevant counselling is provided.	
<p>Agenda Point 4 AOB:</p>	<p><u>Cash Coordination</u></p> <p>CWG reiterated the importance of the coordination mechanism in terms of cash and voucher distributions. CWG partners underlined the requirement of a platform to harmonize the delivery of the assistance and avoid duplication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In June, together with the MLSP and under the CWG partners formalized the strategic direction for cash and voucher assistance in the country. One of the significant concerns the government shared was that that the assistance should be equitable in the entire Moldova territory in order not to create any tensions- CWG agreed that all organizations from different sectors need to coordinate the efforts and activities on cash interventions as a part of the interagency coordination mechanism.	<p>For next WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Improving 5W mechanisms and coordination activities.-Plans for winterization/cash for winter for refugees and host communities.