

UNHCR

Cash Assistance to refugees for Winterization

Cash Working Group Meeting

Chisinau
27 October 2022

59,908

Active Refugees currently enrolled

26,799

Active Families enrolled

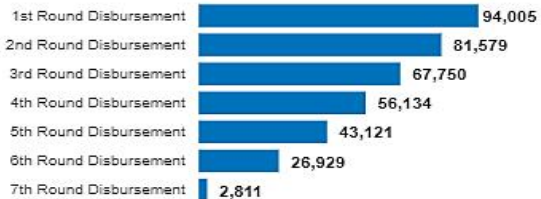
92%

Fem. headed households

2

Average Family size

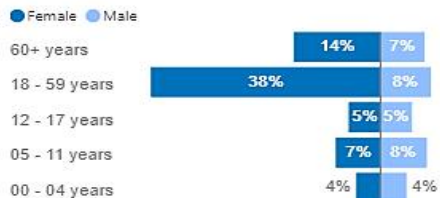
Number of Beneficiaries



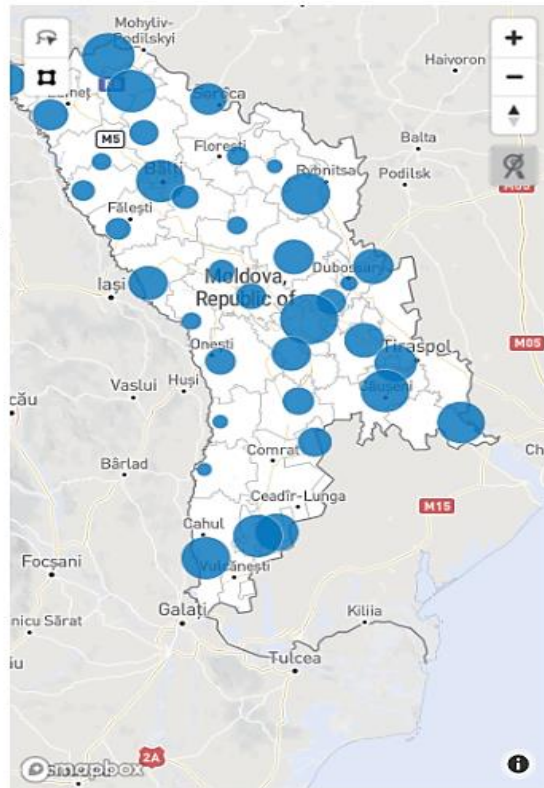
Active beneficiaries by nationality



Active Beneficiaries by age group and gender



Number of active beneficiaries by district



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Refugee Cash Enrolment

Identified Winter Needs - PDM and Rapid Winterization Assessment (preliminary findings)

- **Cash assistance is most frequently reported to be used to cover basic needs**, such as **food** (as reported by 92% of the households), *health expenses* (56%), *utilities and bills* (52%), *clothes/shoes* (31%) and *rent* (25%) – PDM results.
- **Cash** winter-related needs, **refugees reported** most frequently the need for winter clothes is the **preferred modality of assistance for refugees**.
- As to additional (up to 63%) followed by winter sleeping items.
- **Needs remain high**: as savings are depleting, **prices are rising** (likely as a result of soaring inflation rates), and more cash is being spent on health costs, the cash assistance is being spent quicker and saved less.
- **Winter season brings additional challenges** to refugees **to meet their basic needs** to participate in the daily life of the communities where they live.
- **Rising energy costs**.

Cash Winter assistance

Winter Cash Support is designed **to cover the additional needs** of MPCA beneficiaries.

- **Population:** Refugee **households enroled** in the UNHCR Cash Assistance Programme.
- **Start date:** 01 November 2022 – 31 March 2023 (in line with the government's winter support programme 'APRA').
- **Transfer value:** MDL 700 (USD 36) per refugee household will be loaded to the existing card in addition to the regular payment.
- **Mechanism of transfer:** Monthly top-up payments for HH