



SECTOR WG/SWG/TASKFORCE

GENDER TASKFORCE

Meeting Details	
Date	05 07 2022 - Next meeting TBA
Time	11.30 – 13:00
Chair	Ms. Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women), Ms. Nina Lozinschi (Gender Equality Platform)
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening remarks 2. Key GEWE updates from the GTF members 3. Presentations of NGOs funded by Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund, presentation of the open call 4. Update from the GBV SWG: Safety Audits, etc. 5. Preliminary findings of the LPA assessment by UNDP 6. AOB 	
Information collection and relevant links	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MSNA preliminary data 704 interviews, 574 interviews were conducted in communities and 130 in 39 RACs. https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/93848 – presentation ● Meeting notes from the Assessment & Analysis Taskforce, where a Questions and Answers session took place: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/93942 ● Protection Monitoring 1,623 interviews up to date ● IsraAID's Rapid Education Assessment a sample of 548 interviews and most of the respondents were located in Chisinau, Cahul and Cantemir https://bit.ly/3bCGisy ● PDM on the UNHCR Cash Programme 134 households, https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784 ● Coursera for refugees. Available courses for refugees in Moldova are available at: https://bit.ly/3uoOAL8. This Online platform offers courses provided by different Universities and Education Institutions. It provides a good opportunity to improve skills. It is also 	



available for volunteers providing support or attention to refugees

- Moldova operational data portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784>

Participants

Tatiana Chebac, Law Centre of Advocates	Ioana Creitaru, UNDP, Resilience and Livelihoods Coordination
Liliana Palihovici, Institutum Virtutes Civilis, President	Mariana Iorga, ANAS (Agenția Națională Asistență Socială), Head of Social Assistance and Rehabilitation Department of the National Agency for Social Protection
Abandokht Sarkarati, UNFPA, Roving GBV & CVA Specialist	Erin MacDonald, WHO, Prevention and Response SEAH
Ludmila Iachim, Motivatie	Nina Lozinschi, Platforma pentru Egalitate de Gen Moldova, General Secretary of the Platform
Ludmila Bocsanean, UN Women, Project Associate	Elena Botezatu, La Strada, Director
Iulia Macarenco, Women's Law Centre	Olesea Cazacu, UNFPA
Dominika Stojanoska, UN Women, Country Representative	Irene Quizon, WHO, Prevention and Response SEAH
Daria Barnos, UN Women, Administrative Associate	Olesea Perean, UNDP
Yurii Arnautov, UNHCR, Information Management WG	Natalia Stelea, UNHCR
Irina Luncasu, CALM, Project Coordinator	
Fatima Wahaidy, UNFPA, GBV Programme Specialist	
Alexander Petrov, UNICEF,	
Valentina Duque, UNHCR	

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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1. Opening remarks	Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) presented the meeting agenda and invited people to open a discussion. She gave updates from the Coordination Meeting held on 6 June 2022 on the important findings from assessments. These are to be shared in a more detailed way in the next GTF meeting by REACH colleagues and new contingency planning (in case more refugee coming to Moldova and different reports) reported that the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in Refugee Response is finalized and will be shared with Sector Leads.	Links to reports available on demand Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in Refugee Response to be shared

<p>2. Key GEWE updates from the GTF members</p>	<p>Yurii Arnautov (UNHCR) reported on the Coordination Forum from the day before:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MSN Assessment concluded, the link with preliminary findings is being shared in the chat, REACH colleagues are open to discuss the findings. - Also spoke about Third Update of the Production Monitoring Exercise conducted by the UNHCR and available on data portal, the data collection is on-going, the UNHCR is attempting to gather the data from different respondents every time. - Gave short description of other presentations during the meeting: the Rapid Education Assessment conducted by the UNICEF and IsraAID (the assessment is conducted as a preparation for the new school year), PDM on the UNHCR Cash Programme, free Coursera programs for refugees and assessment registry tool designed to coordinate all the assessments in Moldova, which will help identify the gaps and keep the catalogue of the assessments. <p>Dominika Stojanoska stressed that GTF is particularly interested in Multisectoral Needs Assessment and Rapid Education Assessment as they provided feedback on methodology and on preliminary findings of Rapid Education Assessment.</p>	<p>Links to the material and presentation shared in the chat and are available (above). Under Information collection and relevant links</p>
<p>3. Presentations of NGOs funded by Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund, presentation of the open call</p>	<p>Elena Botezatu (La Strada) spoke about the project already funded by the Women’s Peace & Humanitarian Fund (WPHF), the aim of the project is to reduce vulnerability of the female refugees in terms of gender-based violence and in particularly sexual violence in humanitarian crisis. The project develops into four areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) information campaign spreading message about the available services available for those affected by sexual violence (launched in April, aimed at educating audience on the issue as well promotion of existing help line); 2) capacity building of the local NGOs, which work with refugees (four NGOs in different locations already selected: Singerei, Causeni, Criuleni, Comrat, these organizations underwent training on the issue and benefited from the grants to help refugees); 	

- 3) deals with intervention teams (psychological and legal support);
- 4) collection and analysis of the best practices to combat violence in humanitarian context from different states.

Iulia Macarenco (Women’s Law Centre) presented the project “Building Peace and Resilience of Women Organization and Communities” implemented in partnership with ‘National Coalition “Life Without Domestic Violence”’ aimed at capacity building of the civil society organizations at the local level for an efficient response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Moldova. The project contains two major activities: capacity building and grants. For the capacity building, two workshops (for 40 professionals) are envisaged, which are focused on two areas – community mobilization and aspects of working in crisis and with refugees. The grant part plans are to assist ten projects in ten communities, the expected duration being four months, the value of the grant is \$10,000. The scope of the projects is economic, educational and social assistance for refugee women and their children.

