NATIONAL LAUNCH OF 2024 REFUGEE RESPONSE PLAN - MOLDOVA

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

On February 15, the National Launch of the 2024 Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for Moldova took place in Chisinau, organized jointly by the Government of the Republic of Moldova and UNHCR. The event brought together government officials, representatives from diplomatic missions, UN Agencies and international NGOs, and the refugee community to outline and discuss the response priorities for the current year. The event underscored the importance of collective efforts in promoting socio-economic inclusion of Ukrainian refugees into Moldova society, addressing challenges faced by them, and leveraging opportunities for advancing national development priorities.

The event welcomed 112 guests, including the UN Resident Coordinator and representatives from the State Commission for Migration and Asylum, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and 9 UN Agencies, along with 11 Inter-Agency Sector Leads and Refugee Response Partners. The donor community was represented by the Ambassadors of the United States, Sweden, Germany, Japan, Ukraine, and the Netherlands, as well as the director or the Swiss Cooperation Office, attaches from the Embassy of Austria and France, and ECHO's Humanitarian Expert for Moldova. Four media outlets were present at the event, with a national television channel broadcasting a news piece on February 16

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The event commenced with opening remarks from Ms. Francesca Bonelli, UNHCR Representative for Moldova, Mr. Alexei Buzu, Minister of Labour and Social Protection, H.E. Mr. Kent Logsdon, US Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Simon Springett, UN Resident Coordinator, as well as a video message from Mr. Adrian Efros, Minister of Internal Affairs. This was followed by a singing performance by Olesea Shevchenko, Ukrainian artist and spouse of Ukrainian Ambassador in Moldova, accompanied by the Choir Group “Song for Soul”, formed by older refugees from Ukraine.

A detailed overview of the 2024 RRP was presented by Ms. Jana Costachi, President of the Inter-Ministerial Commission on Migration and Asylum, and Mr. Bertrand Blanc, UNHCR Senior Operations Coordinator, highlighting the Government's priorities for 2024 and the RRP's objectives, funding requirements, and strategic focuses.

90,000
# of Refugees Targeted in 2024

35,500
# of Moldovans Targeted in 2024.

303M
Total financial requirements in USD

82
RRP partners
46 N/L CSOs

PROFILE OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION

- **37%** women
- **21%** girls
- **15%** older people
- **19%** men
- **23%** boys
- **6%** people with disabilities

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A panel discussion titled "Exploring the Opportunities Refugee Inclusion Can Offer to the Development of the Republic of Moldova" was moderated by Maha Damaj, UNICEF Representative in Moldova, featuring insights from Mr. Vincente Palacios, Humanitarian Expert from ECHO, Ms. Ana Chirita, Tekwill Director, Mr. Vasile Cusca, State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Mr. Andrii Glevatskyi, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of MAIB Bank, and Mr. Guillermo Llinas, Member of the Steering Committee of the iNGO Forum. The discussion centered on inclusion of refugees into Moldovan society and the opportunities it brings, while highligting the importance of collaboration between the aid community, government and the private sector.

Closing remarks were made by Viktoria Pisarenko, a Ukrainian refugee and entrepreneur who shared with participants her succesful story of opening and running her own business in Moldova, and supporting skill development of both refugees and Moldovans.

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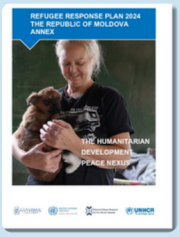

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KEY RESOURCES

2024 RRP National launch press release RO

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2024 RRP National launch recording

2024 RRP Activities and Indicators

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