

Coordination meeting in Otaci #8 – 17.05.22

Participants: BRF, BlueDot, LCA, ACTED, Mayor of Otaci, Mayor of Unguri, Head of Police Department Otaci district, Border Police Unit Otaci, UNICEF, IOM, Helvetas, Emergency Program coordinator, UNHCR.

Agenda points:

1. Updates from the previous meeting
2. IOM and UNHCR shelter colleagues to talk about the site plan
3. Context updates

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<p>1. Updates from the previous meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASH Assistance in Moldova <p>Regarding the discussions about Ukrainians coming to Moldova to receive cash assistance and then going back, UNHCR clarifies that the eligibility criteria for receiving refugee cash assistance are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ukrainians entering Moldova after February 2022, regardless of any asylum application before BMA. - Asylum seekers and refugees from Ukraine who are now in Moldova - Third Country Nationals who have entered Moldova from Ukraine after February and have applied for asylum. - Stateless persons whose habitual residence was Ukraine. - At the moment there are more than 50,000 individuals for cash assistance. Eligible persons have received their cash transfer, one payment per month as long as the are still in Moldova. UNHCR will carry out verification visits to see if these persons are still in Moldova or not. UNHCR is hoping these visits will solve the problem this forum has discussed. - Another issue in discussion was the processing capacity of cash enrollment site, at the moment UNHCR does not have a backlog of cases for enrolment to the cash assistance. There are cash enrollment centers in MoldExpo, Lev Tolstoi, Balti, Donduseni, Orhei, Ungheni, Cahul and Causeni. Also, there are mobile teams that are visiting the households of persons with disability, reduced mobility, and older persons. - There won't be any need for supplementary cash programs in the North because UNHCR can cover it now. 	<p>Invitation of WFP to next meeting to talk about cash assistance for host communities.</p>

	<p>- <u>Host community cash assistance</u>: Criteria is hosting at least 2 Ukrainians for at least 1 week. WFP is running this program. Helvetas as WFP partner informs that WFP and partners are carrying a monitoring exercise. They want to spread to reach the most vulnerable Moldovan households, this will be decided after the monitoring exercise.</p> <p>- UNICEF informs they have signed an agreement with ACTED, one component is to provide hygiene items, to families that receive assistance through WFP cash, complementary. The stratification is still being complemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaflet is finalized. The final product was shared by UNHCR to everyone. • Updates from the Protection Working Group: <p>Emergency Inter-Agency Referral Package was finalized in April, which includes services provide all over the country. Now this package is available in Russian and Romanian. This includes the referral pathways and the Inter Agency Referral Form which is also available in Russian and Romanian in addition to English. The translation into Ukrainian is ongoing.</p>	
<p>2. Site planning</p>	<p>UNHCR informs there has been a discussion with IOM and the Mayor about having a site to provide services in Otaci. Visits were made to the current bus station and other sites to assess how to improve the current situation in case of contingency. The current site utilized to park the buses and toilets is private and doesn't have the conditions. The plan would be to move to a land behind the blue dot.</p> <p>UNHCR presented the proposed plan. On site there would be a minibus station with toilets, containers for partners providing services and a waiting area.</p> <p>IOM – has started to make a procurement process and gravelling and leveling. The current location is not very big, 3 big buses can stay at the time. If we think about contingency, we may need to increase the number of buses so there is a need to consider another bus for stand by buses.</p> <p>Mayor office informs that the front part of the municipality can be used for standing by buses. Putting the signs on the road is in charge local administration. They are still reviewing the route that buses would take, because there is not enough space on the main road. Regarding security they mention that the Police is placed near so they will be taking shifts to overlook the site.</p> <p>ACTED suggests keeping the current toilets and the information point right after the BCP to inform persons about the services that will be provided on site.</p>	<p>Pending issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security on site • Road for pedestrians should be discussed with police department. <p>It is confirmed that all organizations that currently have containers are being considered for the new site.</p> <p>UNICEF, Mayor, IOM, UNHCR and ACTED will</p>

	<p>UNICEF suggests considering in the planning of the site persons with disabilities, reduced mobility, and elderly, for instance a walkway for wheelchairs. Also, drainage of the water on site.</p> <p>TIMELINE: 25 days to finish the gravelling work.</p>	<p>coordinate a follow up meeting to discuss about the site planning.</p>
<p>3. Context updates</p>	<p>Police Department - No updates. Expecting from the administration signs for the parking site.</p> <p>Border police - Increased number of entries for fuel purchase in Moldova, then they return on the same day. 20% of Ukrainians stay in Moldova (it is an estimation, because doesn't have numbers at hand).</p> <p>Mayor of Unguri - Regarding the provision of cash assistance, he suggests it would be better if refugees register at their local administration, this will avoid providing assistance to persons going back to Ukraine. He also recommends the household visits to be coordinated with the local administration. UNHCR will communicate these recommendations to CBI colleagues.</p> <p>BLUEDOT – highlights persons that want to go back to Ukraine late at the night and they are not allowed to enter the country because of the curfew. These cases need accommodation and transport mainly. ACTED informs that organizations are free to call them for transport and request support during night.</p> <p>UNHCR recommends informing persons about the Dopomoga.gov.md website to obtain information about when to cross the border point and calling the green line to verify the info.</p> <p>LCA – Highlights 2 trends and profiles: Persons coming from Ukraine to fill their fuel tank, doing groceries and go back to the country during the day and persons from Russia living in Ukraine irregularly are being deported and not being allowed back into the country. The main trend is Ukrainians going back to the country.</p> <p>ACTED - Regarding transport, last week they put in the BCP signs about their free transportation to Chisinau and Iasi. They have another transport for persons going to RACs. Next week, they will start providing vouchers to persons to be used in the supermarket. They will give this “welcome kit” to all refugees at the BCP.</p> <p>Regarding site management, they will launch procurement to have an information point at the BCP, before the site (point 1). They will distribute 700 hygiene kits to cover RACs.</p> <p>HELVETAS: Informs they are thinking of phasing out of Otaci. Timeline: within next 2 weeks.</p>	<p>Transport of persons in need at night will be provided by ACTED on call.</p>

	<p>UNICEF – Informs they have signed an agreement with Solidarity International to provide WASH services and distribution of hygiene items. Solidarity International will come and contact local authorities.</p>	
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