Nina Lozinschi (Gender Centru) gave information on the project with five strategies: 1) humanitarian aid to 1,700 female refugees and 100 families; 2) creation and development of the crisis and emergency committees in the location where the organization will be engaged; 3) Women Leaders for Peace Academy; 4) participants of the Academy will be able to participate in the grant application process; 5) launch of the programme to prevent burnout, advocacy, public event for the staff working in humanitarian field.

Liliana Polihovici (Institutum Virtutes Civilis) introduced the project “Strengthening the Public Private Partnership for Better Response to the Refugee Crisis in Moldova” and its main objective to empower women-led organizations to participate in humanitarian planning and response, to increase the number of initiatives taken by women-led CSOs in partnership with authorities. It is designed to identify better solutions to tackle the refugee crisis through better partnership. The project will be

	<p>launched in five rayons and will be working with local organizations, refugees and volunteers, also envisages creation of the plan which coordinates the assistance.</p> <p>Ludmila Iachim (Motivatie) gave a presentation on the project “Solidarity and Activism for Peace”, which contributes to enhanced participation of women with and without disabilities from Leova, Soldanesti and Ialoveni districts in humanitarian planning and response. Local coordinators help identify beneficiaries and their needs. Project includes the involvement with local authorities in creation accessible environment and creation of employment opportunities for refugees.</p> <p>Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) mentioned that there was another organization, which benefitted from the institutional grant but was not able to present; Dominika thanked the presenters and praised their contribution. Further, she gave a short presentation on WPHF shared by Secretariate and ongoing application call. The WPHF is recently established, and it is the first time it is operating in Europe because of Ukraine. The recent grant application call is focused on two impact areas: Enabling Environment for WPS (Enhanced role of the civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitment) and Peacebuilding and Recovery (Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts). The call opened on 13 June 2022 and has two deadlines (early submission – 27 June 2022 and 11 July 2022) and has two streams (institutional and programmatic with opportunity to apply to both). Dominika provided further information on eligibility criteria and other application procedures and encouraged to spread this information with potential applicants.</p>	
<p>4. Update from the GBV SWG: Safety Audits, etc.</p>	<p>Valentina Doque (UNHCR) introduced herself as recently joined the team and shared findings and some recommendations in relation to the Safety Audit, which was conducted based on toolkit developed by UNHCR. The objective is to assess and monitor the overall safety and GBV prevention mitigation and response programming, enhance evidence-informed programming, advocacy, coordination and partnership. It is based on qualitative methodology, was conducted among 104 participants.</p>	<p>Invitation to workshop to be sent</p>

	<p>Fatima Wahaidi (UNFPA) said that there would be a more elaborate workshop on findings and recommendations, but at the moment the main concerns and risks identified were the risks related to the rent of accommodation, trafficking, gender discrimination, safety concerns in RACs (due to the lack of control in RACs), intimate partner violence, lack of awareness of GBV services. The main recommendations include increased funding for local Women Organization, advocate mainstreaming GBV risk reduction, permanent consultation and participation of affected population, engagement of refugees in host communities, raising awareness of compliant and feedback mechanisms available, awareness raising, and information sharing on available GBV services, ensure availability and strengthen the quality of GBV and CP service provision, safeguarding guidance for different sector on PSEA.</p> <p>Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) thanked the presenters and encouraged cooperation and information sharing in relations to reducing the risk of GBV and participation in the workshop on 14 July 2022.</p> <p>Fatima Wahaidi (UNFPA) added some more updates on GBV SOPs and activity mapping, giving special attention to the importance of the awareness campaign and demonstrated posters with information on available services, which could be found on UNFPA and UNHCR web page and could be used.</p>	
<p>5. Preliminary findings of the LPA assessment by UNDP</p>	<p>Olesea Cazacu (UNDP) informed on the preliminary results of the Needs and Capacity Assessment of Local Public Authorities to Manage the Refugee Crisis in Moldova, which might be useful for identification of the rayons that the organizations could engage with, for provision of assistance to refugees. The presentation on the methodology of the assessment was already shared with GTF members and now the preliminary results were discussed, data collection was conducted in April-June and was auto-registered with a 55% response rate. According to the results the refugee profile is the following: 79% of the refugees are women; the place with the higher number of refugees are: Cahul, mun. Chisinau (the city excluded), Stefan Voda, Anenii Noi, Gagauzia, Ialoveni. The respondents mostly reported that influx decreased or remained the same; 2% of</p>	



	<p>refugees have a disability; 82% of refugees are in private accommodation. Approximately 60% of respondents claimed that the refugees were supported with necessity goods (food, hygienic kits, etc.); other necessities such as assistance with enrolment in schools and kindergarten, medical assistance, accommodation, etc., were reported to be covered less. The authorities identified financial support to LPAs, training on conflict prevention, information and communication material and other as fields where support is required. Further services needed to manage the crisis were identified: social canteen, accommodation, employment, community centre, IT equipment for online schooling. Next week the reports on the Assessment will be ready in English and Romanian and will be available on the webpage. Dominika Stojanoska (UN Women) noted that since the first assessment the needs identified had been repeating themselves in further assessments. She proposed at the new meeting to crossmatch the needs and plans of different actors for a better coordination of the response.</p>	
6. AOB	NTR	