

Moldova Refugee Response - Livelihoods and Inclusion Working Group

2023 Work Plan

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The Livelihoods and Inclusion Working Group (L&I WG) has been established to enable a coordinated approach among partners working on livelihoods and inclusion topics, articulate and complement each other's work, and allow for a coherent response. WG members are working together towards the operationalization of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, with focus on medium-term actions to increase the capacities of refugees and host communities to cope with crisis context.

Work Plan Objectives:

1. Strengthen coordination and collaboration among WG partners, and with other WGs, sub-WGs (SWGs) and Task Forces (TFs), at national, local, and regional levels for more effective and sustainable interventions, avoiding duplications of efforts and maximizing results.
2. Ensure evidence-based quality interventions by the WG members, which consider the differentiated needs of women, young people, people with disabilities, roma, and other vulnerable categories of beneficiaries.
3. Strengthen support of key stakeholders (i.e. donor partners, Gov. institutions, private sector partners, civil society, etc.) for the socio-economic inclusion of refugees in Moldova, achievement of sector objectives, and contribution to the human-development-peace (HDP) nexus.

| Work Plan Objective | Planned results | Activity | Timeframe | | | | Responsible/ Leading | Activity Status |
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| 1. Strengthen coordination and collaboration among WG partners, and with other WGs, SWGs and TFs, at national, local, and regional levels for more effective and sustainable interventions, avoiding duplications of efforts and maximizing results | 1.1 Enhanced coordination at the national level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased coordination of WG activities. Increased understanding of key thematic areas relevant for the sector, gaps, needs, challenges, and lessons learnt. Strengthened information and knowledge sharing within the WG. Increased awareness of and engagement of public institutions in livelihoods and inclusion activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold monthly WG meetings focusing mainly on thematic areas relevant for the sector, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to decent jobs/ mechanisms for reporting and verification Access to childcare services Social cohesion Engaging refugees in national development programmes (e.g. energy efficiency in host communities) MHPSS for strengthened livelihoods and inclusion | X | X | X | X | Meetings convened by WG coordinators | Bi-weekly WG meetings have been organized throughout 2022. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the participation of representatives of relevant institutions in the WG meetings, as needed. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's w/ support of WG members | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinate assessments and share findings; populate and regularly update the assessments online excel. | X | X | X | X | WG members w/ WG coord's | Online excel available here . |
| <p>1.2 Enhanced coordination at the local level, including with local partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased coordination of WG activities at the local level. • Increased awareness of and engagement of LPAs and local NGOs in livelihoods and inclusion activities. • Increased collaboration and joint actions between WG members. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold sector local-level coordination meetings, with the relevant WG members (once per month or as needed). | X | X | X | X | WG coord's & WG members | 1 local coord. meeting held in Balti (2022) – sector action plan for Balti drafted to be discussed with WG members |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare and implement local-level action plans to facilitate local coordination of activities. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's & WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitate the participation and active engagement of local actors, including LPAs, local NGOs, and the private sector, as needed. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's & WG members | |
| <p>1.3 Strengthened coordination and knowledge sharing with other WGs, SWGs and TFs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased understanding of WG members about inter-sectoral issues. ▪ Gender mainstreamed in livelihoods and inclusion activities and results. ▪ Enhanced inclusion of vulnerable categories of beneficiaries in sector activities and results. ▪ Increased awareness of other WGs regarding livelihoods and socio-economic inclusion | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organize inter-sectoral workshops and meetings, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on social cohesion with Protection, A&T, and Education WGs. • Joint meeting on childcare. • Joint meeting on cash-for-work with the Cash Task Force. | X | | | | WG coord's w/ support from WG members | Preparation for social cohesion workshop & childcare meeting initiated |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitate inter-sectoral knowledge sharing within WG meetings on topics such as gender mainstreaming, MHPSS, specific needs of people with disabilities, and others. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's w/ support from WG members | |

