Inter-Agency Coordination

Moldova

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<td>Chaired by:</td>
<td>Alice Farmer, UNHCR, Senior Protection Coordinator, with Director Tatiana Ciumas, Bureau for Migration and Asylum</td>
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AGENDA

- Introduction and Welcome
- Information Flow
- Sub-working Groups
- Discussion on the PWG regularity
- Needs Assessment

AGENDA POINT | DISCUSSION
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1 | **Humanitarian Coordination Structure in Moldova**

UNHCR presented the tools available for the working group member’s use and contributions.

- [Inter-Agency Refugee Coordination Hub Moldova - Home (sharepoint.com)](https://sharepoint.com) is functional. Tools related to coordination, sector meeting minutes as well as reports will be stored in this share point. For requesting access, please contact: vanheugt@unhcr.org and hasanova@unhcr.org.

- The Regional Refugee Response Plan serves both as resource mobilization and an activity coordination tool. The deadline for inputs was yesterday. Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Belarus, Russian Federation, and Moldova will be in this chapter. The PWG members are encouraged to add their current and planned activities as well as estimate budgets to [PWG 5Ws](https://example.com). For requesting access to the tool, please contact: senery@unhcr.org and farmera@unhcr.org.

- The coordination meetings calendar is updated and attached to the meeting minutes email.
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| 2 | **Protection Sub-working Groups**
|   | Child Protection and Gender-based Violence Sub-working Groups will be activated under the PWG. The PWG members agreed to the following fixed dates for these meetings:
|   | CP SWG - co-chaired by UNICEF & UNHCR, date & time to be determined
|   | GBV SWG – co-chaired by UNFPA & UNHCR, every Fridays at 14:00

| 3 | **PWG Regularity**
|   | PWG fixed meeting date and time is agreed to be Wednesday between 10:00 -11:30. The meeting will be held online on a weekly basis. Please use [this link](#) to access the meetings.
|   | Romanian interpretation will be available in the following PWG meetings, thanks to OHCHR Moldova.

| 4 | **Needs Assessment**
|   | UNHCR - Delivery of basic needs, accurate information provision on services, and identification of vulnerable cases at the border crossings and centers were observed as immediate needs.
|   | BMA – Information sharing is clearly a need. The majority of those entering Moldova are women and children, and they need assistance. During our needs assessments, we need to factor in the fact that the majority of the asylum applicants are men. BMA does not focus on the capital only but is aiming to cover the entire country in cooperation with local authorities and local NGOs.
|   | UNICEF – 3 Blue Dots will be established in Moldova, 2 at the border and 1 at MoldExpo, which started to operate today. These service points will provide information on available services, make referrals to relevant service providers, offer a child-friendly place for children and a breastfeeding space for mothers. UNICEF works in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, and do not wish to create parallel systems.
|   | OXFAM – Identification and referral pathways for vulnerable cases are needed.
|   | INTERSOS – We conduct protection monitoring and profiling at Palanca and Tudora. We are happy to join a separate meeting about referral pathways and identification. INTERSOS observed 25 children waiting for a bus for 3 hours in Tudora and underline the need to have a Blue Dot in Tudora as well.
Caritas – Our ‘Fides Centres for Refugees’ (Musatinilor 1) is able to host persons with specific needs including persons with disabilities. The phone numbers of the center are 022599090/022510808. Contact details of Caritas: edward.lucaci@caritas.md; 078683849.

OHCHR – Persons with disabilities (PWD) are entering Moldova as well. Although the total number of PWDs is not known, the following needs were observed by OHCHR: accommodation centers are not accessible for PWDs, the available information materials (leaflet, Dopomoga website) are not PWD-friendly, assistive device support is missing, transportation options are not apt to the PWD needs (i.e. wheelchairs), and accessible toilets are needed.

BMA - If the PWDs approach we can share information about the available services for PWDs; however, so far no PWD has approached the central office of the BMA. If such information can be shared with BMA, it can be disseminated by the BMA hotline.

UNFPA – There are also families willing to return to Ukraine. For example, UNFPA encountered a mother with three children waiting in Moldova for 10 days, has enough money to buy fuel only and who have needs too.

OHCHR – We have received reports on Roma community being rejected at the accommodation centers. Hence, they are looking for housing options at the houses of Moldovan Roma community which is a disadvantaged group as well. Additionally, there are Moldovans who had permanent residence permits in Ukraine returning to Moldova. Although they are not refugees, they have similar needs and vulnerabilities.

SDC – In Manejul Center, 80% of the population is from the Roma community and 20% are Azeris. WASH facilities are not sufficient. Could vulnerable families from this center be referred to the Caritas center?

Caritas – Our local partner is familiar with these centers and please contact Motivati for referrals.

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