



Causeni Local Coordination Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 12 March 2024

1. Meeting Details

Date	12 March 2024
Time	11:00 - 12:30
Chair	Alexandra Cuznetova, UNHCR Field Assistant
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2. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Recent Developments in Otaci BCP
3. Activity updates
4. A.O.B.

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?>
 Moldova Services Advisor Log in: [Services Advisor](#)
 Moldova Services Advisor Public view: <https://moldova.servicesadvisor.net/>

4. Participants (Name, Position, Organization)

<i>Alexandra Cuznetova, Field Assistant, UNHCR</i>	<i>Serghei Merjievski, Project Assistant, IOM</i>
<i>Pierre A. Chacón, Associate Inter-Agency Coordinator, UNHCR</i>	<i>Mariana Grama, Field Coordinator, NRC</i>
<i>Vladimir Viscun, Deputy Mayor of Otaci</i>	<i>Serghei Merjievski, Project Assistant, IOM</i>
<i>Rostislav Covi, Counsellor, CDA</i>	<i>Marharyta Pavlenko, Monitor, Right to Protection (Ukraine)</i>
<i>Nicolae Cojocaru-Grama, Social Assistant, UNFPA</i>	<i>Alexei Preda, Manager, Bahtalo Ker</i>
<i>Mariana Grama, Field Coordinator, NRC</i>	<i>Nicolae Derli, Senior Project Officer Transportation, ACTED (online)</i>



5. Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points		
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>Alexandra Cuznetova, UNHCR Field Assistant, cuznetov@unhcr.org</p>	<p>UNHCR welcomed the participants and thanked the Otaci city hall for their continuous support in organizing the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Vladimir Viscun, Deputy Mayor of Otaci informed that the activity at the Otaci crossing point has been operative as usual, with Ukrainian citizens regularly arriving through.</p> <p>The activity at the Otaci crossing point has been operating as usual with Ukrainian citizens regularly arriving through. There have not been major changes in the flow of Ukrainians arriving to Otaci since the last meeting.</p>	
<p>Local Refugee Response Updates</p>	<p>IOM reported having transported seven people to Iasi, Romania. During the same period, 190 people used the medical services, while 60 people were assisted with pre-registration for temporary protection. The distribution of Winter Kits at the Border Reception Center is still ongoing.</p> <p>CDA reported conducting 182 consultations (in person and by phone), while 102 Ukrainians received assistance with online pre-registration for Temporary Protection (PT). Five asylum seekers were identified at BCP Otaci. Citizens of Armenia, Uzbekistan, and Georgia were denied entry to Moldova. Russian and Belarus citizens continue to be exposed to more detailed checks at their entry to Moldova.</p> <p>Blue Dot reported that 111 people were assisted between February 20 and March 12 – including 92 adults and 19 children. CFF continues implementing activities for children and parents from refugee and local communities in Otaci; in this sense, seven activities were carried out and attended by 53 children, while three activities for parents were attended by six persons.</p> <p>UNFPA reported that it counseled 56 people last month and assisted 23 with pre-registrations for TP. There were no requests for psychological first aid.</p>	



	<p>Right to Protection reported an increase in the number of families coming from war zones, such as Kharkiv. Ukrainian Border Police requires international passports for children to exit the country, including children living in border areas. Thorough checks for Russian and Belarusian citizens to enter Ukraine remain a trend. In general terms, there has not been an increase in the flow of Ukrainians entering Moldova from the border in Otaci. Lastly, no cases of unaccompanied and separated children were recorded.</p> <p>NRC continues providing information sessions to refugees about extending and updating Temporary Protection status. 114 refugees attended an info session in Drochia. In addition, NRC continues to offer legal consultations about registration for TP and information on how to access the services of other organizations. No cases of denial of services for refugees due to expired TP status have been registered. NRC conducts recreational activities in Ocnita and Soroca Raions, and continues providing Romanian language courses for refugees and local community. During the next two months, NRC will assess households for winter infrastructure assistance –24 households have been assessed.</p> <p>Bahtalo Ker announced the recent opening of a social hairdresser salon for refugees and vulnerable local communities, which was supported by UNHCR.</p> <p>ACTED reported organizing transportation services for 60 Ukrainians; 27 special requests were made for transportation to the IGM office and cash center. Since February 26, the schedule of ACTED buses has changed: buses to Chisinau depart on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 15:00, with a minimum of five people required to call a bus. ACTED informed that due to logistics, sometimes the bus may take extra time to arrive while asking partners for patience on this subject.</p>	
<p>Announcements and Wrap-up</p>		
<p>6. Details of the Next Meeting</p>		
<p>Date</p>	<p>09-04-2024</p>	



Time	11:00
Venue	Mayor's Office