



PROTECTION WORKING GROUP/DISABILITY & AGE TASKFORCE (DATF)

Meeting Details	
Date	18.08.2023
Time	11.00-13.00 am
Chair	Alberto Tonon, Disability Inclusion Specialist, OHCHR/UNHCR
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Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and remarks • Presentation from HelpAge about Older People in Moldova • Update Media Brunch – OHCHR • Temporary Protection Updates • PRPD implementation activity Updates • Updates from the OPDs/members • RAC Consolidation Strategy Updates • AOB 	
Information collection and relevant links	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR Operational Data Portal (DATF page: https://data.unhcr.org/en/working-group/421?sv=54&geo=10784) 	
Participants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR • Maha Damaj, UNICEF • Cristina Putuntica, HelpAge • Anna Severin, Keystone Moldova • Ludmila Iahim, Motivatie • Vera Valuta, IGM • Ala Ganaciuc, IGM • Valerian Tabirta, EDF • Viorica Culeac, UN Women • Alexandru Stratulat, UNDP • Corneliu Tarus, IOM • Loredana Roscovan, IOM • Carissa Galla, HI • Olena Koval, UNHCR • Olha Florynska, OHCHR • Buștiuc Mircea, Societatea Invalizilor • Alina Prodan, AOPD • Natalia Cojocaru, RCO • Vornicescu Viorica, SoS Autism • Corina Teșu, REACH • Xenia Siminciuc, OHCHR • Martin Kunze, Jugend Eine Welt 	



Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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Opening remarks <i>Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</i> tonon@unhcr.org	The DATF Chair welcomed the participants for second in-person meeting of the year 2023 and give the floor to everyone to introduce themselves.	
Presentation from HelpAge about Older People in Moldova <i>Cristina Putuntica, HelpAge</i> osorc@yandex.ru	Cristina from HelpAge presented the results of HelpAge over the past months and the plan for the coming months. The main activities were the distribution of NFI, Meals in the RAC, cash assistance as well as MHPSS support for older people with weekly group activities. Finally, they also worked to raise awareness of inclusion of older people. Alberto will share the presentation alongside the minutes of the meeting.	Alberto to share the presentation
Update Media Brunch – OHCHR <i>Xenia Siminciuc, OHCHR</i> tonon@unhcr.org	Xenia provided an update to the group on the Media Brunch event organized by OHCHR in July with the participation of different OPDs members and organizations who work with people with disabilities. The event focuses on which are the gaps of refugees with disabilities and which are their unmet needs and in particular on temporary protection, access to medical assistance and accessibility in general.	
Temporary Protection Updates <i>Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</i>	Alberto has provided an update on the Temporary Protection in particular on number of people who have applied to it and in particular the people which benefit from the Mobile Units from IGM. The data come from the Factsheet of the Protection cluster.	Alberto to share the Report and presentation



<p>tonon@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Corneliu Tarus (IOM) update on the work of they will do to support persons with disabilities in Transnistria to ensure support to apply to Temporary Protection. IOM will support with pre-registration and transportation to IGM offices. Other members of the Task Force will also support with accessible transportation.</p> <p>Vera Valuta head of the Foreigners Integration Directorate (IGM) and Ala Ganaciuc, deputy head of the Asylum and Statelessness Directorate (IGM) also update the TP numbers which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 19,050 people pre-register to TP.- 13,048 people received the ID document.- 177 people with disabilities were supported with home-based registration thanks to the mobile unit. <p>It was requested by the DATF member if there are SOP or criteria to request a mobile unit. IGM confirmed that there are criteria to access mobile units, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mobility limitation- Bedridden- Physical and psychological disability- People in institutions <p>It was clarified that IGM would never be required to prove the disability by showing the disability certificate to be able to request mobile unit support.</p>	
<p>PRPD implementation activity Updates</p> <p>Arina Turcan, WHO</p> <p>arinaturcan@gmail.com</p>	<p>The different members of the PRPD project (WHO, UNICEF, UN Women, OHCHR, and UNFPA are the partners) update the DATF members on their ongoing activities since the last update was done in May.</p> <p>WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WHO is working with CDPD. During this period, 70 beneficiaries, people with disabilities, and personal assistants of people with disabilities were trained about the medical, social and other types of services available in the Republic of Moldova for people with disabilities. These trainings took place in Chisinau, Balti, Cimislia. Some of the trainings also included information sessions on Temporary Protection and its benefits for people with disabilities.	



