

**Taskforce on refugees with disabilities  
Minutes, 7 April 2022**

	<b>Taskforce on refugees with disabilities</b>	<b>Location</b>	Remote – via Zoom
<b>Chair</b>	Ludmila Malcoci, Keystone Moldova	<b>Date and Time</b>	7 April 2022, 10:00 -11:00
<b>Taskforce members participating</b>	Ministry of Education and Research, Alliance of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities in Moldova (AOPD), Motivatie NGO, Center for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CDPD), Law Center of Advocates, Association of Parents of Persons with Disabilities “Eternity”, LOW Vision NGO, HelpAge International, OHCHR, UNHCR, CRAP, Humanity (Handicap) International, Internews, IM Swedish Development Partner, Oxfam		
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Main Points Discussed</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsible Persons</b>
Updates on Education and Protection groups, as well as the activities/support provided by members of the Disability Taskforce	<p><b>Updated related to data on persons with disabilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the data providing during the meeting of the Protection group – based on observation around 10 % of persons from Ukraine entering the country are persons with disabilities. This % includes mainly persons with mobility disability. Data on persons with other types of disabilities is needed to be collected.</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates related to education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The representative of the Ministry of Education and Research highlighted that the new Program on inclusive education is in the process of development and extensive consultations will be further conducted. This would be an opportunity for the Taskforce to come up with suggestions and interventions.</li> <li><b>Important:</b> the new program to include the aspects related to the education of children refugees, including refugees with disabilities/SEN.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would be important that disaggregated data are centralized according the humanitarian mechanisms to be shared widely in the humanitarian coordination to ensure all actors are aware.</li> <li>Monitor when the consultations on the Program will be conducted and to contribute with comments and suggestions.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other needs connected to the education of refugee children refer to: accessing the education in Moldova or continuing the online education process; ensuring children refugees, including those with disabilities, with food and clothes (spring clothes).</li> </ul> <p><b>Support provided by NGOs:</b></p> <p><b>Motivatie NGO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continues to provide support to refugees with disabilities and their families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the Children Municipal Hospital will be conducted with the support from Humanity for Inclusion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Keystone Moldova</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided hot meals to around 4000 refugees at the custom and in hosting families</li> <li>• Provided services to 500 mothers and 600 children at the play game tent at Palanca border</li> <li>• Provided health care services to 15 persons with disabilities through the Mobile team</li> <li>• Provided nutrition and hygienic packages to 30 families with refugees with disabilities through Mobile team</li> <li>• Provided information , psychological and reference services to 30 persons with disabilities refugees through the Hotline service</li> </ul> <p><b>LowVision Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued providing services to children/persons with visual impairment. Previously 1 child was supported and two more beneficiaries were to be supported.</li> <li>• One of the issues identified is the fact that there are cases of referral of persons with visual disabilities to private</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for developing a platform and informative materials on the available services for refugees with disabilities and their families.</li> <li>• The operators of the green line should be informed on the available services to direct/refer refugees with disabilities and their families.</li> <li>• AOPD to provide weekly the information on the services provided by OPDs and CSOs in the field.</li> <li>• AOPD to support the mapping of services delivered by NGOs members.</li> <li>• To use the Public Caffe as a Platform to discuss with the government the needs of persons with disabilities refugees and the actions to be taken</li> </ul>	
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	<p>institutions. Thus, this highlights the issue related to referral to accessible services.</p> <p><b>AOPD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services provided by OPDs: medical, services for children with autism, early intervention.</li> <li>• A public café on “Consolidating the efforts in supporting and inclusion of refugees with disabilities” planned to be conducted on 13 April and members of the taskforce invited.</li> </ul>		
<p>The needs for protection and inclusion of refugees with disabilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issue related to data on persons with disabilities is still persistent.</li> <li>• The persistent issue related to the accessibility of information for persons with intellectual and psycho-social disabilities.</li> <li>• The need for support services of refugees with disabilities is arising: mobile team service, personal assistants, etc.</li> <li>• There is a lack of a mechanism to provide support services for persons with disabilities.</li> <li>• The needs of persons with different types of disabilities should be taken into consideration.</li> <li>• Problem of documentation of persons with disabilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Center of Advocates provides assistance in documentation. Organizations can partner/direct persons who need support.</li> </ul>	
<p>Results of evaluation of CREPOR shelter and needs for accessibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the accessibility of CREPOR Center was conducted by the Center for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</li> <li>• The issues identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ramp available at the entrance of the building.</li> <li>- Elevator: old system, requires a technician to use it. The technician/ responsible person works only during the day. This limits the mobility of persons.</li> <li>- Sanitary group and shower need adaptation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget for adaptation to be prepared and based on this to address to donor community.</li> <li>• The accessibility of the Temporary Placement Center for Older Persons and Persons</li> </ul>	

		with Disabilities (Valea Rediului street) to be evaluated.	
Presentation of the draft of the advocacy plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft of the advocacy plan was presented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The plan is to be further filled in and shared with the members of the Taskforce.</li> </ul>	