



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation

Palanca Coordination Weekly Meeting Nr.42

| Meeting Details | |
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| Date | 04. 01. 2023 - Next meeting TBA |
| Time | 14.00 – 15.00 |
| Chair | Volokh Karina, Field Team |
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| Agenda | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update on recent developments that took place at PBS.2. General updates from all humanitarian actors at PBS.3. AOB. | |
| Information collection and relevant links | |
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| Participants |
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| Karina Volokh – UNHCR Igor Gorgan - UNHCR Igor Calancea – IGSU (PBS) Solidarites International IsraAid LCA (CDA) UNFPA INTERSOS IOM Blue Dot ACR.MD ACTED Helvetas GSS |

Summary of discussions and agreements / action points

| Agenda | Discussion | Agreements/ Actions |
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| 1. Update on recent developments that took place at PBS. | UNHCR Field Team – Karina Volokh <ul style="list-style-type: none">On 28 December, the Field team received a request from the Mayor of Palanca to support the host communities to better integrate the refugees with the locals. The request was referred to the management and it would be good if other organizations from PBS, which have possibilities, would also contribute to support the host communities. | Activity: Responsible: Deadline: |



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| <p>2. General updates from all humanitarian actors at PBS.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On 29 December, the second dispatch of NFI was received in Palanca BS. The focal point in charge of distribution from ACTED was present, received the items and signed the waybill.• The Field Team in Palanca continues to maintain presence at Palanca and Tudora border to monitor the flow of refugees, to be informed of the growth or decrease in numbers.• This week and next, the Field team has not received any communication about the planned evacuation to be received at PBS.• The distribution of NFIs at the PBS is proceeding well and every Friday the Field team verifies the quantity distributed with partner ACTED.• Today, 04th January, we are expecting to receive 7 people transported by the Be an Angel organization at PBS. They requested food support and after eating they will leave for Chisinau. Be an Angel will organize the evacuation of 7/8 people throughout January. <p><i>Updates from humanitarian actors present at PBS:</i></p> <p>LCA (CDA): has no significant updates and during the Christmas period they did not have many people to offer legal advice to.</p> <p>IOM: as far as updates are concerned, they inform us that as of 1 January they started their activity in Otaci where they provide the same service as in Palanca. Regarding the evacuations carried out by the Gloria organization, they inform us that they are temporary suspending their activities as they have no donors.</p> <p>For the past week they have transported from PBS to Husi: 63 passengers of whom 42 females and 21 males. During the holiday period for 3 days, they had no passengers, the same for Otaci.</p> | |
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HELVETAS: there have been no major updates in their activities, and for the time being they ensure their presence at the PBS.

ACTED: the distribution of NFIs continues well and for December they transported 364 people from PBS and 300 people from the North of Moldova.

UNFPA: from 30 December until 2 January, they did not work because they had days off and therefore were not present at PBS. From January they will have some internal changes and there will be a re-arrangement of the staff: one person will be present at PBS and one at the border, and no longer two.

INTERSOS: they continue their activities and have no major updates. They introduced their new Field Officer Ilaria Guidoni who is replacing Jessica and will be in charge of PBS.

BLUE DOT: they continue their activities and for the last week provided services to 24 children and 19 adults. Given the decrease in the refugee influx they will have to reconsider the number of staff at PBS.

GSS: no major updates. They inform us that on 2 January at 3am, three refugees came to PBS through the Green zone and were redirected to the tent camp to BMA.

IGSU (PBS): there are no major updates regarding the work at PBS. Welcome our colleague Igor Gorgan. IGSU informs us that Solidarites International has concluded a contract with Apa Canal and all waste from PBS will be taken away by them from the metal containers we have at PBS; the same will be done for the tent camp. We would no longer use the trailer outside PBS for waste.

As it is already 2023, IGSU asks all organizations to continue their activities as normal and kindly asks them to monitor the Be an Angel buses arriving on the territory and inform IGSU about the flow of people.



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| | <p>Regarding the integration of refugees with Moldovan citizens, it would be good if the organizations would involve themselves in helping the Moldovan people and not just focus on refugees.</p> <p>In conclusion, kindly asks all organizations not to organize parties on the territory for birthdays and other celebrations.</p> <p>Solidarites International: they are thankful that the municipality of Palanca got involved and helped them bring the waste trailer to the dumpsite. They inform us that Apa Canal will help them with the waste from the containers and will take the waste away.</p> <p>IsraAid: they do not have any major updates; they continue their activities as normal.</p> <p>ACR.MD: informs us that they have some changes in their activity: they are no longer present at the Chisinau train station and at the end of this week they will also end their activity at the Palanca border; they will therefore only be present at the border barrier to help refugees with their luggage and give them information, and at PBS in the tents for the waiting area where they provide food. As far as PBS is concerned, they have no major updates.</p> | |
| 3. AOB. | - | |