ISS Romania teams have accumulated thousands of kilometers monitoring the borders back and forth in the last 4 weeks. It is believed that 596,000 people have crossed the border so far and around 5000 have asked for asylum. Most refugees are staying in hotels or are accommodated in private homes with host families; they are allowed to stay in Romania without the obligation of requesting a refugee or asylum seeker status. If the war continues and in time the real situation will unfold, and it will be known many of those populations will request an official help from the Romanian government. ISS Romania and while monitoring closely the border their greatest concern in this tragedy is that they see an enabling situation for human trafficking, and they noticed some suspicious cases. ISS Romania is believes that their border monitoring is preventing a real risk for victims to fall into a network of exploitation.

ISS Moldova

(March 2022 - Ongoing)

1. Mapping of refugees’ children in Moldova: A data base will be elaborated with the support of Erics Sweden and Plan International and six social workers will work with local public administrations to identify all refugees children especially those unaccompanied, separated, without ID's etc.

2. Mobile teams: All at risk cases will be referred by Social Workers to the Mobile teams for case management. Action will be supported by Plan International and UNHCR.

3. Training for local professionals: Local child protection professionals will be trained on child protection. Action will be supported by UNHCR, Plan International.

4. Direct assistance: The in-need cases will have individual support depends on their needs. Action will be supported by UNHCR and AVE Copiii (emergency fund).

5. A day center for children with mothers will be open (at the premises of AVE Copiii) Daily 25 children with mothers will benefit of Ludo therapy and individual and group counselling. Action is supported by Caritas (not yet defined).

6. Outreach activity at the Ukrainian Consulate in Chisinau will be organized daily by two social workers. Information on child protection facility and other relevant information's for children and families will be delivered through short informative sessions. Children will receive food packages. Action will hopefully be supported by Caritas Austria in partnership with the Ukrainian Consulate.

7. Direct support for 300 families at Ungheni districts All refugees families from Ungheni receive a monthly financial support consisting of 321 Euro/ family. The action is supported now by “Pediatres du Monde” for 3 months. Also in Ungheni, at the Placement center for refugees at least one educator were already hired to organize activities with children and some group activities with mothers.

8. A special child protection program is currently in discussion with UNICEF and (more Information to come).

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