



Communication to Mayors

Information Note on WFP Cash Assistance for Host Communities – Guidelines

WFP Moldova

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WFP CASH PROGRAMME

The World Food Programme (WFP) is providing a one-time cash assistance to Moldovan households hosting refugees. This will help them to meet additional costs for food and other essential needs. WFP assistance is always free of charge. The implementation is managed by the WFP and its partners – Catholic Relief Services, Helvetas, People in Need Moldova, World Vision, ACTED and Solidarités International. It is also facilitated by Moldova for Peace. The programme is coordinated with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency – and the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Vulnerable Moldovan households currently hosting at least two refugees from Ukraine for a minimum period of one week are eligible to receive the one-time payment. The assistance is intended to help households meet additional household costs for food and other essential needs.

HOW MUCH IS THE PAYMENT?

Each eligible household will receive MDL 3,500 (US 190) one time only.

WHAT SUPPORT DOES WFP REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE?

WFP needs your help to ensure that we give cash to every deserving and eligible family in the country.

1. We would like you to form a local committee, chaired by the mayor, composed of primaria staff, social workers, councillors, youth organisations, religious figures, grassroots organisations, NGOs, or other local authorities, who can verify that households are eligible for cash assistance.
2. The committee will examine household lists and then validate those households for their eligibility, specifically whether they host at least two refugees from Ukraine for at least one week. The lists must contain the following details of one member (women are encouraged to apply) of the Moldovan household (not the refugee family): name, surname, mobile phone number and address. The committees should then stamp, and each member signs the list.
3. The NGO partners listed above will contact you over the next two weeks to collect the lists of eligible households. The households will be contacted via SMS throughout the process, including information how they register with WFP. That is why it is crucial to record mobile phone numbers accurately.
4. Following these steps quickly and accurately will speed up the cash transfers to families. There is guidance below on the number of households we can reasonably expect on the list.
5. Finally, we will communicate with the households by SMS, providing further information, including how they will receive their cash. Following the transfers, the NGO partners may physically visit households.



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HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS CAN WFP ASSIST?

According to official data, Moldova hosts about 100,000 refugees, and WFP has funding to support 30,000 vulnerable households across Moldova. WFP wants to make sure that the most vulnerable are covered and has the right to apply further criteria. However, WFP believes that the community committee is best placed to decide who among your community needs the support the most.

The eligibility criteria require hosting at least two refugees, and the average is more than three. Therefore, the target of 30,000 households, approximately 3 percent of all households in Moldova, should be sufficient. **Any list above this 3 percent will be subject to further validation by WFP and partners and would significantly delay cash transfers to eligible households in your constituency.**

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

WFP works with five partners throughout Moldova and closely collaborates with Moldova for Peace as a facilitator. Our partners listed below will contact you as soon as possible to collect and further validate your household lists and help eligible households to register online.

NGO partner	Coverage
People in Need	Bălți, Basarabasca, Briceni, Cahul, Cantemir, Edineț, Fălești, Găgăuzia, Glodeni, Rîșcani, Taraclia,
Helvetas	Căușeni, Cimișlia, Drochia, Florești, Leova, Șoldănești, Ștefan Vodă
Solidarites International	Anenii Noi, Călărași, Chisinau, Criuleni, Orhei, Strășeni
World Vision International	Chisinau, Dubăsari, Hîncești, Laloveni
Catholic Relief Services	Chisinau, Soroca
ACTED	Telenesti, Singerei, Ocnita, Rezina

Registration in the regions of Dondușeni, Nisporeni and Ungheni will commence as soon as a suitable partner has been identified.

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Additional information is also available on UNHCR's Help website:

<https://help.unhcr.org/moldova/cash-assistance-for-host-communities-in-moldova/>

