

UNHCR-WFP
Logistics and Supply Working Group
Moldova

Minutes of Meeting

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Agenda

- a) **Welcome and introduction**
- b) **Purpose of the WG**
- c) **Overview of humanitarian context in Moldova and the needs**
- d) **Mapping of logistics response capacity of partners and available resources**
- e) **Information management and coordination**
- f) **AOB**

a. Welcome and Introduction

- Arben Hajdini, Head of Supply Chain, UNHCR, opened the meeting, welcoming the participants to the Supply Chain and Humanitarian Coordination Working Group (WG), which falls under the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) in Moldova. The WG will be co-led by UNHCR and WFP to coordinate humanitarian activities and

address issues concerning Logistics and Supply Chain operations in Moldova. Arben introduced Agenda of the meeting and invited participants to introduce themselves.

- Virginia Villararribas, OIC of WFP Moldova introduced WFP team and briefed the participants about the humanitarian context in Moldova in view of current impact of the refugee crisis. She also highlighted the Governments' needs for support from the humanitarian community in logistics and supply chain. Virginia as well mentioned arrival of the new Head of Office Cesar Arroyo who will support the team with his lengthy humanitarian experience that includes Logistics.
- Mats Hultgren, Senior Supply Chain Coordinator, highlighted the importance of Logistics coordination and joint response.
- Guido Van Heugten, UNHCR Interagency coordinator, explained the principle of humanitarian coordination setup in Moldova, which is linked to the refugee response. In this context, Supply Chain and Logistics sector will be co-led by UNHCR and WFP, which is different from Logistics cluster approach and based on the refugee coordination structure.

b. Purpose of the Working Group

Nelli Jensen, WFP Supply Chain Officer, introduced the purpose of the Working Group, highlighting the following:

Current refugee crisis is the major emergency for Moldova in many years. The Government put in place monitoring systems and mobilized resources to be able to respond. However as the resources are being exhausted, the government requested humanitarian sector to intervene. One of the critical areas found by the government is in Supply Chain, Logistics and its coordination. As the humanitarian presence in Moldova is growing, it is crucial to set the needed coordination and mobilize resources efficiently to avoid duplication of actions. This WG will serve as a coordination tool to bring together humanitarian, development, government and private sector actors to jointly identify and mitigate Humanitarian Supply Chain gaps in Moldova during the refugee crisis.

The WG TORs were shared prior to the meeting and the participants are invited to comment in order to reach common understanding of the terms.

The members of the WG are expected to have physical presence in Moldova and be able to provide resources and expertise in areas of Supply Chain and Logistics.

c. Overview of humanitarian context in Moldova and the needs

Needs identified by the GoM

Arben and Nelli briefed the participants about the needs identified by the Government of Moldova, which included the following:

-Management of the Government controlled warehouses.

Currently the Government contracted a number of warehouses, where they receive private and foreign Governments donations as well as humanitarian partners donations for the refugees. The cargo is assorted and needs registration and inventory set up, as well as dispatch and receipts to integrate into the Gov's accounting system. GoM developed a platform to match items available in the warehouses with the needs of the registration centres.

-Transportation of humanitarian items from Chisinau airport to Government controlled warehouses

WFP offers transportation of humanitarian relief items from the airport to the warehouses

-Transportation of humanitarian items from the warehouses to the refugee registration centres (93 as of today). The transport will be offered by UNHCR, WFP and partners

-Coordination of humanitarian response between partners.

Coordination mechanism will be managed through the WG coordination meetings and regular coordination work between partners.

- Information Management. Website will be activated by WFP to serve as information sharing platform

In parallel to the refugee response in Moldova, WFP is facilitating preparedness work for cross-border operations to Ukraine.

d. Mapping of logistics response capacity of partners and available resources

The participants were requested to map their organisations' areas of expertise under 5 main areas of supply chain. Partners will be requested to fill in the assessment questionnaire, which will be shared by WFP and UNHCR.

The areas include planning, procurement, transport, storage and delivery

e. Information management and coordination

The following coordination have been discussed and agreed:

WG meetings will be held weekly to ensure continuous communication between partners and regular updates

WFP and UNHCR will develop the platform for information sharing

Import and clearance procedures to be communicated, and exemptions requested from GoM

Service Provision on request (storage services, transportation and warehouse management solutions) will be available for partners by UNHCR and WFP to ensure timely response.

Coordination of cargo airlift operations in Chisinau airport will be supported by WFP

Logistics Capacity Assessments are ongoing, the results will be available for partners.

Joint procurement mechanisms for the UN organizations and partners will be supported by WFP and UNHCR if needed.

f. AOB

It was agreed that the WG meetings will take place on Tuesday's at 09:00 hrs.

There being no other items, WFP and UNHCR thanked participants for attending the meeting

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