



**Figures at a glance**

Firewood distribution in the District of Sangerei. UNHCR procured firewood and supported its transportation to over 700 vulnerable refugee and host families across the Republic of Moldova.

*Population figures*

**103,208** refugees from Ukraine remaining in Moldova



**780,925** arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February



UNHCR delivering core relief items, such as blankets and hygiene items, to Charity Centre for Refugees for further distribution to the most vulnerable refugees and host communities. So far, UNHCR distributed over 200k items.

*Key response figures*

**113,447** people were provided with cash assistance; over **USD 74M** disbursed so far

**90,854** refugees supported with legal assistance by the Law Centre of Advocates

**2,800** refugees hosted in **65** refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR

**3,784** people provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid by INTERSOS

**Recent highlights**

- ❑ With UNHCR support, four community service centres are already open and providing their services in the following locations: Chisinau (two centres), Balti and Orhei. See p. 2 for more highlights on support for inclusion and social protection.
- ❑ On 17 February, UNHCR and UNICEF child protection staff jointly facilitated a training on child protection and GBV for child survivors for 12 NRC staff members and partners.
- ❑ On 13 February, the Government of the Republic of Moldova jointly with UNHCR held a Public Consultation Session on the Implementation of Temporary Protection in Moldova. See p. 2 for more highlights on temporary protection.
- ❑ The MoldExpo Cash Enrolment Centre from Chisinau was relocated, in coordination with the partner Catholic Relief Services, due to inclement weather conditions. The centre was relocated to the new premises in the Moldovan State University and all services are operational.
- ❑ UNHCR in collaboration with UNAIDS, has developed a FAQ to improve information on HIV/TB related services in Moldova. This FAQ is currently being translated and will be shared with partners and refugees, with the aim of increasing access to important information about HIV/TB services.
- ❑ Since 1 February, the NGO Casa Marioarei is the new UNHCR implementing partner focusing on preventing and addressing gender-based violence (GBV) through community engagement, and providing comprehensive services to GBV survivors and persons at risk of GBV, including case management, health, legal aid, mental health and psychosocial support, shelter and rehabilitation support.

## Temporary Protection

UN Agencies and INGOs joined the Government's Public Consultation Session on the Implementation of Temporary Protection in the Republic of Moldova. The event included panelists from both the Government of the Republic of Moldova and UNHCR who presented the overview of the implementation of Temporary Protection, the process of registration and application, the benefits of registering for temporary protection, the priorities of the information campaign, as well as best practices of coordination.

UNHCR is conducting outreach efforts to inform humanitarian workers about Temporary Protection. So far, UNHCR has trained over 637 aid workers and conducted a dedicated session to helpline operators and community managers.

## Inclusion & Social Protection

The Inter-Agency Coordination team participated in the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities project kick-off workshop in Moldova on 8 and 9 February. The objective of the project is to support disability inclusion in the refugee response through the mainstreaming efforts of local organizations of persons with disabilities and humanitarian stakeholders.

The project is led by the WHO Euro Regional Office and coordinated with other UN agencies. During the meeting they agreed on the action plan and roles and responsibilities. The Disability and Age Taskforce will be the steering committee for the implementation of the project in Moldova, with coordination and synergies on needs assessments and reporting using established Inter-Agency mechanisms.

UNHCR and Internews held a meeting with the Accountability to Affected Populations Taskforce members to validate the results of the Information Ecosystem Assessment for Moldova. The final report, to be released in March, surveyed over 2,000 refugees and hosting community members in Chisinau, Balti, Cahul and Comrat. The report aims to improve the information ecosystem in Moldova through data-driven recommendations.



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The launch of the consultations with all the main actors to prepare for the implementation of the temporary protection.



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UNHCR protection, registration and communication with communities team conducting training the humanitarian workers on temporary protection.



Earlier in February, the Government, Religions for Peace, and UNHCR, hosted a delegation of leaders of the world's diverse faith traditions, the Multi-Religious Council of Leaders. This initiative, bringing together international and local faith leaders as well as the Government and civil society to mobilize inter-religious support for refugees was the first of its kind. Faith leaders present encouraged their communities and faith-based organizations in their tireless provision of services and the promotion of inclusion and social cohesion in forced displacement contexts.

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