

## Roma Task Force

| Meeting Details  |   |                    |                                  |
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| <b>Date</b>  | <i>28 April 2023- Next meeting is planned on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2023</i> |                    |                                  |
| <b>Time</b>  | <i>10.00 am</i>   |                    |                                  |
| <b>Chair</b>   | <i>“Roma Voice” Coalition<br/>INTERSOS</i>                                |                    |                                  |
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| Agenda   |   |                    |                                  |
| <p><b>Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on “Amare Amala” week, International Roma Day</li> <li>• Information sessions on Temporary Protection for refugees</li> <li>• Temporary Protection trainings for Roma community mediators</li> <li>• Challenges met by partners</li> <li>• AoB</li> </ul> |   |                    |                                  |
| Participants   |   |                    |                                  |
| <i>UNFPA</i>   | <i>NRC</i>  | <i>WeWorld</i>     | <i>Roma Voice Coalition</i>      |
| <i>IOM</i>   | <i>INTERSOS</i>   | <i>Peace Winds</i> | <i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i> |
| <i>UNHCR</i>   | <i>IRC</i>  | <i>UN Women</i>    | <i>PIN</i>                       |

## Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

| Agenda  | Discussion  |
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| <p><b>1. Follow up on “Amare Amala” week, International Roma Day</b><br/> Cristina Sîrbu, Support Head of Mission, <i>INTERSOS</i></p> <p>Elena Sirbu, President, <i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i></p> <p>Marin Alla, CEO, “<i>Roma Voice</i>” <i>Coalition</i></p> <p>Elena Sirbu, President, <i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i></p> | <p>Cristina Sîrbu showed a presentation giving an overview on “Amare Amala” Week organized in occasion of Roma International Day.</p> <p>Elena Sirbu mention that many Roma people do not understand the necessity of TP. Therefore, they are not properly informed about rights and responsibilities and about the changes that will occur. She asked the partners to prepare a shared document with all the information that should be given to the refugees, as well as all the updates on this subject. We should also take into account Transnistria region, as they are asked to present not only their ID passport by also a foreign passport to access the cash assistance.</p> <p>Marin Alla said that there should be found some Transnistrian affiliates who will be a Partner of Roma Task Force, but with the residence in Transnistria in order to have a common picture of the real needs of Roma people in that region. Alla Marin mentioned that in the refugee centers there are a few people would like to apply for Temporary Protection, as they are not informed and there and that they consider that there are too many documents to be presented.</p> <p>The number of the organization offering medical assistance and humanitarian aid decreased, but Roma refugees are still in need of this kind of assistance. Many organizations are offering aid for those who register for Temporary Protection, which is a big challenge for Roma refugees. Elena Sirbu expressed the desire of a better collaboration between Roma refugees, public authorities and international organizations to facilitate the access to the aid, and solving any other issues that occurs.</p> |
| <p><b>2. Information sessions on Temporary Protection for refugees</b><br/> Elena Sirbu, President,</p>   | <p>ROMNI Platform in the nearest future will be actively organizing many socio-cultural activities. They are open for any advice and collaboration, or assistance to improve Roma people’s lives. On 3 of May they will start an information campaign on Temporary Protection targeting Roma refugees.</p>  |

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| <p><i>Roma Women Platform Romni</i></p> <p>Marin Alla, CEO, "Roma Voice" Coalition</p> | <p>Also in May, Roma Voice Coalition together with ACTED will be organizing 12 concerts and as well as historical information sessions in each region where concerts will be held. These actions aim to raise awareness of local community towards Roma people, to promote Roma Culture, to decrease the negative image of Roma people, to understand that Roma ethnicity is not such a big burden for local population. The concerts come as a thank you from the Roma refugees for being welcomed in the village/ city they are located now.</p> <p>There was advised that simultaneously with the concerts to be organized information campaigns on Temporary protection. These cultural events will be the beginning of Roma raising awareness events.</p> |
| <p><b>3. Temporary Protection trainings for Roma community mediators</b></p>           | <p>They discussed the process and the way to bring Roma mediators to the trainings. The Roma Voice Coalition, INTERSOS and UNHCR jointly assumed responsibility on organizing these events.</p>  |