

Palanca - Coordination / Information Sharing meeting no.22 - 17 Aug 2022

Participants: UNHCR, IOM, ACTED, INTERSOS, Blue Dot, CDA, UNFPA, GSS, Solidarites International, Moldova for peace, IGSU.

Agenda points

1. Update on recent developments that took place at PBS.
2. General updates from all humanitarian actors at PBS.
3. AOB.

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
Update on recent developments that took place at PBS	<p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 25 benches installed on Friday 5 August for the refugees are made of low-quality materials. After testing them, the field team noted that their quality is poor, they can tip over very easily and if two people try to sit on them, they start to crack; it was therefore decided not to make them available to the beneficiaries and staff for their safety. We plan to replace them. - Field team in Palanca had a meeting with Valeriu from volunteers and Action against hunger and discussed in general the procedures adopted for the food provision. For the time being they plan until February, to continue providing food at PBS under the same conditions. - As was mentioned in the previous meeting, we received the new tents at the PBS and ACTED colleagues started work for information sharing in one of them. - About the storage container, we need from the volunteers to understand how much the quantity of food is needed for storage and most probably Action against hunger will procure the fridge. The same one that is inside the tent. - The access list to Palanca bus station it is almost ready. The volunteers will complete the list today with the names of all the staff and if you have the new staff on board, please update the list. A reminder and please inform the Field team or IGSU in advance about the planned visits to PBS. - The devices to measure the temperature will arrive very soon, so if you think it is appropriate, we can buy more masks and other hygiene stuff. - Last week there was training provided by UNHCR together with the Anti-Trafficking Center and we want to know your feedback and if you have gained more information after it and if you now know how to proceed in case of human trafficking. - UNHCR will continue with the mobile team to reach out to communities and refugees and provide mobile community center services and information to Refugees. The mobile team will target Olanesti during this week and the coming week other villages from Stefan Voda district. - The Field Unit of Palanca maintain the communication with Be and Angel and we have agreed to bring the Refugees to the bus-station where they can have access to first aid psychological support, primary medical treatment, safe spaces for Women & Children, food & water and toilet...etc.). 	Humanitarian Actors to ensure filling in the list for the new staff in the shared access list of PBS.

<p>General updates from all organizations on activities at PBS.</p>	<p>Blue Dot – are continuing their service at the bus station as usual. They advise people to be careful with all personal items inside the corner and the people inside, because there have been a few cases of stealing.</p> <p>UNFPA – updated participants on the Orange Mobile Safe Space, which started visiting several locations and providing its services. They provide information and also referral of services provided to the refugee population and host community, as well as to the authorities. UNFPA is coordinating with ACTED the distribution of the hygiene kits to avoid duplication and will begin distribution at the end of this month. UNFPA reminds everyone that its container will be closed this weekend because staff training will be held.</p> <p>Solidarites International - plan to start distributing the hygiene kits in September. They are waiting for ACTED to run out of stock. They suggest planning everything together with UNFPA to avoid duplication of service and to understand who they are targeting, to coordinate better. They want to know where to install the second toilet container for the staff.</p> <p>GSS – reminds everyone to give advance notice of all planned visits and to inform them about everything that is happening in the area.</p> <p>IGSU – no new updates. Regarding the Be & Angel buses, they are asked to be informed in advance for better coordination, because if they arrive late in the evening no one will be present at the PBS. To give them access to the territory and the tent camp, the IGSU should talk to them and see them, so the IGSU should be informed in advance. All of us should be prepared for winter and all of us together should think about everything that is needed for winter.</p> <p>ACTED - They ask for advice on how to deal with refugees who arrive after 6pm because the Green Line does not work at that time, and they do not know how to proceed. The UNHCR team expresses the possibility for the refugees to stay for one night in the camp. ACTED started the activity inside the information sharing tent, where all organizations can leave their information flyers, and points out that there is no electricity inside and it would be better and easier to have it.</p> <p>IOM - asks how refugees arriving after 18:00 will get to the BCP from the BCP because ACTED buses will not be available. They have started to do Covid testing inside the buses for the refugees on board and leave them tests in case they will have symptoms.</p> <p>INTERSOS – not many updates and shared their experience of the mobile team.</p> <p>Moldova for Peace – the new staff member, Cristian, asks where he can get all the necessary information on all organizations to be better informed. UNHCR suggests referring to the service map or contacting ACTED.</p>	<p>Information sharing tent is available for all the actors from PBS.</p> <p>Electricity inside the information sharing tent.</p>
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AOB	UNHCR about winterization: Inter-Agency has gathered all the necessary information and is working on this. The Palanca team has requested 20 gas heaters to put inside the tents and we are considering contracting someone to provide us with a tractor for the winter to shovel snow, in case we will need it. We have also requested a storage container for food and a kit of necessary winter items to distribute, all depending on the budget available. If you have any ideas, please let us know so we can make the request.	Winterization plans and all the necessary items.
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