

Palanca - Coordination / Information Sharing meeting no.23 - 24 Aug 2022

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

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"> - Suhail Othman, UNHCR's staff member, introduced himself, as he was present at the first meeting in Palanca. - The successful management of the 3 buses and a minibus with 144 refugees that arrived at Palanca bus station. There were no people with special needs except for a lady in the minibus who was addicted to insulin and requested to keep insulin in the fridge until the morning. Coordination continues between the UNHCR Field Team in Palanca and Be & Angel, where the Field Team is informed in advance of the refugees arriving in Palanca and the vulnerable cases to be followed up. - The issue of crossing the border with internal documents (Ukrainian IDs, etc.) and without a stamp was raised by the Field Team to the UNHCR management, as a result, here are the latest updates regarding the certificate on confirmation of crossing the borders: It is mandatory for the refugees who are accommodated in the RACs to have this certificate of confirmation before they enter the RAC. Therefore there are two solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - colleagues from CDA who work at the border to inform the refugees that if they travel without a valid international passport to request this certificate from the Border Police when they cross the border. - if it happens that there are still refugees arriving at Palanca Bus Station without this certificates, we should call Mr. Golban from BMA and ask them to issue this certificate. According to the agreement, the BMA officer from the tent camp will come to the Bus Station, or the refugees will go to the tent camp for this document. - The Field Team in Palanca continues to maintain presence at the BCP and the Tudora border. - UNHCR will continue with the mobile team to reach out to communities and refugees and provide mobile community center services and information to Refugees. 	CDA should inform the refugees that travel with Ukrainian ID or without a valid international passport and want to be accommodated in RACs, to request a certificate of having crossed the border from the Border Police.
General updates from all organizations on activities at PBS.	Local authority (Municipality) - The Mayor of Palanca was present for the first time at the weekly meeting at PBS. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the UNHCR and all the organizations involved in managing the refugee situation. He also hoped for further collaboration and cooperation in working with refugees. As we are approaching the national	More information regarding the arrival of

<p>holidays, the Mayor of Palanca invited all the participants to the concert organized by the Municipality at the Palanca cultural house on 28.08.2022.</p> <p>ACTED - had no major updates. It operates in the normal way. They are unhappy that the company Gloria, which transports refugees from Odessa to Romania, did not coordinate with them or inform them about their arrival at the PBS. They want to be informed in advance about the arrival of the buses with refugees at Palanca station.</p> <p>IGSU - Mr Igor Calancea mentioned that we have to be concerned about the early arrival of the cold period of the year. He mentioned that in winter in Palanca there is a lot of snow and a tractor will be needed to clear the area. In this regard, discussions have started with some partners, but if it will not be possible to purchase a tractor with the help of partners, UNHCR help will be requested. In this context, the mayor mentioned that he does not have a tractor at the town hall that he could make available to the bus station. Mr. Igor also noted a very big and important environmental problem: the waste that accumulates at the bus station (large amount of garbage). Also, the irrational consumption of water, small plastic bottles from which not all the water is consumed, must be replaced with large water bottles. Small water bottles should only be given to people who are going on the road.</p> <p>Another proposal by IGSU was to install solar panels at Palanca bus station. The location has already been identified and certain aspects of this subject have been discussed with UNHCR. Also was mentioned the need to install a washing and drying machine for both, the staff involved in managing refugee situations and the refugees arriving at the station. The most important issue that was discussed is INFORMATION. All organizations present at PBS asked for more information about the arrival of refugees at the bus station. They are all ready to get involved, as long as they are informed in advance.</p> <p>GSS - They need, if possible, to know in advance about any visits to the bus station. In addition, there are few guards during the night and to assist refugees arriving at night, they must be informed in advance of arrivals on station territory. They inform us that staff do not need to wear badges because all staff are registered on the access list.</p> <p>HELVETAS - No substantial change in their work. They work continuously with people with disabilities, but report that they would need more beds where people could stay until they leave.</p> <p>Moldova for peace - Do not have new updates.</p> <p>Solidarites International - There are no new upgrades, they work on a regular basis. They report that they are working to install a washing machine and dryer at the Palanca bus station. The Solidarite team mentioned that they can provide water bottles for the kitchen tent. They need to be informed about refugee arrivals and the number of children.</p> <p>CDA - Do not have new updates. They know about the situation of Ukrainian refugees with internal passports and are making efforts to inform people to ask for confirmation as they crossed the border without stamp applied at the entrance to the country.</p> <p>Blue Dot - Do not have new updates. Are continuing their service at the bus station as usual.</p> <p>IOM - work as usual and collaborate with all organizations, but they didn't know about the arrival of the refugees transported by Gloria organization. They report that they have information that there are Ukrainian citizens from Odessa who would like to leave, but do</p>	<p>refugees at the PBC.</p> <p>Find a way to communicate and inform people in Odessa about the possibilities offered at PBS.</p>
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	<p>not know the organizations with which they could relocate and that they do not know about the possibilities offered to PBS. It was therefore suggested to find a way to communicate and inform people there.</p> <p>UNFPA - Do not have new updates. They work as usual.</p>	
AOB	<p>All the organizations - They ask to be informed of the arrival of each bus with the refugees and the approximate time, in order to be able to organize and provide staff..</p>	