

## Roma Task Force

Meeting Details			
<b>Date</b>	26th May 2023- Next meeting is planned on June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2023		
<b>Time</b>	10.00 am		
<b>Chair</b>	"Roma Voice" Coalition INTERSOS		
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Agenda			
<p><b>Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Refugee Day</li> <li>• Temporary Protection updates</li> <li>• Roma refugees' inclusion under the terms of Temporary Protection</li> <li>• Mapping Roma refugees' community</li> <li>• AoB</li> </ul>			
Participants			
<i>IOM</i>	<i>UNHCR</i>	<i>WeWorld</i>	<i>Roma Voice Coalition</i>
<i>UNFPA</i>	<i>INTERSOS</i>	<i>A.O ACOPERI</i>	<i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i>
<i>ICRC</i>	<i>IMAPCT INITIATIVES</i>	<i>IRC</i>	<i>NRC</i>

## Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion
<p><b>1. World Refugee Day</b> Sorina Pinzaru, CBO Associate <i>UNHCR</i></p>	<p>Sorina Pinzaru has presented to the partners UNHCR’s initiative for World Refugee Day that will take place on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of June. UNHCR is asking to whoever of the partners are interested to participate with activities to the even to get in touch as soon as possible. Every partner organization of the Roma Task Force that is interested will reach bilaterally to UNHCR.</p>
<p><b>2. Temporary Protection Updates</b></p> <p>Alina Sava, Field Officer <i>INTERSOS</i></p> <p>Serghei Zubco, Legal Counsellor <i>IOM</i></p> <p>Charles Moussi, Program Director <i>A.O. ACOPERI</i></p>	<p>The co-chair organization has updated the partners on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CES decision n. 68 of May the 10th: from the 15<sup>th</sup> of May all people fleeing the war in Ukraine will have 90 days to legalize themselves in the Republic of Moldova. It does not matter from when the refugees are on the Moldovan territory. This springs the need of specific discussion about Roma refugees and the issues they are encountering in getting access to Temporary Protection. The issues are: lack of proper documentation, lack of information about Temporary Protection, high level of illiteracy, lack of computer literacy. Especially people living in private accommodations are the ones encountering more difficulties inf accessing correct and updated information. Proof of residency remains an issue, and not only for Roma refugees.</li> <li>• The AAP task force in collaboration with INTERSOS has created material for TP in Romani and it will soon be accessible to all the partners.</li> <li>• There were raised concerns about the situation of Roma refugees in Transnistria and how to reach them with information or how to guarantee them transportation to request TP. It was suggested to have a broader discussion with authorities about most vulnerable cases who want to access TP. Moreover, the issue of applicants for TP not receiving formal written rejection, so they cannot appeal formally.</li> </ul>

<p><b>3. Roma refugees' inclusion under the terms of Temporary Protection</b></p> <p>Ion Duminica, member secr. <i>Coalitia Vocea Romilor</i></p> <p>Marin Alla, President <i>Coalitia Vocea Romilor</i></p>	<p>Ion Duminica has raised the question about the integration of Roma refugees under the terms of Temporary Protection. The main topics tackled were about employment, involvement of children in the Moldovan education system and what could be the best ways to achieve these objectives. It is an open discussion since it requires long term interventions, advocacy efforts and constant dialogue with local authorities and Government. There are structural issues that cannot be solved within a short amount of time and that require the involvement of the Government and a change in the legal framework of the country.</p> <p>UNHCR is currently implementing a project aimed at offering counselling on how to write a CV, cover letter and where and how to apply for jobs dedicated to both refugees and local community. It is not a solution that can solve all the issues, but can be considered a first step in trying to integrate Roma refugees in the local network.</p> <p>In this process of integration, the support and involvement of local Roma organization is fundamental for INGOs to better implement their projects.</p> <p>Marin Alla suggests a dialogue with higher authorities with the aim of changing the current legal framework in order to integrate not only Roma refugees, but local Roma community as well.</p>
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**4. Mapping Roma refugees' community**

A joint effort between Coalitia Vocea Romilor, UNHCR, INTERSOS, ROMNI is currently ongoing in order to map the Roma refugees' community present on the territory of Moldova. After the data collection through Kobo, a dashboard will be created with the relevant information to be available to everyone. The exercise will require around a month to be completed. Further updates will be shared with the partners.