Shock Responsive Social Protection
Cash assistance to vulnerable Moldovans
WFP – UNICEF – UNHCR - UNFPA – IOM

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Delivering as ONE

• Integrated emergency and development programming is at the heart of this project by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR and IOM in collaboration with the MoLSP

• The agencies collaborate with the government's Joint Crisis Management Centre as part of a coordinated response

• The agencies work towards common objectives, promote sustainable outcomes and generate efficiencies, drawing on agencies’ comparative advantage

• This spirit of partnership among UN entities is central to the 'new era of collaboration' of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework

• The agencies ensure the project is coherent with national systems and capacity, as well as with other social protection interventions and reforms
Objectives

1. Address the immediate food and essential needs of crisis-affected Moldovan households through the provision of direct cash transfers.

2. Enhance social cohesion and mitigate tensions between host communities and refugees.

3. Enhance the government social protection system, including its responsiveness to refugee influxes, ensuring no one is left behind.

4. Operationalize the humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach to comprehensively address the impact of the Ukraine crisis.
Emergency Cash-Based Transfers Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility Criteria & Transfer Value

The following groups will be targeted from MLSP database using categorical targeting:

1. Households with persons with disabilities
2. Single parent households with child(ren) under 18 years
3. Households with more than 3 dependents (consisting of either children under 18 or elderly above 62)

a referral mechanism to be set up for households not covered by social protection programmes

Transfer value
MDL 1100 (~$60 USD) per HH to align with national systems
Emergency Cash-Based Transfers Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility Criteria & Transfer Value

The following groups will be targeted from MLSP database using below targeted groups:

1. Households with persons with disabilities of any grade (I, II or III)
2. Single parent households with child(ren) under 18 years (0-17)
3. Households with more than 3 dependents (consisting children between 0-17 years of age)
4. Pregnant or Lactating Women OR at least 1 child between 0-2 years of age
5. Elderly of above 60/62 years of age (TBD)

A referral mechanism to be set up for households not covered by social protection programmes

Transfer value
MDL 700 (~35 USD) per HH to align with national systems
Pre-implementation activities

Training to Social Assistants

- WFP and partners, with coordination with Ministry and AID.MD developer, will arrange series of training sessions for all social workers/assistants on:
  - Intro and scope of the project (including the criteria)
  - Process of revalidation
  - Using Aid.MD
  - A one-off incentive will also be provided to social assistants

Sensitization/Media campaign

- WFP and partners will develop beneficiary sensitization materials including posters and flyers to be distributed across all raions
- A campaign will be launched including series of media publications
- WFP will develop FAQs for stakeholders including Social Assistants, Greenline and other relevant partners
Implementation Details
Step-by-step of the programme

Step 1
Beneficiary lists generated from SIAAS (information system for APRA), posted on AID.MD

Step 2 (core group)
AID.MD consultant distributes lists to social assistants who review and validate in a commission, flagging HHs not meeting criteria

Step 2 (discretionary group)
Community-based targeting and validation of

Step 3
Lists fed back to AID.MD, cleaned, extracted, posted for WFP on the platform

Step 4
WFP extracts data, cleans, and verify through partners (sample field visits, door-to-door and phone calls) coordinated with social workers

Step 5
Cash Transfer is made through the Financial Service Provider (initially Wester Union and once the agreement is finalized - the National Post office)

Monitoring and evaluation (PDMs, Questionnaires etc...)

WFP CFM will be fully operational to collect feedback, with the aim to be integrated in national systems