



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation



Palanca Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 12 July 2023

1. Meeting Details

Date	12 July 2023
Time	14:00 – 15:00
Chair	Volokh Karina, Snr. Field Assistant, UNHCR
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2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Update on recent developments in Palanca Bus Station (PBS)
3. Activity updates from participants
4. AoB

3. Information collection and relevant links

Moldova operational data portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784>

Local Refugee Coordination operational data portal: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/search?>

4. Participants (Name, Position, Organization)

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| - Karina Volokh, UNHCR | - Olga Costenco, IOM |
| - Cristina Babin, INTERSOS | - Grigore Scraba, GSS |
| - Diana Negru, BLUE DOT | - Mircea Gonta, DRC (online) |
| - Igor Becciev, CDA | |
| - Stela Satova, UNFPA | |
| - Nicolae Derli, ACTED | |

5. Information collection and relevant links,

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/Actions
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR shared the following points: 	



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- The previous Local Coordination Meeting was held on 28 June 2023 by UNHCR at Palanca Bus Station (PBS). At the meeting were present: ACTED, INTERSOS, UNFPA, CDA, BLUE DOT, GSS Security, IOM, ACR. UNHCR welcomed all the present at the coordination meeting and started the meeting with recent updates taken place at PBS and with partners' activity updates. UNHCR informed all present that HELVETAS would end its operation at the end of June 2023 and will no longer be present in PBS as of July.
- On 29 June 2023, UNHCR received 20 people evacuated by the GLORIA organization. All people benefited from the various services offered and, while waiting for the departure of the bus, had coffee/tea and some snacks.
- On 30 June 2023, HELVETAS removed the two containers rented by them from PBS as they decided to end their operation.
- On 3 July 2023, UNHCR, together with CDA, visited the Popeasca RAC, to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly considering the transfer of ownership from the General Directorate of Social Assistance to the Popeasca Municipality, particularly regarding unaccompanied and separated children who may need to stay there temporarily.
- On 3 July 2023, UNHCR received 49 people evacuated by the GLORIA organization. All people benefited from the various services offered and, while waiting for the departure of the bus, had coffee/tea and some snacks.
- On 4 July 2023, INTERSOS conducted a training on self-care and different aspects of Burnout in the context of humanitarian work for the workers present at PBS.
- On 6 July 2023, UNHCR received 19 people evacuated by the GLORIA organization. All people benefited from the various services offered and, while waiting for the departure of the bus, had coffee/tea and some snacks.
- On 6 July 2023, UNHCR conducted a training on duties, obligations, code of conduct and PSEA for GSS security staff at PBS.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– On 10 July 2023, UNHCR received 24 people evacuated by the GLORIA organization. All people benefited from the various services offered and had coffee/tea and some snacks. At 5 pm all the people left for Romania with IOM bus.– On 12 July 2023, UNHCR Protection Unit visited Palanca BCP, Tudora BCP and PBS for monitoring the situation with asylum seekers and refugees at the borders and to speak with UNHCR partners.	
Activity updates from participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTED shared as follows that the work continues as usual, with a total of 77 people transported in the last two weeks. As discussed in the previous meeting, the transportation services will be extended for additional four months.• BLUE DOT reported the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– A total of 54 adults and 68 children have participated in the activities in the past two weeks. The program is supported by a team of two individuals who work on a daily basis in Palanca.– On Tuesday and Thursday, the mobile team will be in Ermoclia and Crocmaz, engaging in activities with children. The participants consist of 60% Ukrainians and 40% Moldovans, and joint sessions are conducted to promote cohesion and inclusivity.• INTERSOS reported that they organized regular English language lessons in the community service center in Căușeni and was engaged in activities with children in Crocmaz and Palanca at the local library. Additionally, they provide assistance to beneficiaries in accessing General Inspectorate for Migration (IGM) offices, particularly for vulnerable individuals. During the summer, they actively operate in the summer camp program in Căușeni.• CDA reported that, in the past two weeks, 25 beneficiaries have received assistance. The operations have been running smoothly and CDA colleagues are working in the field seven days a week.• GSS reported the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– The validity of worker identification cards at Palanca Bus Station will always be checked. A registration book will be placed at Post 2, and a temporary permit will	



	<p>be issued for newcomers visiting the station. The purpose is to be able to verify documents of foreign individuals on the station premises to ensure they are beneficiaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Fire extinguishers have been inspected and are valid for 5 years. Anti-smoking signs have been installed on the premises.• UNFPA reported that their work continued on a regular schedule. Over the past two weeks, there have not been any exceptional situations. They continue to provide guidance and psychological counseling to adolescent girls and women.• IOM reported that, in the past two weeks, a total of 141 individuals have departed for Romania through IOM. Among them, 74 were women, 56 were children, and 11 were men. There have been no changes in their activity during this period.• DRC reported that they were likely to be present soon in Palanca bus station to provide informative sessions on Temporary Protection to beneficiaries, assisting them with registration at the General Inspectorate for Migration (IGM) offices and provide legal assistance. They continue their activity all around Moldova and will also be conducting visits to Mayors' offices and RACs to provide support to refugees.	
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6. Details of the Next Meeting

Date	26 July 2023
Time	12:00 – 13:00
Venue	Palanca Bus Station