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Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

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By email

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Ukraine conflict and UK ODA support to Moldova

Dear Foreign Secretary,

As the conflict in Ukraine continues, neighbouring countries are shouldering an increasingly heavy burden in hosting and supporting refugees.

Moldova, one of the poorest countries in Europe, has taken in 457,000 refugees.¹ This is a substantial burden for a country of 2.6 million people, and the highest ratio of refugees to size of population of any nation hosting refugees from this conflict. It is ill equipped to deal with such a significant influx of refugees.

Moldova's geopolitical circumstances leaves it vulnerable to further escalation of the conflict. Moreover, recent incidents in Transnistria, together with the Russian military presence stationed there, underline the fragility of Moldova's situation. Moldova's ongoing development, promoting strong and stable democratic state institutions, is crucial to its resilience against threats.

In that context, I would be grateful if you provide information for the following:

- The bilateral ODA allocation for Moldova for the current financial year
- Details of UK ODA projects planned for the current financial year targeted towards attainment of SDG16 (promoting peaceful and inclusive societies)
- The amount of financial support that the UK has provided to Moldova to date to assist with hosting Ukrainian refugees

I would be grateful if I could receive your response by 31 May 2022. The Committee intends to publish your response.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Champion MP

Chair of the Committee

¹ Figure from UNHCR Situation Overview as of 5 May 2022