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| | aspects. | | | | | | | | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share relevant information from other sectors with the WG members, during WG meetings or via email. | X | X | X | X | WG members, Coord's of other sectors | | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in meetings of other WGs, and share information about the L&I sector, as needed. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's w/ support from WG members | | |
| | 1.4 Strengthened coordination and knowledge sharing with regional WGs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the regular meetings of the Regional Inclusion WG, and of other WGs as relevant and share results and knowledge from the Moldova L&I WG. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's | WG participated in regional WG meetings in 2022, and presented the work of the WG | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate information exchange between the local and regional WGs, as needed. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's | | |
| | 1.5 Strengthened monitoring, reporting and general awareness of sector activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report status of activities in Activity Info, on a monthly basis; provide details in the comments section, to be used in other reporting and communication materials. | X | X | X | X | WG members | | |
| 2. Ensure evidence-based quality interventions by the WG members, which consider the differentiated needs of women, young people, people with disabilities, roma, and other | 2.1 Increased access of all WG members to sector relevant data and information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased understanding of refugees' socio-economic profiles. Increased understanding of the differentiated needs of women, young people, people with disabilities, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct assessment to better understand: (i) the needs and socio-economic profiles of refugees and their host communities in Moldova, (ii) the implications of the refugee influx in terms of service delivery, infrastructure, livelihoods and local government capacity, (iii) the costs and benefits of refugees' inclusion into the labor market and social protection system. | X | X | | | UNDP, UNHCR w/ inputs from WG members, TGF | | |

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| vulnerable categories of beneficiaries | roma, and other vulnerable categories of beneficiaries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct market analysis to enable a market systems approach on economic inclusion. | X | X | | | UNDP | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share findings and results from individual assessments with the other WG members. | X | X | X | X | WG members, w/ support from WG coord's | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate inter-sectoral knowledge sharing. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's, Coord's of other sectors | |
| | 2.2 Increased capacities of WG members and local partners to conduct livelihoods and inclusion actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased understanding of tools for facilitating refugees' and host community members' economic inclusion. Strengthened inclusion of gender mainstreaming and conflict-sensitivity/ 'do-no-harm' aspects in sector programming and implementation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct capacity building workshop for WG members and local partners on economic inclusion and market systems approach. | | X | | | HIAS, UNDP w/ input from WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct inter-sectoral workshop on social cohesion, and share findings with all WG members and the RCF. | | X | | | WG coord's | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and share checklist for 'do-no-harm' implementation of sector activities; support development of checklist by other sectors. | | X | | | WG coord's w/ input from WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share gender and intersectionality checklist with WG members. | X | | | | GTF w/ support of WG coord's | |

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| | 2.3 Strengthen coordination of activities at national and local levels, enabling knowledge sharing, facilitating synergies within the WG. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See activities under points 1.1 and 1.2 | X | X | X | X | WG members w/ support from WG coord's | |
| 3. Strengthen support of key stakeholders (i.e. donor partners, Gov. institutions, private sector partners, civil society, etc.) for overall socio-economic inclusion, achievement of sector objectives, and contribution to the HDP nexus. | 3.1 Increased visibility and awareness about sector activities and of the overall importance of socio-economic inclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare visibility material with WG 2022 results and publish online. | X | | | | WG coord's w/ inputs from WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare monthly WG issue briefs and publish them online. | X | X | X | X | WG coord's w/ inputs from WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share results of WG interventions in RCF meetings, and other fora (as relevant and as required). | X | X | X | X | WG coord's w/ inputs from WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Services Advisor tool. | X | X | X | X | WG members | |
| | 3.2 Strengthened understanding of key stakeholders regarding the importance of socio-economic inclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update the paper "Socio-economic Inclusion of Refugees, and Social Cohesion in Host Communities: An Opportunity for Moldova's Development", incl. with case studies from 2022 work. | | X | | | WG coord's w/ inputs from WG members | Paper drafted in 2022. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare an overview of the socio-economic profiles of refugees in Moldova, based on the findings of the planned assessment (see point 2.1) | | | X | | WG coord's w/ inputs from WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the produced knowledge products with government, private sector, civil society, donor partners and others. | | | X | | WG coord's w/ inputs from WG members | |

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| | 3.3 Strengthened understanding of and increased progress towards the operationalization of the HDP nexus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Map the HDP nexus vision/ implementation among the WG members (UN Agencies, INGOs). | X | | | | WG coord's w/ WG members | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organize discussions on HDP nexus. | X | X | | | WG coord's w/ WG members, other sector coord's | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a policy/ awareness document to increase understanding of the Nexus in Moldova. | X | X | | | WG coord's & IAT & RCO | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide technical guidance to RCF partners and other sectors on the operationalization of the HDP nexus in the context of Moldova. | | | | | WG coord's | |