



Regional Refugee Response  
for the Ukraine Situation



## Basic Needs WG Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 20 February 2023

### Meeting Details

<b>Date</b>	20. 02. 2023
<b>Time</b>	15.00
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### Agenda

- 1. Accommodation and Transportation workplan 2023-RACs capacity-NFIs**
- 2. Presentation TP**
  - Rights and Regulations
  - Registration process
  - Communication with communities
- 3. Update of the contingency plan**
  - Update partners about quarterly presentation on Transportation
- 4. Sub working group updates**
- 5. Partners updates**
- 6. AoB**

### Information collection and relevant links



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### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p><b>Agenda Point 1</b> <b>RACs update,</b> UNHCR</p>	<p>Basic needs WG chairperson welcomed participants and thanked for their participation, presented the agenda and updates of the RACs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>65</b> accredited RACs</li> <li>• <b>4194</b> total capacity</li> <li>• <b>2809</b> people hosted</li> </ul> <p>Main focus of the 2023 workplan:</p>	<p><b>1093</b> children and teenagers</p> <p><b>92</b> children 0-2 years old</p> <p><b>170</b> PwDs</p>



<p><b>Agenda Point 2</b> <b>Presentation TP</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Technical support (joint assessment with WASH and Protection, trainings) Coordination (share the strategic plan, by April the first quarterly factsheet for WG) Incorporation of crosscutting components PSEA and AAP.</li> <li>➤ Objectives of the emergency short term response: supporting access to temporary accommodation and transportation, NFI distribution, improvement of collective centers.</li> <li>➤ Objectives of the Mid- long-term accommodation, type of activities: cash for rent, improvements to access adequate housing, public infrastructure improvements</li> </ul> <p>Need to coordinate so there is no duplication.</p> <p><b>UNICEF</b> updates on WASH: objective is to improve WASH in the collective centers and provide sustainable solutions.  Proceeded with a gap analysis, finalized the questionnaire and will start with 10 RACs.  <b>IOM</b> asked if the workplan will be shared; sectors will use it for monitoring; what are the WASH activities for host community;  <b>UNHCR</b> replied that the information can be found on the website, indicators of the WG were shared in the RRP in October.  <b>UNICEF</b> for WASH activities: focus on sustainable solution, host community will be supported with rehabilitation and expansion of the system.25000 ppl will be served  <b>UNHCR</b> commented that there are duplications in NFI distributions. Partners at the border points in the bus stations to use the matrix.</p> <p><b>UNHCR</b> Protection: Short presentation on TP, there is still more information expected from the ministry.  The TP is an exceptional form of protection measure, not new law existed since 2008. Emergency law was extended until 05/04. From 01/03 until 05/04 will have two streams, TP and Emergency law. When Emergency law ends people will have 90 days to stay and after need to apply for TP or other legal status.  The General Inspectorate for Migration before the Bureau for Migration and Asylum is the responsible authority. UNHCR supported with inputs of advocacy.</p>	<p>ACTED to follow up on the distribution in RACs and the gaps</p> <p>Partners to update the matrix on their distributions.  UNHCR to share the link for the distribution matrix</p>
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<p><b>3.Update on contingency plan</b></p> <p><b>4. Sub working group updates</b></p>	<p>The framework of the presentation focused on the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Eligibility, rights, and obligations under TP</li> <li>➤ The registration process for applying for TP</li> <li>➤ Communication with communities and sharing key messages</li> </ul> <p>Need for a collective effort from all partners to provide correct info to the beneficiaries. Available accessible communication tools: online and offline campaign in four languages, and audiovisual info. UNHCR developed a FAQ to respond to beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>UNHCR</b> informed about the Contingency plan meeting. The purpose was to update the plan for the sector and see how each actor will respond. Interagency will share the templates by end of March. Additional contingency meeting will take place before or after the coordination meeting.</p> <p>TF updates: REACH is working on rental market assessment, will start In March. By end of April the preliminary findings The TF is working on a Guidance note on rental assistance. Shared folder will be created for each sector</p> <p><b>WASH UNICEF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Carried out joint gap analysis for 10 community centers.</li> <li>➤ Recommendations from the technical committee on the contents and types of hygiene kits will be shared at the monthly meeting on the 24th.</li> <li>➤ The recommendations for the school hygiene kits will be shared soon</li> </ul> <p>IOM: requested the meeting minutes from TF.</p> <p><b>LHI: Distribution</b> of hygiene items. Request for a monthly supply for diapers (sizes 3-7) and hygiene items. Distributed in Eugheni</p>	<p>UNHCR to share the FAQ with partners</p> <p>UNHCR to keep the partners updated regarding the documentation.</p>
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**5.Partners updates**

**UNHCR** asked if other partners can support with diapers distribution. UNICEF informed that they would pass this info to partners in the sector

**IOM:** Will update the NFI winter kits distribution in Otaci and Palanca Bus station when they receive the link to the matrix.

Received a delivery request for 2 containers in Palanca. Supporting the border management in Otaci with construction works, 15 meters road repairs near the border.80% completed.Winter NFI distribution started. Ongoing distribution in Transnistria. Rental activity to end in March. UNHCR asked if they can support with repair works in the BCP if there is need. IOM will look into it if there is need.

**UNHCR protection:** in case of CP issues in RACs partners should refer it

Colonel:

- Discussed with IOM about the relocation of PoC from Palanca and Otaci. Due to few arrivals, they might change the bus schedule. Identified a RAC in the North in Donduseni where beneficiaries can stay until their transportation. It's still not operational, needs some kitchen utensils. They need to identify another in the South. Will work with accommodation sector to identify best solutions and plan.
- To assess which RACs will close, open
- RAC 112 in Orhei needs 5 cubic meters of wood. Request if any partner can provide
- Informed on a CP case, try to identify a RAC with accessibility for wheelchair and utilities. Requested assistance to relocate this case. (grandmother and child)

**IOM:** Reviewing the transportation options due to the low numbers. One option would be to take refugees to RACs. Might start on 1/03.Waiting for identification of a RAC in Palanca, received only for Otaci

**UNHCR:**

**6.AOB**

**Agenda Point 3**

Partners updates

UNHCR to share the minutes from the TF meeting



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Green Line needs to be informed about this weekly accommodation plan. RACs need to be informed as well.</li> <li>➤ To assess which RACs will close, open, which will be maintained as contingency RACs. Open to discuss it, protection can be involved</li> </ul> <p>IOM added that in Orhei already providing firewood in 27 RACs and will check if they can cover the gap. DRC supports with the distribution.</p> <p><b>IOM:</b> will discuss with ACTED and UNHCR about the new transportation plan</p> <p><b>Concordia:</b> Running a community house project in Tudora. Providing accommodation for families in 7 different centers. 58 refugees residing in these accommodations and have capacity for 70 places. Provision of food, free rent and NFIs on request. Multifunctional centers in 3 locations. They invite refugees to use the wash facilities. Used as Temporary accommodation but the length of stay depends on the case. Maybe some places in Tudora can be used for refugees waiting to be transported,</p> <p>Concordia covers the heating in a RAC in Donduseni since beginning of December. Expecting from IOM to provide blankets, kitchen items. IOM confirmed the transportation of items this week.</p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held 20<sup>th</sup> of March</b></p>	<p>UNHCR to communicate with IOM and ACTED for any transportation changes</p> <p>IOM and DRC to update which are the 27 RACs</p> <p>IOM to update when items are being delivered.</p> <p>UNHCR to call for a contingency plan meeting before the 20<sup>th</sup> of March</p>
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