



IN BRIEF

# THE GENDER TASK FORCE

**The Gender Task Force** (hereafter referred to as GTF) is a network of actors working to mainstream gender across the Moldova Refugee Response with the aim of ensuring that all persons in the Republic of Moldova affected by the Ukrainian refugee crisis, have equitable access to quality and targeted humanitarian assistance, and can meaningfully participate in an equitable, effective, and efficient response.

The GTF is mandated by the Government of Moldova and UNHCR, as part of the Refugee Coordination Structure under the Refugee Coordination Model, which provides the overarching framework for humanitarian coordination. Humanitarian actors have an obligation to promote gender equality through humanitarian actions in line with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), 'Gender Equality Policy Statement' (2008), the IASC Policy and Accountability Framework on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls in Humanitarian Action (2017), the Agenda for Humanity from the World Humanitarian Summit (2016), and the Grand Bargain. Humanitarian actors also have an obligation to support women's and girls' protection, participation and empowerment through targeted actions, as articulated in the Women, Peace and Security thematic agenda as outlined in United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

## OUR VISION

Women, men, girls and boys in all their diversity<sup>1</sup> affected by the Ukraine refugee crisis in Moldova, with a special focus on the most marginalized and at heightened risk groups, have equitable access to and benefit from humanitarian relief, services and information.

## OUR MISSION

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To strengthen accountability on mainstreaming gender in the refugee response, by ensuring that humanitarian actors understand and address the different needs, priorities and capacities of affected refugees and host community populations of all genders, ages and diversities, including the most marginalized population and those at heightened risk, when designing, planning, costing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating refugee response efforts. This entails ensuring that the strengths, capacities and expertise of refugees and host communities, including women and girls, as well as women-led and refugee-led organizations, are incorporated in protection responses, participation, decision-making and leadership structures through meaningful participation and active engagement.

## OUR STRUCTURE

The Task Force is co-chaired by UN Women and the Platform for Gender Equality<sup>2</sup>. The chairs represent and advocate for the interests of the Task Force as a whole, not the lead agencies' interests.

Currently the GTF has around 100 subscribed members, including representatives from central and local Government, UN, INGOS, local women's organizations, grassroots organizations and refugee representatives.

<sup>1</sup> Encompassing the range of differences each individual has in terms of gender, ethnicity, race, nationality, migrant status, language, religion, sexual orientation, age, ability and other dimensions of intersectionality, including but not limited to ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and their care-givers, older persons, LGBTIQ+, women-headed households, etc.

<sup>2</sup> The Platform for Gender Equality (PGE) is a non-formal network and movement to promote de "jure" and de facto gender equality in all spheres of life. Created in 2015, PGE is consolidated by 49 national and local NGOs, led by women, and women's rights activists. <https://egalitadedegen.md/membri/>  
[www.egalitadedegen.md](http://www.egalitadedegen.md)

## OUR ACTIONS

The GTF for the Refugee crisis response in Moldova provides cross-sectoral and inter-organisational support to ensure the integration of gender aspects across the refugee response with the following key focus areas:

- I. Coordination on gender equality programming across sectors and working groups, key government institutions, and organizations providing assistance and services to refugees from Ukraine and host communities in Moldova, including local women's rights organizations and networks.
- II. Technical support and capacity building to humanitarian actors on gender in humanitarian action, including through development of guidance tools and gender-sensitive indicators, reviewing sector specific tools and participating in sector coordination, supporting gender analysis, and delivering trainings and other capacity building efforts.

## RESULT AREAS AND ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2023

### 1. Increased coordination on gender in humanitarian action with relevant stakeholders including addressing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, economic resilience and localization

- Conduct **regular coordination meetings, including thematic**, with gender focal points, advisers and advocates from each sector and key organisations in Moldova, Regional Gender Task Force and Gender in Humanitarian Action Task Force in Ukraine to exchange information and analysis, mainstream gender in refugee response, coordinate implementation and review progress of activities under the work plan.
- Strengthen **inclusion and participation of women-led organizations**, women's rights organizations and refugee women in the GTF and other Sectors.
- Strengthen **collaboration and information sharing with Refugee Coordination Forum and sectors**, including Protection and GBV /Child Protection, Accountability to Affected People, PSEA, Cash, Inclusion and Livelihoods and Accommodation as well as local, national and regional actors, to ensure gender and diversity is mainstreamed throughout the response.

### 2. Increased technical support and capacity building for relevant stakeholders on gender in humanitarian action including through attention to humanitarian-development-peace nexus, economic resilience and localization

- Provide technical support across sectors to ensure **gender is mainstreamed** throughout the humanitarian planning cycle (e.g. data collection, assessments, sector work plans, monitoring); provide input in key RRP 2024 planning processes; advocate for and support the systemic collection and analysis of SADD, strengthened participatory approaches, and the design of gender responsive, targeted and transformative actions.
- Conduct **capacity building activities with key stakeholders, including training** on gender in refugee response (included but not limited to gender mainstreaming checklist, SADD and GAM) to GTF members, Gender Focal Points in sectors/TF, National/Local government, I/NGOs, local organizations, including women-led organizations and especially those led by refugee women and girls.

### 3. Increased advocacy, communication and knowledge building on gender in humanitarian action including through focus on humanitarian-development peace nexus, economic resilience and localization

- Prepare and provide input into **analytical briefs, alerts, assessments, and reports to raise awareness of/generate evidence on gender and diversity issues** including recommendations in different languages, for the Refugee Coordination Forum, UNCT and other stakeholders.
- Organise joint **GTF advocacy initiatives and information sharing** activities on gender responsive refugee response with focus on intersectionality issues, including the specific needs and priorities of women with disabilities, older women and LGBTIQ+ people, including with the Regional GTF and Gender in Humanitarian Action Task Group in Ukraine.
- Share **lessons learned and good practices** on gender-responsive programming, including through provision of dialogue platforms and events for all affected women.
- Continue to **engage with donors**, share funding opportunities and undertake advocacy for funding for gender work in refugee response.

For more information about the GTF and valuable resources, visit the Operational Platform. The GTF holds monthly meetings in a hybrid format with Russian and Romanian translation. If you wish to be included in future communication and invitations for the meetings, please send us an email.

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