

# FOOD SECURITY SUB-WORKING GROUP: MOLDOVA

## Meeting Minutes

31 May 2022

Chisinau, Moldova

**Chaired by:** WFP

**Partners:** ANAS, ACTED, AAH, AAR Japan, ACF Spain, CARITAS, CRS, HelpAge, Samaritan's Purse, Solidarite, World Central Kitchen, WVI

### Agenda:

- **Operational updates by Partners (each partner 3 minutes max):**
  - Hot Meals in RACs (vouchers and catered)
  - In-kind and voucher assistance for refugees and Host communities
  - Border-crossing (contingency planning)
- **AOB**

### 1. Operational updates by Partners

- Partners provided operational updates on interventions covering Hot meals provision in RACs, summarized as follows:
  - WFP presented the latest programme achievement on hotmeals, indicating the number of refugees reach out and estimated number of meals distributed as of 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. It was underlined that additional efforts are required to further improve the quality and accuracy of the data.
  - HelpAge is finalizing the report for WFP in programme implementation. A Media Visit has been conducted in two RACs on 30<sup>th</sup> of May, and preparations are being made to arrange the visit of WFP country director to RACs
  - ACTED is finalizing its contract with service provider (Linella) on provision of food vouchers in RACs, which will facilitate transition to on-site cooking.
  - Action against hunger: the activities on provision of hot-meals at Palanka border area are going on, achieving distribution of 900 hot-meals in last week.
  - CRS, AAR Japan – Business as usual.
  - World Central Kitchen: is gradually phasing out from provision of hot-meals in RACs, starting **at the end of June and which will continue in July**. Interested partners will be shared with communication prepared by WCK, with a dedicated conference call hosted by WCK for partners and finalize the roadmap for the transition.
- It has been mentioned that the issue of diversification of menus provided by catering companies has been mentioned by refugees in several RACs and therefore, partners are recommended to put more efforts with respective catering service providers in this regard.
- WFP will arrange an orientation session of operational and financial reporting for its CPs in the country. FSWG members are welcome to attend.
- Partners raised the question about the list of RACs being assessed for feasibility of introduction of on-site cooking approach in RACs. WFP has explained that the current list covers only those RACs that are supported by WFP and its implementing partners. For other RACs the

approach should be conducting of such an assessment in coordination with local units of ANSA, with collaboration with ANSA at central level. **Alina Alexei from WFP will act as focal point at central level to facilitate this communication with ANSA.**

- Considering lack of food-basket guidance developed specifically for Moldova context, partners are encouraged to refer to the guidance on Food and Nutrition Needs in Emergencies, prepared by UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. **(To be shared by WFP along with WFP FSQ guidance)**

## 2. AOB

- Under AOB, WFP has mentioned that based on discussions that took place at Emergency coordination Center among representatives of different sectors and organizations, the government has emphasized that efforts are underway to ensure optimization of RACs to see feasibility of moving people at RACs with few number of refugees to those that might be nearby with a capacity to accommodate additional refugees. In this regard, RACs with on-site cooking facilities will be prioritized.

### Summary of Action Points

- **WFP to share Food and Nutrition Needs in Emergencies and FSQ guidance with partners**
- **WFP to communicate the message from WCK on RACs handover**
- **WCK to convene conference call for partners to discuss the transition of plan**
- **WFP to arrange a practical session for partners on operational and financial reporting**

**Date of the next meeting: 7 June 2022 (TBC).**