

Food Security Sub Working Group Meeting

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Chisinau, Moldova

Meeting Details

Date	25.04.2023
Time	16:00 (04 PM)
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Next meeting	30.05.2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Updates from the members
3. Standardised menu at the RACs
4. Waste management at the RACs
5. AOB

Participant	Organization
Cristian Slobodeaniuc	WFP (Chair)
Alina Alexei	WFP
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Viorica Danilescu	HelpAge
Ivan Ivancev	Hope4
Vitalie Beriozov	ACTED
Serghei Muntean	ACTED
Corina Gribincea	Keystone
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Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p data-bbox="163 198 331 263">Agenda Point 1 & 2</p> <p data-bbox="163 354 319 425">Introduction & updates</p>	<ul data-bbox="382 198 1663 1446" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="382 198 1663 516">• WFP -The RACs funded by WFP, are managed by 2 partners, ACTED and HelpAge. Following some discussions, a <u>menu was standardized</u> which is already implemented in those centers, as well as waste management practices. Moreover, WFP has launched the new program which is <u>snacks at the border crossing points</u>. This program is focused on those refugees that are coming to stay in Moldova. Also, it was mentioned the <u>contingency plan</u> which consists of delivering Linella vouchers, so the refugees will be able to purchase different food items. For this, WFP needs to be ready for the scenario to be able to print quickly and distribute vouchers for about 100,000 Ukrainian refugees. Another type of support are <u>the cash-based transfers</u>, which are offered to cover the basic needs of the Moldovan population (54,000 Moldovan households, 94% of people managed to cash out). <li data-bbox="382 522 1663 841">• Hope4 - provides assistance to vulnerable Moldovan people and Ukrainian refugees. The humanitarian aid, which mostly represents canned food, is brought from the United Kingdom and the European Union. In close cooperation with Kishinev City Hall Council and the Directorate for health and social assistance, they provide <u>food to the RACs</u> in Chisinau, Congaz and Ceadir Lunga. Also, once a month through an online platform, they invite refugees to their <u>warehouse in Chisinau</u>. Ukrainian citizens are scanning QR code and receive food boxes. 2600 Ukrainians are registered in their electronic database. Starting May 2, they will also offer <u>support to the elderly</u>. In addition to this, the organization has large quantities of products that cannot be placed in boxes (rice, potatoes, pasta) and would <u>like to collaborate with social canteens</u> to offer them to prepare food for refugees. <li data-bbox="382 847 1663 1010">• Action Against hunger – has a lot of activity in Moldova and Ukraine, including <u>cash, hygiene, and baby kits distribution</u>. AAH works with the municipalities, Communitas and a Refugee Center. A new project, which consists of <u>food distribution in packages</u> with a specific design agreed together with WFP and ACTED, will be initiated next week at Palanca, and will last approximately 5 months. The target will be around 5500 refugees (40 refugees daily). <li data-bbox="382 1016 1663 1166">• HelpAge – continues to support refugees, providing 3 hot meals daily for approx. 1600 refugees in 32 accredited RACs (4 RACs of them are provided with vouchers). At Easter, a festive meal was organized for all the beneficiaries. The feedback was extremely positive. Beside this, HelpAge has other projects in seven localities in Moldova. <li data-bbox="382 1172 1663 1302">• ACTED – continues to support refugees, in partnership with WFP, providing 3 <u>hot meals daily</u> for 1150 refugees daily (19 RACs with hot meals and in 3 RACs with vouchers). Both beneficiaries and suppliers are satisfied with the new standardised menu. Moreover, <u>60 snacks kits</u> were distributed at Otaci border crossing point since April 1. <li data-bbox="382 1308 1663 1446">• Keystone – are implementing <u>4 projects</u> in the whole country together with other partners. One of these projects, that is due to end in April, is based on food packages distributed to host families and refugees and the other 3 projects consists of vouchers distribution. Target – more than 14 000 people (host families, refugees and vulnerable persons). 	<p data-bbox="1684 198 1936 457">If the participants know other organizations that do the same activities in Moldova, are kindly asked to inform WFP about them.</p>

<p>Agenda Point 3</p> <p>Standardized menu at the RACs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standardized menu, in agreement with WFP and ACTED, was developed by a nutritionist, which now it is suitable for all age groups: children, adults, and older people. The menu includes a replacement table (autumn-winter, spring-summer); thus, it includes fruits and vegetables depending on the season. • The menu was adjusted depending on the needs and feedback received from the field, therefore HelpAge is ready to implement the new menu from May 1 in all RACs. Out of 32 RACs covered by HelpAge now, 4 RACs are using food vouchers. In those RACs, the menu is sometimes different, as the canteen of the institution prepares the same menu for all beneficiaries (Moldovans and Ukrainian refugees). 	
<p>Agenda Point 4</p> <p>Waste management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP started to implement, with its partners ACTED and HelpAge, a waste management practices. On this occasion, a few weeks ago, an assessment was made by their experts from HQ, this gave a clearer picture of how waste management takes place, thus, some RACs are much more developed and advanced from this point of view, while others still encounter certain problems in the implementation of this program. • ACTED – waste management system was accepted by 30 RACs covered by WFP through its partners HelpAge and ACTED. To make the transition to this system, it has been divided into several stages: the provision of trash bins to sort waste, equipping the kitchens of catering companies to be more sustainable in hot meals deliveries, and organizing trainings for suppliers, RAC managers and beneficiaries, as well. In total approx. 2830 participants. • HelpAge - All RACs that do on site distribution use only biodegradable casseroles. 	<p>ACTED will provide more information on circular economy.</p> <p>ACTED will share several scenarios to minimize the level of trash and all its negative impact.</p>
<p>Agenda Point 5</p> <p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting takes place online on the last Tuesday of each month, at 4:00 PM. 	<p>Next meeting on 30.05.2023</p>