

## UNHCR Field Coordination Meeting in Otaci BCP

**20 December 2022**

Participants: The Mayor of Otaci, ACTED, Solidarites International, Actions Against Hunger, IOM, UNHCR.

The proposed agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Recent Developments in Otaci BCP
3. Activity updates
4. Service Mapping Update
5. A.O.B.

Agenda	Discussions	Action Point
Introduction	Participants Introduction	
Recent Developments in Otaci BCP	<p><b>The Mayor's Office:</b> The Deputy Mayor greeted the participants of the coordination meeting and said that during the reporting period there were no dramatic changes in the flow of refugees. A slight increase was observed in flow due to the upcoming holidays. Regarding the generator, the contractor is waiting for positive temperatures to start work. Will get to work as soon as possible.</p>	
	<p><b>Solidarites International:</b> reported their activities in Otaci. SI provide WASH (water and sewer) services at the bus station and border crossing point. Also, at the bus station, they provide travel kits and carry out cleaning throughout the territory where they provide services.</p>	
	<p><b>LCA/CDA (BCP):</b> reported that at the BCP Otaci there are cases of unaccompanied children every week, approximately 2-3 cases per week. It was reported that the number of refugees crossing the border has not changed, but there is a tendency that people come to Moldova or transit to Europe due to the winter. At this time it was observed that the number of students, citizens of Asian countries, who go to Ukraine to study, but who are denied entry, even if they have the necessary documents, has increased. Usually they come in groups of 2-3 people, last month there were about 20 of cases. In such cases, a CDA representative helps with the translation of documents about the decision of the border police to refuse entry into Ukraine, and advises to appeal this decision.</p> <p><b>LCA/CDA (Blue Dot):</b> it was reported that during the reporting period, 63 refugees were consulted on various issues, including obtaining financial</p>	

	<p>assistance, human rights and children's rights in Moldova. Phone consultations have been reported for refugee families from other regions. For example, a family from Edinet needed help with a computer so that the children could attend online classes, a solution was found by partners - access to a computer lab at the school was provided. No complex or vulnerable cases were reported during the reporting period.</p>	
	<p><b>Actions Against Hunger:</b> reported that this week it is planned to deliver snacks to the bus station. They plan to start providing hot meals for refugees. The partners were informed that AAH are considering contracting with a local restaurant so that people can go there and get a hot meal. For visibility and monitoring, there is a need for someone to distribute coupons to refugees for hot meals. Partners were asked if they could help with this.</p>	<p>Action Against Hunger: follow-up action: provision of hot meals at the bus station. Action Against Hunger: follow-up action: delivery of snacks for Otaci Bus Station.</p>
	<p><b>ACTED:</b> continue to work as usual in three teams: transportation, info management and distribution. During the reporting period, ACTED have distributed 71 thermoses, 38 medium blankets, 51 large blankets, 59 sleeping bags, 11 travel bags at the bus station as part of the UNHCR winterization program. 109 refugees were transported to Chisinau, 32 to Iasi, 3 to BMA office, 21 were placed in refugee accommodation centers. With the info-management team, the most requested information was collected, which is: financial assistance for refugees and the host community, accommodation in centers for refugees and how long they can stay there, requests for flights to Europe, for obtaining refugee status in Moldova, a request for SIM cards, snacks and tea/coffee. It was reported that Blue Dot is also involved in the accommodation of refugees, although this is the task of ACTED.</p>	
	<p><b>IOM:</b> informed that from the beginning of January they would coordinate the transportation of refugees to Romania. IOM will only support the Green Corridor with Romania and informed that they will not support it with Chisinau and the accommodation centers.</p>	<p>IOM: Follow up action: start of the transportation from Otaci Bus Station to Romania.</p>
	<p><b>UNHCR:</b> As previously reported, UNHCR has begun distributing winter items to accommodation centers through ACTED. From mid-November, the</p>	<p>UNHCR: Follow up action: continuation of</p>

	<p>distribution of NFIs at the bus station through ACTED began. The third component of the winter plan is the distribution for the host community. For Otaci bus station, there is a need to speak with ACTED and request a second delivery of NFIs. In the North, UNHCR plans to cover 9 districts as part of the winterization program. At the moment, 6 districts have already received NFIs: Ocnita, Donduseni, Edinet, Riscani, Drochia, Soroca. According to the plan, it remains to cover the districts of Glodeni, Briceni and Floresti.</p> <p>UNHCR informed that the insulation of the information tent at the bus station and the ACTED tent at the checkpoint had been completed. The issue of installing a generator remains open, but they hope that it will be resolved soon.</p>	<p>the winterization plan at Otaci Bus Station.</p> <p>UNHCR: Follow up action: start of the winterization program for the host community.</p> <p>UNHCR: Follow up action: installation of the generator at the bus station.</p>
<p>Service Mapping Update</p>	<p>An exercise to update the service mapping in Otaci was done at the last coordination meeting. Participants were offered the final version for review and amendment.</p>	

The next meeting is on 3 January 2023, at 11:00 AM in Otaci Mayor Office.

Thank you.