

Inter-Agency Coordination

Moldova

Meeting subject:	5th Meeting of the Roma Task Force
Time & location:	17 June 2022, Zoom link
Chaired by:	Olga Bitca, Protection Associate UNHCR
Participants:	Government of the Republic of Moldova, Joint Crisis Management Center, Roma Community Mediator, USAid, IsraAID, Council of Europe, UNHCR, OHCHR, UNDP, European Roma Rights Centre, Association of the Roma Women, Coalition Roma Voices, INTERSOS, OXFAM, Roma activist and Academic representative.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Presentation of the Roma Community Mediator, Marin Alla**
3. **Intervention of Elena Sirbu, co-chair RTF**
4. **Terms of reference of the Roma Task Force**
5. **UNDP survey on the Socio-Economic Vulnerabilities of Roma in Moldova**

AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION
1	Welcome and announcements UNHCR representative welcomed the participants and presented the agenda of the meeting.

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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the Roma Community Mediator, Marin Alla <p>The newly appointed Roma community Mediator informed that during the last 2 weeks he progressed in collaboration with various stakeholders with the support of the Government through the Joint Crisis Management Center and UNHCR, in his 7 main priorities, which are: management reorganization with a clear repartition of responsibilities and liability among the 3 administrators of the RAC Testemiteanu 6, child safe space available and number of actions of coordination and list of needs with the services providers and donor, medical cases, registration and statistics of persons, especially based on a case, measures with the Ministry of Education, Health and Labor and Social Protection on job seekers, Letter of information to managers of RACs and other measures concerning discrimination of Roma in RACs, Mapping of the Roma refugees, Restart of the system of donation in a more equitable manner. Since 22 June the safe Space for Children will be fully renovated, arranged and operational.</p> <p>He assured that various stakeholder are open and reactive to alleged Roma discrimination cases concerning transportation and accommodation and thanked for the reporting of the cases. He further informed on his several priorities of the middle term as: ensuring the respect of the accommodation regulation, integration measures for Roma refugees which will remain in the country, evaluation and education of Roma children, quality of the food and its adaptation to special needs.</p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Updates from member organizations• Elena Sirbu, the co-chair of the Roma Task Force summarized the impact of the Roma Task Force as a positive one, especially concerning collaboration with several national and international organizations. She thanked OXFAM for the provided humanitarian aid, such as hygiene kits and INTERSOS for the partnership and planning of the activity. But some cases of discrimination in transportation and accommodation of several Roma families were reported by her, several of them were already investigated.• Victoria Luca, Roma Awareness Foundation representative, presented their activities in the left bank of river Dnestr in collaboration with NRC. Since 5 May 2022, 500 Roma refugees were consulted mainly in 4 locations: Ribnita, Tiraspol, Bender and Slobozia. Services provided were legal consultations on the

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	<p>confirmation of the identity, expired documentation, lack of documentation and URSS documents in collaboration with the local self-proclaimed authorities. She considers the vulnerability of Roma refugees of the left bank as increased, mainly because of the illegal crossing of the left-bank border and undocumentation, with limited access to services as a consequence. Some of the results of the consultations indicate that 70 % of the overall consulted persons are partially documented, 30 % are undocumented. From the undocumented number, 15 % of persons are citizens of the Republic of Moldova and they require another procedures and solutions, but the main concern is the cost of the documentation by the Public Service Agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ion Bucur, the representative of the European Roma Rights Centre and National Roma Centre, informed on a project of mapping of Roma refugees, as well as social and legal assistance. • INTERSOS representative informed on the activity of the Community mediator employed by INTERSOS, on social and psychological available assistance, followed a discussion and Roma Task members agreed on a repartition of the efforts and covering of the geographical area of the country, included the left bank Dnestr.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference of the Roma Task Force <p>UNHCR representative informed that the final version of the Terms of reference will be circulated and consulted on-line. Join Management Crises Centre representative asked for more time in order to return with inputs on the Terms of reference. Members are kindly request to provide their inputs within the requested deadline.</p>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP survey on the Socio-Economic Vulnerabilities of Roma in Moldova <p>UNDP representative informed about an upcoming project and survey on the socio-economic vulnerabilities of the Roma population in Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia. UNDP in the past already conducted such surveys, but the aim of the project is to have updated information for an evidence-based</p>

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	dialogue among various stakeholders. Preparations are in course and the survey will be conducted at the beginning of September 2022.
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ACTION POINTS SUMMARY				
No.	Action	Responsible	Deadline	Status
1	Send inputs for the Terms of Reference of RTF	Participants	22 June	17 June
2	Sharing information on the Roma Refugees location and number	Participants	Recurring	17 June
3	Reporting cases of Roma discrimination, esp. concerning accommodation	Participants	Recurring	17 June