

**Taskforce on refugees with disabilities
Minutes, 14 April 2022**

	Taskforce on refugees with disabilities	Location	Remote – via Zoom
Chair	Ludmila Malcoci, Keystone Moldova	Date and Time	14 April 2022, 10:00 -11:00
Taskforce members participating	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), HelpAge International, OHCHR, UNHCR, CRAP, Humanity (Handicap) International, Internews, Oxfam		
Agenda Items	Main Points Discussed	Actions	Responsible Persons
Updates on Education and Protection groups, as well as the activities/support provided by members of the Disability Taskforce	<p>Updates of the protection groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation was procured and donated. No accessible transportation was procured. <p>Updates related to education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Rapid Needs Assessment is planned to be conducted. A Taskforce on planning and organizing the assessment was established. OHCHR as a member of the taskforce contributed with integration of questions related to education needs assessment of children with disabilities in the questionnaire. <p>Support provided by NGOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keystone Moldova supported 45 families with a family member with a disability with the nutrition packages, assistive equipment, and medications through the Mobile team, as well as 30 persons with disabilities- with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The taskforce to advocate for ensuring that for other procurement, the accessibility criteria will be taken into consideration. Development partners / donor community to analyze the possibility of assisting the Association of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities in Republic of Moldova with the needs mentioned: beds; washing and drying machine. 	

	<p>information, psychological counseling, and reference services through the Hotline service for persons with disabilities- 080010808. Additionally, several cases of refugees with disabilities were referred to Keystone through the existing referral mechanism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiecare Contribuie Pentru Schimbare NGO from Criuleni district, with the supported 35 persons with disabilities with housing services, transportation, medication, and hygienic packages. A multifunctional center that is accessible for persons with disabilities is available. There is the need for multifunctional rehabilitation. Accessible transportation is available and transport is provided based on needs. The need for cooperation with LPA is needed and their capacity building and awareness raising is needed, as there is a lack of knowledge on how to work and integrate the needs of persons with disabilities. • SOS Autism NGO is housing 22 families with persons with autism, delivering housing, nutrition, and medical services. 8 children with autism are supported with rehabilitation services. • Motivatie NGO supported 25 persons with mobility disabilities with adapted transportation. • NGO Eco-Răzeni and Floare de cireș Social Enterprise , in collaboration with the ILO International Labor Organization and IM Swedish Development Partner, prepared and delivered over 14,300 portions of food to 8 refugee centers in Ialoveni district and Chisinau municipality during March 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities in Republic of Moldova to contact the Association of Youth with Diabetes. • Alliance of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities to collect the data on weekly basis related to support provided by the members of the Alliance to refugees with disabilities. • Donor community to support refugees in Transnistria region as well: food packages, hygienic products, clothes, cash assistance. • Awareness raising and capacity building of LPA is needed for on mainstreaming disabilities and responding to the 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM Swedish Development Partner is supporting the Fiecare Contribuie Pentru Schimbare NGO from Criuleni district, SOS Autism NGO, Motivatie NGO, Eco-Răzeni NGO is proving assistance and support to refugees with disabilities and their families. • Low Vision NGO supported 13 persons with visual disabilities with diagnostic and rehabilitation services. Two of them will be supported with assistive equipment. • Association of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities in Republic of Moldova has established in partnership with LPA in Greblești community Straseni district, a temporary placement center, with 50 places (around 35 for persons with disabilities and 15 for Roma). The target groups are: persons with disabilities and Roma, mainly Roma women with small children. The accessibility of the location was ensured through the grants of the association. Twenty free persons with disabilities were expected in the period 18 – 19 April. Among the needs: beds; washing and drying machine. Also there is a need for supporting refugees with diabetes. • Osort Association, TN region – are supporting refugees with disabilities: 4 children with autism spectrum disorder. The association ensured accommodation. In Transnistria region children with disabilities who need rehabilitation are accepted without difficulties. There is limited humanitarian support in the region. Among the needs: clothes for children; food; hygienic products; financial 	<p>needs of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Needs highlighted by the members of the taskforce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for informing the refugees about the modality of registration to LPAs and benefitting of support. • Labor – to inform them about employment opportunities. • Access to medication – the list of compensated medicine should be extended. • There is the need for available funds to NGOs who can provide individual assistance to refugees. 	
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	<p>support. There is a need for dietary food (without gluten, lactosis, etc).</p>		
<p>Presentation on the outcome of the public café “Consolidation of common efforts for inclusion of refugees with disabilities”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public discussion on consolidating the efforts on supporting refugees with disabilities was organized on 13 April by Alliance of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities, with the participation of OPDs, development partners and state institutions. • The discussions were oriented on the support provided, but also needs for concentrated support: accessibility (infrastructural and informational accessibility); access to education; providing access to cash programs, including in the regions; long term solutions should be ident rehabilitation and social services, education and health for better inclusion of persons with disabilities refugees. • An informative note on the outcome of the meeting will be developed and shared with the authorities and posted on the communication platforms of the Alliance. 		
<p>Presentation of consolidated advocacy plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advocacy plan was presented and the members of the taskforce were invited to analyze and integrate the names of their organization to the activities they are ready to support. • Members of the taskforce to nominate themselves as focal point to other taskforces to make sure that disability is mainstreamed in the activity of other working groups/task forces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to the Advocacy plan (google doc): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JXFt1MTjFR_N5ty2L01OuUKJT0-AGXrygc6XRk_Xv2g/edit#heading=h.gidgxs 	