



SECTOR WG: LIVELIHOODS AND INCLUSION

Meeting Details			
Date	30 11 2022- Next meeting on 14 12 2022		
Time	1.00 pm		
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Agenda			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and introduction• Financial inclusion. Presentation by the International Finance Corporation (IFC)• Updates from Working Group members• RRP 2023 – What is planned and way forward			
Information collection and relevant links			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation IFC			
Participants			
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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<p>Agenda Point 1 Financial inclusion. Presentation by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Galina Cicanci, Country Officer Moldova, gcicanci@ifc.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">IFC presented their project regional Ukraine “Digital Data Corridor”, aimed at facilitating the transfer of credit history of Ukrainian refugees to support their financial inclusion and access to finance. This is because credit history can help predict the behaviour of people, and their ability to manage certain amounts of money, and offers more security in the settlement of relations with a future service provider. Credit history can be used by banks, as well as other services providers like mobile service companies, for renting accommodation. In Moldova, the technical connections with Ukraine have been established, and the project is currently conducting outreach activities with relevant state institutions and refugees to explain the potential of the credit history. Focus groups are planned in the beginning of 2023 to study the profile of the refugees in Moldova, their financial needs, barriers to accessing financial services, etc.	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Agenda Point 2 Updates from Working Group members Ala Svet, UN Women, ala.svet@unwomen.org; Zinaida Adam, UNDP, zinaida.adam@undp.org; Vitalie Sprinceana, Peace for Moldova, vitalie.sprinceana@gmail.com; Tomáš Ďuraňa, PIN, tomas.durana@peopleinneed.net; Veronica Bubuioc, IOM, vbubuioc@iom.int;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the Working Group have provided updates on their activities in the past months, and plans for the near future:<ul style="list-style-type: none">UN Women launched two calls for project proposals to promote access to livelihoods opportunities of women refugees. In partnership with local organizations, UN Women plans to offer training sessions for at least 100 women, as well as cash for work options, and financial support for covering childcare services and transportation. Together with the National Employment Agency, the organization plans to offer young refugees support with employment in local and international NGOs. The raions to be targeted by the interventions are still to be determined.UNDP is working closely with the National Employment Agency on increasing refugees’ access to the labour market. In this regard, UNDP has supported the organization of job fairs (Chisinau, Cahul, Balti, Causeni, Ungheni), implementation of an awareness raising campaign on angajat.md, organization of vocation training (incl. in Transnistria, where 77 refugees had been recently trained), and support with skill recognition (two ongoing programmes). UNDP is also undergoing activities for supporting the private sector, SMEs in Edinet,	<p>In order to facilitate coordination, every second meeting will be dedicated to coordination based on geographic area, only with those organizations working in that area.</p>



	<p>Straseni, Palanca, in expanding their production and creating new jobs, including for refugees. These activities will continue in 2023. UNDP will support 5 municipalities hosting refugees, including two in Gagauzia, with support for increasing energy efficiency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Moldova pentru Pace, in partnership with NCUM, are providing job counselling and legal advice on labour issues. November saw the highest number of requests, 300, from both refugees and Moldovans. Requests also include access to language courses and vocational training. The organizations have primarily focused on Chisinau, with initial activities also conducted outside the capital.○ People in Need conducted social cohesion activities. A call for proposal was launched to support CSOs year with operational grant and services provision grant – to stabilize, build capacities, and provide inclusion activities for local communities and refugees. A second call focused on enabling access to social services in 5 raions. In 2023, PIN plans to provide support with cash for work, child friendly spaces in the north of country where they work, attract locals and refugees to support for homebased business.○ Following a competitive call, IOM identified four local entrepreneurs who would receive microgrants for employing refugees – in Chisinau and Comrat.○ IOM has also shared information about their surveys on refugees’ intentions and needs. Information is publicly available, here.	
<p>Agenda Point 3 RRP 2023 – What is planned and way forward Teodora Zafiu, Livelihoods and Inclusion Sector Coordination, Teodora.zafiu@undp.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A summary of the main findings of the RRP 2023 sector submissions was presented. In total, 26 organizations (7 UN Agencies, 12 International NGOs, and 7 local NGOs) proposed livelihoods and inclusion activities in 2023, worth a total budget of over \$62 million. The highest budget is proposed for the sector activity “Support access to local public services”, followed by “Support for livelihoods opportunities and support access to labour market”. Organizations were requested to actively participate in the coordination of activities to ensure that there will be no duplication of efforts (including on the aspect of assessments), and that the needs of all the people in need are addressed. In this sense, it was proposed that every other meeting is dedicate to coordination in a geographic area, with the participation of those organizations working in that area.	<p>Working Group members will share methodologies and findings of assessments.</p>