



Otaci Coordination Meeting

Meeting Details	
Date	16 August 2022. Next meeting will be on 30 August 2022
Time	11AM to 12PM
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Agenda	
1.	Introduction
2.	Recent Developments in Otaci BCP
3.	Activity updates
4.	A.O.B.
Information collection and relevant links	
Moldova operational data portal: https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784	
Participants	
UNHCR Mayor of Otaci CDA/LCA ACTED Solidarity International IOM Blue Dot/UNICEF	



Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
Introduction	Participants' introductions	
Recent Developments in Otaci BCP The Mayor's Office	The mayor of Otaci greeted the participants of the coordination meeting and informed that during the reporting period there has been a slight increase in the flow of refugees, which may be connected to the forced eviction of people from Donbas. The Vinnitsa region was chosen for resettlement, which cannot withstand a large number of people, so many people leave for Moldova. According to unofficial sources, there are people who illegally cross the Dniester to make up for the losses of the Ukrainian army. The mayor expressed his concern that the situation is likely to worsen, and it is worth preparing for this. The mayor said that most of the refugees crossing the border go further to European countries and are not interested in cash assistance in Moldova.	
Activity Updates	<p>ACTED informed that during the reporting period, the flow of refugees wishing to travel to Chisinau increased. ACTED links it to the fact that those refugees who crossed the border illegally go to Chisinau to obtain the necessary documents and leave for Europe from there. At the moment, transport to Iasi is not in such demand as before. There are long queues at the Otaci BCP, people wait anywhere from 40 minutes. ACTED continues to be present at the BCP and inform refugees about the possibility of free transport.</p> <p>Blue Dot/UNICEF reported that the number of refugees slightly increased during the reporting period. Blue Dot continues to operate as normal. At night, as before, there are refugees who arrive at Blue Dot. ACTED is involved for their transportation and accommodation in the evening. Blue Dot raised the issue of the unaccompanied children coming to Moldova from Ukraine. Blue Dot is concerned that during the past weeks the number of unaccompanied minors arriving to Otaci has increased. According to the law of Moldova, they need to be met by the social worker and placed in the RAC until they get</p>	<p>Activity: To follow up with UNHCR CP Officer about the issue of unaccompanied children in Otaci. Installation of the information board regarding the unaccompanied minors on the BCP in Ukraine. To provide legal consultation to Ukrainian citizens about unaccompanied minors.</p>



	<p>the legal document from their parents. Blue Dot is concerned that the refugees are not informed well in Ukraine about that process. Those unaccompanied minors who are coming to Moldova refer to the information from the portal dopomoga.gov.md, where in frequent questions, question number 5 says: <i>“Are unaccompanied children allowed to cross the border? What about children accompanied by adults who are not members of their family? - The border authorities allow unaccompanied children, as well as children accompanied by adults who are not members of the minor's family, to cross the border.”</i> Blue Dot suggests adding the information to that point, so the unaccompanied minor knows what process they need to expect when they cross the border without legal accompaniment. Blue Dot also suggests installing the information board with that warning on the BCP in Ukraine.</p> <p>The representative of Solidarites International reported that they installed everything that was planned at the bus station. At the moment, it is very important to connect electricity to the bus station. When the electricity is connected, Solidarites will be able to connect boilers to the toilets at the bus station and they will have hot water. Solidarites is negotiating with a company that will clean the toilets. The representative of Solidarites International thanked the mayor for his help in finding this company. Solidarites is also negotiating with a company that will inspect the toilets on a weekly basis and repair them if necessary. Solidarites reported that it is planned to install ramps for toilets, the ramps should already be installed by the start of the operation of the bus station. On the day of the coordination meeting, Solidarites is planning to install a storage container at the bus station. Solidarites reported that ACTED closed access to bio toilets at the BCP and UNHCR approached them with an offer to finance the maintenance of bio toilets for their further work. Solidarites considered that the cost of maintaining bio toilets is very high, so they plan to consider using the premises at the BCP where the toilet used to be. This space is owned by a private individual, Solidarites plans to start negotiations with him on the lease and maintenance of this space.</p>	<p>To install the storage container on the bus station Otaci.</p> <p>To open and maintain the toilets in the BCP Otaci</p> <p>To connect to electricity the bus station in Otaci.</p> <p>To perform site improvement of the bus station Otaci.</p> <p>Deadline: Until next meeting</p>
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The **CDA/LCA** representative supported Blue Dot in that it is necessary to supplement point 5 on the dopomoga.gov.md portal regarding the crossing of the border by unaccompanied children in order to inform the citizens of Ukraine about this process. The CDA/LCA also advised to put up an information board at the BCP from the Ukrainian side with this information, as well as with the information that those refugees who crossed the border on an internal passport can only cross it once again; the second time they will need documents from the Ukrainian consulate. The CDA believes that the citizens of Ukraine are poorly informed about this. CDA also said that they consider it necessary to pay more attention to those refugees who have the citizenship of a third country arriving from Ukraine. The CDA representative said that it is worth reviving the increase in the flow of refugees in connection with the resettlement of people from the Donbass to the Vinnitsa region.

The **IOM** movement team reported that they are ready to start operating at the bus station in Otaci. Their healthcare colleagues will soon be joining them. IOM is ready to provide snacks for passengers arriving at the bus station. IOM is also working on a plan for the winter and a plan in case of an increase in the flow of refugees. In the coming days, the IOM is going to share their plans with the members of the coordination meeting. IOM is also working on how they can provide refugees with more information.

UNHCR thanked the mayor of the city for his support and facilitating coordination meeting and welcomed the participants of the coordination meeting. The participants of the coordination meeting were informed about the progress of work at the bus station. From August 8, employees of a security company began to work at the bus station, who are there 24/7. Solidarites has installed 3 toilet containers and a storage container is also planned to be installed soon. On the issue of electricity for the bus station: the approval document received by UNHCR was incorrect. UNHCR received a new approval for electricity and a new tender has been launched, after which the issue of electricity will be resolved.



	<p>On the issue of refugees, without a stamp in the documents: UNHCR met with a representative of the Migration Service (BMA) in Calarasovca. Information was received that all refugees without registration should apply to the BMA office. UNHCR informed that their colleagues from Chisinau are negotiating with the border police so that these documents are issued to refugees immediately upon crossing the border.</p>	
AOB	<p>UNHCR informed the participants of the coordination meeting about the winterization plan. This plan is still under development.</p>	<p>Activity: To present the full winterization plan Deadline: Until next meeting</p>