



# UN WOMEN AND WOMEN'S PEACE AND HUMANITARIAN FUND 2022 PARTNER ACHIEVEMENTS

## THE WOMEN'S PEACE AND HUMANITARIAN FUND IN MOLDOVA

The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) is a global partnership that empowers local women to be a force for crisis response and lasting peace by stimulating funding for women's participation, leadership, and empowerment in situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis.

As a funding mechanism designed to support women-led and women's rights organisations in crisis settings and following the invasion of the Ukraine by the Russian government in February 2022, WPHF activated a regional emergency response to the crisis, supporting women's organizations in both Ukraine and Moldova. Through a series of targeted Calls for Proposals, as part of its emergency track, WPHF launched Phase 1 and Phase 2 of its targeted response in March and April 2022, respectively. This targeted response focused on WPHF Outcome 1 - (institutional funding for women's organizations), Outcome 3 (women and girls in humanitarian response) and Outcome 5 (support to the enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls; and the respect to their rights).

The UN Women Country Office acts as the UN Managing Entity of the WPHF in Moldova and, through the partnership agreements signed with local women's civil society organizations (CSOs), is enhancing the participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response that involves ensuring that all refugee women, girls, men

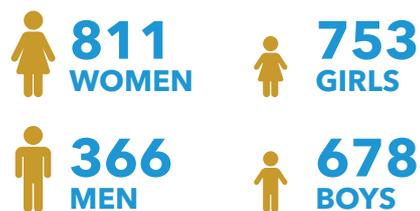
and boys have access to relevant, quality humanitarian assistance and support regardless of their sex, age, ability or status and that their distinct needs, priorities and capacities are considered. It also foresees assisting host communities that play an active role in welcoming and supporting refugees.

This publication presents the key results of WPHF partners in 2022 to document the successful achievements and contribution by CSOs to the Refugee Response Plan.

## KEY RESULTS 2022

**By the end of December 2022, the operational activities of the six WPHF - funded CSOs**

**REACHED A TOTAL OF 5,608 PERSONS**



 **2% PERSONS WITH DISABILITY.**

 **86%**  
4806 refugees

## DIRECT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

**1,794 PERSONS** were most affected by the humanitarian crisis were reached with critical emergency food and non-food items.



including **977 refugees** and **60 persons with disabilities**.

## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

**201 PERSONS** improved their knowledge on Gender in Humanitarian Action, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, gender-based discrimination, managing emotions in crises, and gender and disability-based humanitarian crisis response planning.



**111 PROFESSIONALS**, front-line workers, local government actors and women CSOs representatives increased skills and knowledge of the protection of women and girls against GBV and SV in the context of humanitarian crisis.



## PROTECTION

**26,500 WOMEN REFUGEES** were reached with targeted information about sexual violence (SV) and gender-based violence (GBV) in the context of the humanitarian crisis, and available support services for survivors.

**479 WOMEN REFUGEES** were reached with prevention and response interventions, including for gender-based violence, in the form of social assistance, counselling, and referrals through trust lines, crisis cells and mobile teams.

## INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOOD

**2,386 PERSONS** participated in social integration and support activities organized by host communities, giving them better opportunities for social integration, out of which 95% were refugees.



**167 WOMEN** benefited from programs for women leaders focusing on improving leadership skills and abilities to contribute to human security in the context of the humanitarian crisis and gender aspects of conflicts.

## OVERALL BUDGET SPENT 2022: 993.294,00 USD<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Total amount of two Calls for Proposals (CFP) in which the first CFP amounted to 323.453,00 USD and the second to 669.841,00 USD.

## PARTNER ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS 2022

### OUTCOME 1 - ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF WPS COMMITMENTS

*Impact: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.*

#### PUBLIC ASSOCIATION "WOMEN FOR WOMEN"

Due to the funding, Women for Women sustained itself for three months.

- **4 WOMEN STAFF** and **10 WOMEN VOLUNTEERS** were retained with salaries.
- **2 WOMEN STAFF** improved their leadership capacity by participating in leadership training.

The organization also built their operational capacity through the procurement of IT office equipment, building their branding and the creation of the preconditions for the efficient financial management of the organization.

### OUTCOME 3 - HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

*Impact: Enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response.*

**2,223 WOMEN, GIRLS AND POPULATION** affected by crisis and directly supported by civil society organizations initiatives and through actions taken by local authorities.



#### PUBLIC ASSOCIATION "MOTIVATIE"

**289 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES:** 169 women, 29 girls, 27 boys, 64 men, including 22 refugees and 94 persons with disabilities.

