# Food Security Working Group Meeting

## Meeting Details

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<th>Date</th>
<th>02 August 2022. Next meeting will be on 16 August 2022</th>
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<td>Time</td>
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<td>Chair</td>
<td>Bahodur UMAROV, WFP</td>
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## Agenda

1. Weekly operational updates by members
2. Review and endorsement of the text of FSSWG monthly update
3. Transition of RACs supported by AAR Japan
4. AOB

## Information collection and relevant links

- FSWG is covering 62 centers, populations: 2,982 refugees.
- RACs covered by a not affiliated organization—4 (101 refugees).
- Total meals coverage by the FSWG: 1,357,995.
- Closed RACs: 56.
- The dashboard is updated twice a week by WFP.
- Link: [https://analytics.wfp.org/t/Public/views/MoldovaHotMealCoverageLIVE/ROM-OnePagerGovPart?%3Aembed=y&%3Aiid=1&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y](https://analytics.wfp.org/t/Public/views/MoldovaHotMealCoverageLIVE/ROM-OnePagerGovPart?%3Aembed=y&%3Aiid=1&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y)

## Participants

- Bahodur UMAROV (WFP)
- Genia YATSENKO (WFP)
- Alina ALEXEI (WFP)
- Laura COPENHAVER (CRS/Caritas Moldova)
- Ina BENDAS (Caritas Moldova)
- Onorina POSTICA (ACTED)
Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

### Agenda

**Weekly operational updates by members**

- **ACTED** – is currently providing hot meals (catering services) daily in 14 RACs. The average number of meals per day was 2260. One RAC is planned to be switched to voucher system starting next week.
- **HelpAge** – continues to support refugees in providing 3 hot meals on a daily basis in 26 accredited RACs (1250 refugees) and 4 non-accredited RACs.
- **CRS/Caritas Moldova** – continues to support 10 RACs, and the number of refugees is stable. Vouchers (Linella and Familia pharmacy) were distributed in Chisinau last week.

**Activity**: Keep track on updates.

**Deadline**: Till next FSWG meeting

### Review and endorsement of the text of FSSWG monthly update

In July, members of FSSWG continued their efforts to provide food assistance for refugees living in host communities and RACs. The total number of refugees covered through food assistance in RACs in July remained very stable throughout the month, keeping its average of 3,000-3,100 refugees. The estimated total number of hot meals provided since 15th of March by FSSWG members exceeded 1.3 million meals.

- **ACTED** has expanded its hot-meals activities to additional four RACs, doubling the number of daily meals by providing a daily average of 2,300 meals in 14 RACs. The rising financial pressure on catering and food suppliers due to inflation remains one of the main operational challenges that compromises the cost of the assistance.

**Activity**: Monitor food assistance provided by agencies.

**Deadline**: Till next FSWG meeting
• **AAR Japan** continued provision of food assistance in two RACs in Chisinau with the combination of in-kind and hot meals catering, covering about 100 persons. ARR Japan has also provided food support in three distribution points in Chisinau and one distribution point in Ungheni for about 700 households daily.

• **Church World Services (CWS)** provided food items to around 2900 individuals in Balti and the surrounding northern region at its distribution center in Balti operated by CWS grantee partner organizations Zdorovii Gorod and Friends of Moldova.

• **HelpAge** continues to support refugees by providing hot meals daily in 26 accredited and 4 non-accredited RACs. To optimize the RACs pursued by the government, one center was closed (Calarasi, Bravicea) and refugees were relocated to the nearest center at Calarasi.

• **World Vision** provided food support to 900 refugee households and 600 local vulnerable households in Căușeni, Șingerei, Fălești, Rezina, Orhei, Telenești. The intervention is funded by Disaster Emergency Commission (DEC) and implemented by WVI’s cooperating partner – Foodbank.

• **World Food Programme (WFP)** continued implementation of its hot meals’ activities in 40 RACs through contracting arrangements with its main implementing partners ACTED and HelpAge, exceeding 735,000 meals distributed since the beginning of this intervention in March. WFP also continues its overall coordination support of the FSSWG in Moldova.

• **CRS and Caritas Moldova** continued providing hot meals in 10 RACs in Moldova, totaling 38,204 meals in July. Additionally, food and hygiene voucher distribution continued in July with 4,623 refugee households across Moldova receiving vouchers in July.

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<td><em>NGOs interested in taking over food delivery to the 2 RACs</em></td>
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<td>ID 35 Chișinău Sanatoriul Provizoriu de Bază Întreprinderea de Stat” SPB CONSTRUCTORUL”, str. Zelinski, 15 street - They deliver 1K food items weekly, as the RAC has a big kitchen and chefs, as they are sanatorium.</td>
<td>mentioned should contact WFP Moldova. <strong>Deadline:</strong> 12 August 2022</td>
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<td>ID117 Chișinău Bogdan Voievod, 8/1 street, Colegiul Tehnologic din Chișinău (căminul nr. 2) / college dormitory - They deliver one hot meal (lunch) a day and 1K food items (inc. some NFI items) because the RAC has only small kitchen facility.</td>
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