Refugee children and Moldovans participated in a summer camp organised at the Community centre 151 in Chişinău in late July. The photo was taken by the children as part of the activities.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, in collaboration with Refugee Coordination Forum partners, has developed a Refugee Accommodation Centre (RAC) Consolidation Strategy. Its goal is to promote the inclusion of refugees into Moldovan society and enhance self-resilience by facilitating the relocation of refugees to alternative accommodation solutions. This strategy was created after evaluating living conditions, occupancy rates, and management capacity. UNHCR and its partners provide counselling and support throughout this process, ensuring gender-based violence safeguarding.

UNHCR continues its efforts to build Child Protection capacity at local level. Several trainings have been organized within the past month at the Otaci border crossing point, in Chişinău and other locations across the country. In partnership with the National Centre for Child Abuse Prevention, UNHCR reached over 70 representatives from the Border Police, Guardianship Authority, managers of RACs and local NGOs.

On 1 August, the Moldovan Ministry of Culture and UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which formalizes and expands the joint efforts of the Ministry and UNHCR to work on fostering a more inclusive society.
In August, UNHCR partnered with the General Inspectorate for Migration, local authorities and Social Assistance Departments, as well as other partners, such as International Organization for Migration, Danish Refugee Centre, Catholic Relief Services, Law Centre of Advocates, the National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova, the National Centre for Preventing Child Abuse, and Laolalta, to organize a series of 10 Temporary Protection Fairs. These events took place in Cahul, Bălți, Orhei, Căușeni, Otaci, Ungheni, Dondușeni, Comrat and Chișinău. The objective was to share information on Temporary Protection, facilitate pre-registration, and offer legal assistance. Approximately 300 refugees have participated in these events, highlighting proof of residence as one of the main challenges to register.

In the framework of Inter-Agency winterization planning, UNHCR conducted winterization surveys in 259 households through in person visits and phone calls among refugees living in Cahul, Chișinău, Gagauzian Autonomous Region, Orhei and Ștefan Vodă. UNHCR, together with IOM and NGOs are currently conducting a winterization technical assessment of community facilities preidentified by local authorities.

Having access to accurate and timely information is important for refugees so they can plan their next steps. The temporary protection information sessions are yet another way that UNHCR closely engages with the people that we serve and work with.  

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