<p><i>Alberto Tonon, UNHCR/OHCHR</i></p> <p>tonon@unhcr.org</p> <p><i>Viorica Culeac, UN Women</i></p> <p>viorica.culeac@unwomen.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Through the PRPD it will be organized in September a workshop where will be introduced the project on policies proposals and types of services for people with disabilities. <p>OHCHR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- OHCHR is conducting the KIIs and FDGs for the need assessment of the needs and gaps of refugees with disabilities in RACs and host communities. The ongoing exercise foresees 20 interviews and 6 FDGs with Refugees and more than 20 with humanitarian stakeholders.- OHCHR also organized a capacity-building session for OPDs on humanitarian coordination mechanisms to improve the capacity of OPDs to engage in the different phases of the response. <p>UN Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4 organizations that work with people with disabilities are benefitting from grants for capacity building provided by UN Women. During this time, the internal procedures of the organizations have been improved, some organizations have developed their strategy for the next years, while others improved their websites in terms of accessibility for people with disabilities.- In September 2023, together with the Organization for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities from the Republic of Moldova, there will be conducted training on preventing and combatting different forms of discrimination for the public central and local authorities' representatives. <p>Unicef:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unicef is carrying out the mapping of refugee children with disabilities and is working with different partners to identify those children.- Alongside the mapping exercise Unicef will identify the needs of children with disabilities and provide tailored support.	
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<p>UN CT Disability Inclusion Task Force</p> <p><i>Maha Damaj</i>, UNICEF</p> <p>mdamaj@unicef.org</p>	<p>Maha Damaj is the co-lead of the UN Country Team Disability Inclusion Task Force which aims to improve the mainstreaming of disability within the UN system at different level. The Disability Inclusion Task Force is an internal UN Task Force and doesn't focus only on refugees but on the entire work, the different agencies are carrying out.</p> <p>The idea of the joint session came from the idea of the DI Task Force to identify which are the areas where the UN agencies are doing well in mainstreaming disability and in which the agencies need to focus more.</p> <p>Maha requested the different members to share their input for the improvement of the work of the DI Task Force. The DATF members highlight the importance of ensuring resources and support for specific sectors remain available such as mental health, inclusive education, and centers for children with Autism among others.</p> <p>The DATF also took the opportunity to update on their plan for the rest of 2023 related to the work each organization is doing related to the refugee response.</p>	
<p>RAC Consolidation Strategy Updates</p> <p><i>Alberto Tonon</i>, <i>UNHCR/OHCHR</i></p> <p>tonon@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Alberto updates the group on the RAC Consolidation Strategy conducted by the MoLSP supported by the Basic Needs and Protection Working Groups. The process will be done across the end of 2023 with the closure of 20 RACs done with specific support of people to find different solutions such as private accommodation thanks to the Cash for Rent program or the identification of another RAC for those who are not able to find a job.</p> <p>The Disability and Age Task Force will be supportive of the process in supporting the identification of possible solutions for persons with disabilities and older people and in case with support on accessible transportation.</p>	<p>Alberto to update the group and contact bilateral the members for support</p>
<p>Conclusion / AOB</p>	<p>Next meeting will happen last Friday of September the 29th and it will be online event.</p> <p>For any comments on the minutes of the meeting please share them with tonon@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Alberto to share the MoM and the invitation for the next meeting</p>

