Operations Update
1 November

**Figures at a glance**

**Population figures**

- **95,473** Ukrainian refugees remaining in Moldova
  - 59% females
  - 48% children
  - 21% elderly

- **678,355** arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February

**Key response figures**

- **96,368** people were provided with cash assistance
  - USD 44.1M disbursed

- **68,270** refugees supported with legal assistance by the Law Centre of Advocates

- **2,857** refugees hosted in **69** refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR

- **3,358** people have been provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid by INTERSOS

**Recent highlights**

- Starting from November 2022 to March 2023, cash assistance for refugees will be monthly complemented by a winter support top-up to help meet refugees’ winter-related needs. MDL 700 per household will be loaded to their existing bank cards in addition to the regular payments.

- On 1 November, UNHCR in partnership with ACTED started the distribution of non-food items, including blankets, hygiene items, quilts and other items to vulnerable refugees in refugee accommodation centres. Additional distributions are planned at border crossing points and in host communities.

- The fortnightly Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) meeting was held on 31 October, in which Col. Efros of the Joint Management Crisis Centre presented the Government’s five-month plan for firewood distribution that would benefit refugees and host communities alike.

- UNHCR and partners conducted a two-week Participatory Assessment, ending on 2 November, that aimed to consult with refugees on their concerns, needs, and challenges. This process included 40 Focus Group Discussions with both Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian refugees, including persons with disabilities, persons with serious medical conditions, elderly, Roma refugees and LGBTIQ. Results will inform future programming and will be published soon.
UNHCR published its Mid-year Trends Report, highlighting the number of forcibly displaced people globally surged to 103 million in the first half of the year. This is an increase of 13.6 million compared to the end of last year. This means that one in every 77 people on earth is forcibly displaced. Most of the new displacements were in Ukraine – with at least 7 million.

**Solidarity Moldova piano tour**

On 26 October, the Japanese pianist Tempei Nakamura concluded his goodwill mission in Moldova calling for global support for refugees. **Solidarity Moldova** was a free concert tour co-hosted by the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Moldova and UNHCR, featuring Japanese pianist Tempei Nakamura, who played for refugees and host communities in Balti, Cahul and Chisinau – over 1,000 music enthusiasts in total.

During his goodwill mission Tempei Nakamura also visited a refugee accommodation centre in Chisinau, and the Community Centre 151 to play for and meet with refugees.

**Supporting the most vulnerable**

On 26 – 29 October, representatives of the Amplifon Foundation visited the Republic of Moldova to explore a potential project to help people with hearing problems. Amplifon was founded in Milan in 1950 and is the largest retailer of hearing aids worldwide. They met with the Ministry of Health, the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy ‘Nicolae Testemitanu’ to discuss how they can help improve hearing services – for both refugees and Moldovans.

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