



Subnational Refugee Coordination Forum - Gagauzia

Meeting Details			
Date	17-08-2022 Next meeting on 08-09-2022		
Time	14:00 –15:30		
Chair	Serghei Anastasov, Mayor of Comrat Junaid Chakerzehi, Field Officer, UNHCR Catalina Sampaio, Associate Inter Agency Coordination Officer, UNHCR		
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Agenda			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of the Subnational Refugee Coordination Forum Gagauzia, led by the Comrat Municipality and UNHCR; ● Presentation of the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) and main ongoing activities; ● Temporary Protection; ● CBI/ cash interventions; ● Community and Information Centers; ● AoB 			
Information collection and relevant links			
National Refugee Coordination Forum Calendar with meetings date/ time and connection details can be accessed here			
Link to Operational Data Portal (ODP): https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784			
Participants			
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Summary of Discussions and Agreements and Action Points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Subnational Refugee Coordination Forum Gagauzia Serghei Anastasov, Mayor of Comrat, primaria_comrat@mail.md</p> <p>Junaid Chakerzehi, Field Officer, UNHCR, chakerze@unhcr.org</p> <p>Catalina Sampaio, Associate Inter Agency Coordination Officer, UNHCR, sampaioc@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor of Comrat informed the opening of a Subnational Refugee Coordination Forum co-led by the Comrat Municipality and UNHCR. • The Inter-Agency Coordination team informed that the Subnational Refugee Coordination Forum - Gagauzia is within the Refugee Coordination Forum/Structure. • The objective of this group is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop initiatives to secure a coordinated humanitarian response to refugees • guarantee that refugees are accessing protection and integration services locally • complement and strengthen Gagauzia government efforts to protect and integrate refugees locally • term of Reference, Work-Plan, 5W, contact list, MoM • All the participants introduced themselves to other present INGO/local/regional authorities. • The meetings will be held every two weeks. 	
<p>Presentation of the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) and main ongoing activities</p>	<p>The Inter-Agency Coordination team introduced the Refugee Coordination Forum and invited local NGOs and other stakeholders to be active members. The Refugee Coordination Forum aims to ensure coordination between stakeholders at all</p>	



<p>Catalina Sampaio, Inter-Agency Coordination Team, UNHCR, sampaioc@unhcr.org</p>	<p>stages of the response, to better organize and to have effective communication with all the sector working groups.</p>	
<p>Temporary Protection</p> <p>Catalina Sampaio, Associate Inter Agency Coordination Officer, UNHCR, sampaioc@unhcr.org</p> <p>Junaid Chakerzehi, Field Officer, UNHCR, chakerze@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNHCR provided updates about the Temporary Protection. The government is considering the activation of temporary protection for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. This would provide a secure legal status for Ukrainian refugees. This measure might allow them to stay longer in the country, and to access basic services, such as education and work. ● UNHCR and the Ministry of Interior (MoI) signed an MoU, establishing a framework for cooperation and coordination between the two entities. Under the MoU, UNHCR has committed to assist the MoI in implementing the temporary protection. ● The Inter-Agency Coordination team informed all members of the Winterization Strategy – the objective is to develop an Inter-Agency Winterization Strategy in coordination with the government of Moldova which shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winter specific challenges, risks, and constraints per sector; ● Priority response activities per sector; ● Sector standard response packages; ● Prioritization criteria and targeting; ● Existing capacity and gaps. <p>The participants' general comments were related to the need for warm clothes and blankets/duvets for the host communities and refugees upcoming winter season. They also expressed concerns regarding the increased prices in gas and electricity, resulting in the necessity for more financial assistance.</p>	
<p>CBI/ Cash Interventions</p>	<p>WFP presented their work with Cash Assistants benefitting Moldovan host communities. WFP explained different modalities and criteria for host</p>	



<p>Catalina Sampaio, Associate Inter Agency Coordination Officer, sampaioc@unhcr.org</p> <p>Grigore Guzun, Programme Assistant, WFP, grigore.guzun@wfp.org</p>	<p>communities to receive financial support. WFP and UNHCR invited all participants to contact Cash Sector Leads and become members of the Cash Sector Working Group to receive further information.</p> <p>During the presentation participants raised concerns regarding Host families that registered for financial assistance, yet received delayed financial aid. Moreover, Host families which no longer host refugees continue to receive financial support, leading to a need for a mechanism to monitor beneficiaries. Lastly, partners highlighted the need for an information center where refugees can receive answers and clarification on all the services available. Members highlighted the need of opening a cash center in Comrat.</p> <p>The Cash Working Group calendar with date/ time and connection details can be accessed here.</p>	
<p>Community Service Centers / Information Centers</p> <p>Junaid Chakerzehi, Field Officer, UNHCR, chakerze@unhcr.org</p> <p>Omerovic Natasa, CCCM Project Officer, IOM, nomerovic@iom.int</p>	<p>IOM and UNHCR informed of all pertinent information centers opening next week at City Hall, on the 1st floor, in order to provide refugees with information on the available services.</p> <p>The office will be open from Monday to Friday: the staff will be available to offer information for four hours. Office hours will be determined at a later date.</p>	
<p>AoB</p> <p>Catalina Sampaio, Associate Inter Agency Coordination Officer, UNHCR, sampaioc@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Participants raised additional concerns regarding Education including lack of information about the actors who may provide clothes and all school supplies for children returning to school. Another concern is the lack of available schools teaching in Russian. The impossibility of having students’ attendance record acknowledged within the Moldovan educational system.</p>	