

Food Security Working Group (FSWG) | Meeting minutes

Meeting Details	
Date and time	27.06.2023, 16:00-17:00
Chair (OIC)	<i>Cristian Slobodeaniuc, Programme Officer, WFP Moldova- cristian.slobodeaniuc@wfp.org</i>
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Updates from the members 3. Temporary Protection 4. Challenges encountered in the implementation 5. AOB 	
Attendees:	Organization
Cristian Slobodeaniuc	WFP
Diana Taran	AAH
Emilie Fournier	REACH
Daniele Pedretti	Helpage
Viorica Danilescu	Helpage
Vitalie Beriozov	Acted
Barbara Bello	Acted
Ivan Ivancev	Hope4
Dumitru Drumea	Speranta 87
Eirini Aletra	CRS

Agenda point	Discussion	Actions
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting commenced with the participants introducing themselves to ensure that everyone was familiar with each other. 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP discussed their ongoing work on the development of an interim country strategic plan for the next two years. They mentioned their focus on the same pillars as before, with slight changes. They also highlighted their active involvement in discussions with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection regarding the temporal protection law. WFP mentioned the process of refugees applying for temporary protection and the associated benefits and challenges. They also mentioned the ongoing discussions on optimizing the number of Refugee Accommodation Centers (RACs). No final decision has been made yet, but it will be shared in the next meeting. • Hope4 provided updates on their activities, including an upcoming intensive English course for Ukrainian children by a team of students and teachers from a private school in the UK. They expressed the desire to discuss further cooperation and needs in a separate meeting. Hope4 also mentioned that they are still supporting Ukrainian refugees with food, beverages, and clothes. They have changed their distribution approach, now distributing based on requests and needs rather than through mass distribution. 	If any NGO is aware about any Child Day centers for the children of Ukraine refugees, are kindly asked to inform WFP.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speranta 87 informed the group about their holistic food distribution approach, including meals with chicken, vegetables, bakery products, and takeaway options. They are distributing school bags with essential supplies and dairy products. They have reached around 700-800 people since June. • Hope4 (additional update with reference to Speran87 request): Hope4 shared information regarding the distribution of humanitarian aid in Moldova. They clarified that the aid should be distributed only in the Republic of Moldova, as per the country's regulations. Therefore, it could not be distributed to the affected population in Ukraine. • Acted provided updates on their food assistance activities on behalf of WFP in 18 RACs, with 16 offering catering services and 2 using vouchers. They mentioned their transition to eco-friendly packaging to reduce waste. • HelpAge stated that they continue to provide assistance on behalf of WFP in 28 RACs, including 4 with cooking facilities which receive vouchers, and the remaining 24 with catering services using biodegradable casseroles. • AAH mentioned their distribution of snacks for refugees on behalf of WFP in bus station at Palanca border crossing point. In June, they distributed 251 snacks in the bus station region. 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities are discussing the form of support for refugees due to their increased presence and frequent travel between Moldova and Ukraine. It was mentioned that refugees need a residential address for their identification documents, with many indicating the Refugee Accommodation Centers (RACs) as their address, and those residing in host families would be traveling together to do the declaration. 	Interested parties are encouraged to seek further information from the ministry or WFP bilaterally.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acted highlighted the understaffing issue in RACs, particularly the delayed or insufficient payment for RAC managers, which impacts food distribution. The transition to biodegradable and reusable containers also poses challenges. • It was also mentioned that Action Against Hunger (AAH) noticed a decrease in the number of refugees crossing the border and requesting transportation services, which may require adjustments to implementation plans. • Reach has experienced delays in the multi-sector needs assessment due to the wait for the final regional version of the questionnaire. The process involved multiple exchanges with the regional bureau, but now that the questionnaire is finalized, the next step is to complete stakeholder coordination before starting the consultation. The aim is to ensure a comprehensive consultation process with minimal disruptions. The consultation will involve collaboration with the Food Security Working Group and other sector leads. Notably, the final questionnaire includes the food consumption score and the reduced coping strategy index, which are relevant to food security considerations. 	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is scheduled for the next month, specifically on the last Tuesday of the month. 	