The project implemented several vital social inclusion activities in close cooperation with the local GOs and public authorities to support the most vulnerable, and thus the most affected by the humanitarian crisis population from the laloveni, Leova and Soldanesti districts. Thus, leading to:

- **38 WOMEN** from **3 REGIONS** increased their knowledge in gender and disability-based humanitarian crisis response planning and were involved in direct activities in response to the humanitarian crisis at the local level.
- **179 PERSONS** increased their well-being due to directly targeted aid.

- **69 PACKAGES** of food products, hygiene products and special hygiene products distributed.
- **72 PERSONS** attended outreach activities for persons with disabilities and refugees.
- **TWO CAPACITY BUILDING EVENTS** were organized by Motivatie on how to run an advocacy campaign for a specific issue and how to interfere effectively with local public authorities (LPAs) in inclusive humanitarian planning.
- **38 WOMEN**, including **15 WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES**, participated in the trainings.

## **PUBLIC ASSOCIATION "GENDER-CENTRU"**

**1,480 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: out of which 1,257 refugees (993 women, 225 girls, 225 boys, 37 men).**

The project created a discussion platform for coordination and exchange of experience among CSOs, women organizations, activists in humanitarian actions, and LPAs acting at local area. The platform significantly contributed to greater participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response, and as a result:

- **45 WOMEN** from civil society, including refugees from Ukraine were involved in the coordination of humanitarian crisis response.

Gender Centru also provided extensive anti-burnout training and coping mechanisms to build resilience among frontrunners and activists of the humanitarian response.

- **46 PERSONS** participated in the trainings (30 women and 16 men) and empowered to continue their struggle and focus on their work.

The project also contributed to strengthening the e-Platform for Gender Equality, a network of 44 organizations and activists, by developing knowledge in providing sensitive and adapted humanitarian support.

- **103 PERSONS** (88 women and 15 men, including 4 refugees) representatives from civil society, educational institutions, social assistance, medical establishments, town halls and mayoralities, local councilors and the refugee community participated in trainings and workshops for building capacities in response to the humanitarian crisis.

Gender Centru established the **WOMEN LEADERS FOR PEACE ACADEMY** that allowed participants to meet with leaders and activists who shared their success stories and examples of effective advocacy for women and girls.

- **30 WOMEN AND GIRLS** participated in the academy and strengthened their capacities and skills on promoting and protecting their rights and to fully realize their leadership potential in the humanitarian crisis response.
- **10 SMALL GRANTS** were awarded to graduates of the academy to run peace building and social cohesion activities in their local communities.

Through the publication of 7 media products, **36,187 PERSONS** learned about refugees' problems, the humanitarian crisis and stories with a positive impact involving refugees, help given to vulnerable groups and training in humanitarian crisis management.

### **Crisis Cells - Identifying the immediate needs of refugees and local population.**

A better-coordinated response to humanitarian crisis ensures that the different needs and capacities of affected refugees and host community populations of all genders, ages and diversities are included and addressed. To ensure this, Gender Centru established 20 Crisis Cells in 20 localities hosting a high number of refugees.

Humanitarian aid is provided according to the needs identified by the Crisis Cells and by December 2022, 1,250 refugees and local women and children had benefited from 1,600 vouchers for food and hygiene products. The Crisis Cells are supported by mobile teams of experts who monitor the implementation of the Crisis Cells and facilitate community dialogue sessions.

## **PUBLIC ASSOCIATION "INSTITUTUM VIRTUTES CIVILIS"**

**754 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 51 women, 158 girls, 155 boys, 90 men, out of which 557 refugees.**

Institutum Virtutes Civilis (IVS) conducted trainings and a mentoring program in conducting gender needs assessments and drafting action plans to offer a better coordinated and needs-driven support women and child refugees at the local level.

- **32 WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES** of **WOMEN-LED ORGANIZATIONS** (WLOs) and **28 WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES** of **PUBLIC AUTHORITIES** from five districts strengthened their capacity to cooperate and plan humanitarian response.

Partnership Agreements were signed with five women led CSOs from Anenii Noi, Cahul, Causeni, Orhei and Stefan Voda Districts. **20,000 USD** were granted to each organization to provide local level support to women, girls and population affected by the crisis.

**THE FIVE WOMEN LED CSOS** in partnership with trained representatives from LPA are offering targeted support or displaced people, and as for December 2022, the sub-granted projects' interventions have resulted in:

- **48 REFUGEE WOMEN** received psychological, social and legal counselling.
- **150 WOMEN** and **CHILDREN** received food packages and hygienic products.

