

## DISABILITY TASKFORCE REPORT

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All in total NGOs supported 223 refugees with disabilities this week for their better accommodation and social inclusion.

Keystone Moldova - provided support to 40 refugees with disabilities, of which 18 persons were from hosting families, 21 - from shelters and one person was not accommodated yet. 27 beneficiaries were adults, 8 - elderly (70+) and 5 – children. Women represented 65% of the total number of refugees with disabilities assisted by Keystone and men – 35%. 16 persons had a severe disability degree, 8 - an accentuated disability degree, 10 – a moderated disability degree and in 6 cases the disability degree was not established or not communicated. The main services delivered were as follows: informational support - 5 persons, health care support and medications - 20 persons, medical equipment – one person, hygiene packages- 4 persons, nutrition packages – 4 persons, transportation- one person, assessment of needs- 22 persons.

Motivatie assisted 60 families that have a disabled member placed in Chisinau city and its suburban localities. The main support consisted of delivery of medicines, food and diapers for young children and adults. Adapted transport services for two children that use wheel chairs were ensured as well.

OSORC Rehabilitation and Counseling Center provided assistance to 40 refugees with disabilities: 6 refugees were accommodated in the OSORC Center and 34 were accommodated in families. They benefitted from social, psychological and legal assistance.

CDPD (Center for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) supported 9 refugees with disabilities in identifying accommodation and provided them with the necessary legal and information support.

AREAP provided support to 12 people with disabilities that consisted of: food packages, clothes, children's toys, diapers, baby food and hot lunches.

Voinicel Center provided early intervention therapeutic services to 10 families with children with disabilities.

The Association of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities from Moldova hosted 22 people with disabilities.

Change for the better life Association offered medicines and hygiene packages to 6 refugees with disabilities.

Tony Hawks Center provided assistance to 5 children with disabilities (2 girls and 2 boys): 3 children benefitted from free kinesiotherapy and hydrokinetotherapy, one child was provided with special food for Phenylketonuria and one child attended free speech therapy sessions.

NGO SOS Autism provided rehabilitation programs to 9 children with autism that benefit also from accommodation (housing services) together with their families.

AZI offered support in accommodation and documenting 2 families that have a person with disability and provided them with hygienic packages and food.

Parteneriatul Aachen-Moldova provided legal and information support for 8 people with disabilities from 3 families.

The discussions with NGOs representatives show that the main issues to be addressed in regards to persons with disabilities refugees are as follows:

- limited access to **accessible information regarding the legalization of the refugee status** in Moldova, as well as limited support for personal documentation
- limited access to **adapted shelters** for persons with limited mobility, and sensorial disability
- limited access to **medications** of persons with chronic diseases, mental health and epileptic syndrome, due to lack of financial resources
- limited access to **assistive equipment** of persons with severe mobility problems and sensorial disabilities ( particularly visual impairments of children )
- Limited access to **adapted transportation** due to lack of adapted cars and limited financial resources of NGOs to buy fuel
- Limited access to **hygienic and nutrition packages (gluten free nutrition)**

The NGOs representatives identified the following support needs to continue assisting the refugees with disabilities:

- **Fuel procurement** for transportation of refugees with disabilities and/or for delivering services and goods in the places where they are accommodated (Motivatie, OSORC, AREAP)
- **Hygienic and nutrition packages** (Motivatie, OSORC, AREAP)
- **Dialysis equipment** (OSORC)
- **Inhalers for asthmatics** (AREAP)
- **Medicines** (OSORC, AREAP)
- **Summer clothes and shoes** (AREAP)