

Roma Task Force (RTF)

Meeting Details			
Date	<i>15.12.2023</i>		
Time	<i>10.00 am</i>		
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Agenda			
<i>Partners' Key Results 2023 Partners' projects 2024 AOB</i>			
Participants			
<i>INTERSOS</i>	<i>PIN</i>	<i>WeWorld</i>	<i>Coalition Roma Voice</i>
<i>IOM</i>	<i>ARI</i>		<i>Asociatia Porojan</i>
<i>UNHCR</i>			

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion
<p>Partner’s Key Results 2023 and Projects for 2024, WeWorld, ARI, INTERSOS, IOM</p>	<p>WeWorld</p> <p>In 2023 WeWorld has equipped the local library in Sorooca with computers. WeWorld has also organized courses of basic literacy and basic digital literacy for Roma population in Sorooca and Otaci. In Otaci the NGO is collaborating with Bahtalo Ker, a local Roma NGO where they equipped the students (both adults and children) with teaching material (10 people are already enrolled in the program). For the year 2024 WeWorld will implement two projects: 3 community centers will be opened in Sorooca, Edinet, and Otaci for both Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable people from Moldova. WeWorld will also continue education activities such as basic literacy, English classes, digital literacy; MHPSS activities, awareness raising sessions on protection principles, CP, health promotion and menstrual hygiene. They will also continue the distribution of winterization kits, food kits, hygienic kits in Sorooca (of course the Roma population will be targeted as well. For the distribution process they will collaborate and coordinate with Roma community mediators and local authorities.</p> <p>ARI</p> <p>ARI’s focus is the 2022 – 2025 plan for Roma community.</p> <p>Main results 2023:</p> <p>5 more units among the Roma community mediators hired during 2023</p> <p>Mapping of the local Roma community to understand where community mediators are more needed.</p> <p>ARI has advocated towards the improvement of the salary of community mediators which is still an issue.</p>

	<p>ARI has organized in collaboration with USAID Moldova Romanian classes to which 15 Ukrainian refugees have participated.</p> <p>ARI has also guaranteed scholarships for Roma students (50 applicants at the moment). In collaboration with INTERSOS there were activities organized throughout Moldova and throughout the year 2023</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>More collaboration on a local level (for now there is a passive response from local authorities)</p> <p>Financial plan from local authorities for Roma community needs</p> <p>23 more Roma community mediators to be hired in 2024.</p> <p>INTEREOS</p> <p>Main achievements 2023:</p> <p>Amare Amala Roma week</p> <p>Creation of 12 written and audiovisual advocacy materials in collaboration with Moldova.org</p> <p>Primary health care support and health promotion sessions</p> <p>Events in collaboration with ARI</p> <p>MHPSS and recreational activities</p> <p>Case management and NFI distribution to Roma refugees living in private accommodations.</p>
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	<p>IOM</p> <p>Tight collaboration with Roma community mediators</p> <p>Legal assistance offered to Roma refugees (479 case followed). The main problems identified were the lack of proper documentation for both adults and children</p> <p>Information sessions on Temporary Protection</p> <p>Participation to Amare Amala week with activities across all country (recreational activities organized in collaboration with local authorities)</p> <p>UNHCR</p>
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<p>AOB Marin Alla</p>	<p>Main messages:</p> <p>Gratitude to the partners who helped improve the lives of Roma refugees.</p> <p>He noticed that there is the possibility to work with Roma refugees and to build a strong collaboration. He has also noticed that many international actors are willing to work with Roma refugees.</p> <p>Coalitia Vocea Romilor has reached directly 18k Roma people with support, and indirectly 25k.</p> <p>Year 2023 was a year with great results for the Roma community thanks to the collaboration of international partners.</p> <p>There is no governmental counterpart for the Roma Task Force, and it would be beneficial to have it for next year.</p>
<p>I on Duminica</p>	<p>Do not forget the focus on education. This is a very important issue to be taken seriously and to be further discussed with the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova.</p>
<p>PIN Slovakia</p>	<p>A representative has introduced the organization to the Task Force and has briefly described the work they do with Roma communities. They are very interested in collaborating with the RTF next year.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a positive outlook for the future, highlighting the significant achievements in 2023 and the collaborative efforts of international partners. The need</p>

	for a governmental counterpart for the Roma Task Force was emphasized, and potential collaborations with PIN Slovakia and IOM were discussed.
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