

Roma task Force

Meeting Details	
Date	<i>20.12.2022- Next meeting is planning 27Jan2023</i>
Time	<i>10.00 am</i>
Chair	<i>Natalia Kropivka, Protection Officer, UNHCR Elena Sirbu, Platform of the Roma Women ROMNI Marin Alla, Coalition Roma Voices</i>
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcoming words2. Updates from partners3. 2022 achievements4. 2023 priorities5. AOB	
Participants	

<i>OSCE mission Moldova</i>	<i>UNDP</i>	<i>Internews</i>	<i>Coalition Roma Voice</i>
<i>UNFPA</i>	<i>ACTED</i>	<i>WeWorld</i>	<i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i>
<i>IOM</i>	<i>NRC</i>	<i>CWS</i>	<i>European Roma Rights Center</i>
<i>UNHCR</i>	<i>INTERSOS</i>		<i>National Roma Center</i>
	<i>Oxfam</i>		
	<i>IRC</i>		

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<p>1. 2022 Achievements and 2023 priorities, Andrew Painter, Snr Protection Officer</p>	<p>The UNHCR Snr Protection Officer, Andrew Painter, announced that this was the year’s last meeting. He summarized last year's work with the Roma community and outlined the main objectives for the new year.</p> <p>Main messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it is important to continue to gather more information about the Roma community - a lot has been done with the community and more is yet to come. <p>The main steps in 2023 should be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of temporary protection

- Enhancing Roma community mapping
- an emphasis on community work
- social cohesion

Last message:

transition period where INTERSOS will take over the work on Roma Task Force. At the same time, UNHCR will remain an active participant in the process

2. Updates from partners
Marin Alla

Main messages:

- Gratitude to the partners, who helped improve the lives of Roma refugees.
- A meeting with Intersos before the end of the year to discuss the priorities of the Roma TF for 2023.
- Need to ensure better coordination with the local authorities in 2023.
- 3 people have been employed
- All RACs where Roma people live are heated.
- Food problems were solved in two RACs.

<p>Olena Koval, Snr. CBP Asst, UNHCR</p> <p>kovalo@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Olena Koval presents the information on the applications for a small grant received from Roma community representatives.</p> <p>UNHCR received 6 projects from Roma communities. Applications came from Chisinau, Otaci, Hincesti, and Tiraspol. At present, the committee has already supported two of them.</p> <p>One project involves installation of showers and laundry facilities in the border area. A second project will translate important legislative documents into Roma language and produce audio podcasts.</p> <p>There are several pending applications that will be considered by the selection committee next year.</p>
<p>3. 2022 Achievements and 2023 priorities</p>	<p>Main messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2022, 100 children from RACs accommodating Roma were part of the learning

process.

- RACs should have a place for children from Roma families to study.
- Roma refugees have problems with accessing medicines, they don't have all the medication they need.
- Discrimination against Roma people continues. Marin Alla expressed the hope that the problem will be solved in 2023.

In 2023, special attention should be paid to Roma refugee communities staying outside of RACs. There should be more activities and humanitarian programmes aimed at social cohesion.

-It is important to pay more efforts to protect women's rights.

<p>4. Other questions Elena Sirbu, Roma Voice Coalition</p>	<p>Elena Sirbu, mentioned that Roma people living outside the RACs face a different problem than Roma who lives in centers. In particular, these are problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of means of subsistence - Limited access to medicine and medication - Problems with school enrollment. <p>In addition, Elena also mentioned that the protection of women's rights is one of the main goals.</p> <p>Discussing the problem of Roma people who live outside of RACs, the meeting participants agreed that these people should receive more attention next year.</p>
<p>Priorities for 2023 noted by the participants during the discussion: Marina Alla, Elena Sirbu, Ion Bucur Nicolae Radita</p>	<p><u>Priorities for 2023 noted by the participants during the discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue the initiatives started in 2022. - more programmes focused on the employment of Roma people. - enhance the initiatives aimed at education inclusion. - involve volunteers, especially when it comes to dealing with discrimination against Roma community. - to focus on the psychological health of mothers and children - pay attention to the problem of early child marriages - actively involve Roma refugees in all processes relating to decision-making. Involve them in various activities. Organize training for Roma refugees. - develop informational materials with relevant information for Roma. - pay special attention to creating a mapping of the location of Roma refugees. - disinformation prevention. - Establishing close communication between Roma refugees and local communities. - need to use and spread the good practices established by other organizations, e.g. Intersos's practice to train and hire Roma refugees.

	<p>- Temporary Protection better inform the communities about the opportunities and requirements.</p>
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