- **422 REFUGEES** (107 women, 22 men and 158 girls and 155 boys) became better integrated in the hosting communities by participating in social inclusion and recreation activities.
- **77 PARTICIPANTS** of the academy (including 60 refugees: 54 women and 6 men) enhanced their knowledge in preventing gender-based violence through trainings.

- **17 WOMEN PROFESSIONALS** from local NGOs and community organizations, and 18 leaders of police departments learned about the specific services offered for survivors of SV and the specifics of intervention in such cases.

## WOMEN'S LAW CENTRE

**1,958 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 1,428 women, 210 girls, 210 boys and 110 men, out of which 1,876 were refugees.**

12 communities were working in strong partnership with 12 sub-granted women led local CSOs to identify the refugee's strengths and weaknesses and consider strategies and tactics to expanding and deepening community inclusion. Within these partnerships:

- **1,876 PERSONS** (1,346 women, 210 girls, 210 boys, 110 men) were involved in 90 activities that led to better social and economic inclusion of refugees, provided opportunities for opening small businesses, and contributed to sharing experiences between communities and women led groups on issues such as GBV.

A comprehensive capacity building programme on inclusion, integration and work with refugees was developed and implemented.

- **51 PROFESSIONALS** from women led CSOs were empowered with knowledge on how to address the refugees' needs facing multiple vulnerabilities due to poverty, rural context, violence, and stereotypes regarding the refugees.
- **38 WOMEN** (including 15 women with disabilities, 4 refugee women and 3 minor girls) developed abilities to manage emotions in crises and became motivated to be involved in local activities in the humanitarian response.

## MOVING FORWARD IN 2023

As the war in Ukraine moves into its second year, sustained support is required for immediate humanitarian assistance, promoting socio-economic resilience and integration among refugees and vulnerable host populations, and promoting peacebuilding. Moreover, there is an urgent need to enhance the capacities of local CSOs and LPAs to ensure that their interventions are gender sensitive and do not leave anyone behind. Building on the success of the first two Calls for Proposals, as of March 2023, UN Women has signed 14 new partner agreements with 12 new CSO partners and 2 previous WRO/WLOs partners. As per immediate fund availability announced in March 2023, another CSOs were selected to implement projects in the upcoming months, making up a total of 24 projects with 21 local and national partners supported by WPHF in 2022 and 2023. The projects under these partner agreements will be ongoing during 2023, with some of them spanning till the end of the year. The total budget for all 24 projects developed by 21 CSOs and WRO/WLOs as well as planned capacity building initiatives is around 4,5 million USD for 2022 and 2023.

## OUTCOME 5 - PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

*Impact: Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected.*

Enhanced safety, security and mental health of **3,077 AFFECTED PERSONS** (2,290 women, 316 girls, 296 boys, 175 men) and their human rights respected.

### INTERNATIONAL CENTRE "LA STRADA"

**1,119 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 862 women, 106 girls, 86 boys and 65 men, out of which 1,094 were refugees.**

**4 LOCAL WOMEN LED NGOS** benefitted from support and mentoring on GBV and sexual violence (SV) in the context of the humanitarian crisis.

- **20 WOMEN MEMBERS** of these NGOs actively participated in a workshop for sharing experiences. Up to 10,000 USD was awarded each organization in grants for direct outreach activities with women refugees in the regions with the higher number of refugees, providing services according to the refugees' needs.
- **OVER 1,000 REFUGEES** (80% women and children, 20% men) were reached with qualified and timely assistance to ensure their safety, security and mental health due to the activities of the 4 NGOs.

La Strada launched a massive public awareness campaign on sexual and gender-based violence in the context of the humanitarian crisis, with voices of women refugees.

- **OVER 2 MILLION PERSONS** accessed information on the rights of women refugees in a humanitarian context and available services for GBV and SV on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.
- **26,325 BROCHURES AND LEAFLETS** with targeted information was distributed via a total of 125 accommodation centers and product collection centers for refugees.

**THE TRUST LINE FOR WOMEN** affected by GBV or SV was established and promoted within the public awareness campaign.

- **92 REFUGEE WOMEN AND GIRLS** were offered a safe and trustworthy tool to report abuses and to access further assistance through the trust line.

La Strada organized training and capacity-building activities for representatives of local authorities and local police departments to enhance their skills regarding protecting women and girls against GBV and SV in the context of a humanitarian crisis.