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## Basic Needs WG Meeting

Meeting Minutes - 21 March 2023

### Meeting Details

<b>Date</b>	21. 03. 2023
<b>Time</b>	15.00 pm
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### Agenda

#### 2023 Contingency Plan

1. Food security
2. WASH
3. Transportation
4. Accommodation

### Information collection and relevant links

[Contingency Plan 2023](#)

### Participants



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### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<b>Agenda Point 1</b>	<p>Basic Needs WG chairperson welcomed participants and thanked for their participation. After a quick introduction of all participants, chairperson presented a short overview regarding four maintopics of the sector for the Contingency Plan 2023 to develop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation,</li> <li>• Transportation,</li> <li>• WASH and</li> <li>• Food security.</li> </ul> <p>In case of Odessa developments, there are three possible scenarios:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Southern Scenario</li> <li>2. Northern Scenario</li> <li>3. Western Scenario</li> </ol> <p><b>For a detailed presentation of the three scenarios please follow the link: <a href="#">Contingency Plan 2023</a></b></p>	



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	<p>Today's exercise is to understand what the response of your organisation is, and how to align it to the plan presented above.</p> <p><b>Food security</b></p> <p><b>WFP</b> has populated the Contingency Plan already – a call to all partners of the SWG Food Security that have a contingency plan in place to share in the matrix:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what is the plan,</li> <li>• the budget,</li> <li>• number of beneficiaries and what are the expectation to support.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hope 4</b> – the food from UK is for the <b>refugees in the Host Community</b>, to populate the table with the data in the short-term activities that can be completed in 10 days: budget, location, description, targeted population etc.</p> <p><b>WASH</b> – already some data has been filled in the matrix.</p> <p>UNICEF as an immediate response, in Palanca containers are already installed at the Palanca bus station which can serve 500 - 1000 people. Also, sanitation containers are installed in the camp in Palanca and all three Border Crossing Points (2, 3 &amp; 4) Sanitation containers installed at the Otaci bus station as well and BPC, all other data is already populated in the table.</p> <p>These can address 3000 people a day. We will have to think how to respond to 10.000 and 50.000 a day. There is still a gap to cover.</p> <p>Contingency RACs, to coordinate UNICEF and IOM and add the numbers for the immediate response.</p> <p><b>Short term:</b> hygiene kits to coordinate with partners on quantity.</p> <p>Nr 1 and 2 points are operational at the moment. BSP point nr.3 and nr 4 is part of the Contingency Plan but not functional yet, these will be activated if the influx will exceed 10000 pax per day. The tent camp has a capacity of 500pax.</p> <p>At the borders with Romania to consider installing small WASH stations. The exits to Romania through Sculeni and Leuseni, has limited space alongside the road to install anything larger. In case of major influx, a queue of 50 km might form at this exits, small WASH stations are required.</p>	<p><b>Call to partners to fill in the required information in the matrix shared</b></p> <p><b>Food Security partners please fill the table in terms of food provision.</b></p> <p><b>WASH to find a solution to cover the gaps identified</b></p> <p><b>To fill the info regarding hygienic kit quantity after coordinating with partners</b></p>
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	<p><b>UNFPA</b> – how to reflect the dignity kits in the plan. To discuss bilaterally and coordinate the quantities and types of dignity/hygienic kits with UNICEF.</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> IOM and ACTED – two main organisation that will facilitate the transportation. <b>ACTED will facilitate transportation:</b> <b>Palanca</b> Numbers of buses – 30 buses BCP Palanca - Bus station Palanca Bus station Palanca – Chisinau, RACs Bus station - Causeni railroad station, Tudora. Causeni train transportation is considered part of the exercise as means of transportation to Chisinau and Romania. The train runs 2 times per day to Chisinau and further to Romania to transport 2400 people per day. <b>Otaci</b> Otaci BCP -Chisinau, RACs</p> <p><b>IOM will facilitate transportation:</b> Palanca Bus station – Romania</p> <p>Otaci Bus station – Romania Number of buses deployed per day 180 to cover both sites. The solution to cover the gaps identified is to accommodate people for a couple of days in the tented camp in Palanca or in RACs. 2250 bus routes for 10 days to cover both Palanca and Otaci. <b>To cover the gaps:</b> to rely on the grassroots solutions. A “contra argument” to the grassroot solutions: the transportation of the private companies and “civil society”, private cars will be restricted due to protection reason, to avoid human trafficking, SEA and other protection reasons/issues.</p>	<p>To be discussed with partners: IOM, NRC, DRC etc, at next SWG (last Friday of the months)</p> <p>All type of dignity kits, quantity to coordinated with UNICEF</p> <p>Acted to update the matrix with the capacity on transportation: Nr of buses</p> <p>IOM to cross-check the transportation companies contacted with ACTED</p>
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- *Restriction on transportation that is not part of the Contingency Plan is supported by participants to avoid human trafficking and other protection issues.*
- *The same restriction comes from authorities, only previously registered transportation will be allowed to pass through BCP and Bus station.*

**A concern raised by participants:** *to add to the Contingency Plan an anti-trafficking strategy to safeguard people.*

*Border authorities have been trained to identify and respond to trafficking, to raise awareness, identification and risks with front line authorities.*

*Meetings with all sectors will follow to have their inputs as part of the Contingency Plan, after will be discussed at the local coordination forum with local authorities and partners.*

- *7 local refugees coordination forum are in place and will be used to strengthen local capacity, share scenarios, working closely with social assistance departments, local authorities, local NGOs. The coordination is UNHCR responsibility supporting the government, your support at the local level will be needed, the number of meetings can be adjusted to the needs.*

IOM will look into covering the gap, to learn about the availability of buses from Romania transportation companies and have a realistic analysis of how many buses can the BCPs handle.

**Accommodation centers.**

**66** active RACs.

**17 RACs** have been assessed jointly with other organisations.

**39 RACs** - ACTED has done improvements.

**30 RACs** that have been closed, need minor repairs.

Some of these centers will be transit sites and will need wash containers, bunk beds to be ready to host people.

**12 000 people** - total capacity available considering 2.5 square meters per person.

Human resources – minimum coverage, a manager and a social worker.

4% of the refugees will be accommodated in the centers.

**WFP to explore the capacity of this service. To coordinate and further discuss it with partners and actors involved in this type of service.**

**To fill the matrix with info regarding food in tented camps.**

**Assess the equipment available in camps.**

**To identify the location of this sites.**



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**15 000 people** will be accommodated in the tented areas, that are supported and managed by the government.

**70 000 people** will need accommodation in Host community. For this part the response will be supported with cash, that have been discussed with the cash working group. WFP and UNHCR to support with cash for the Moldovan families and refugees.

**Tented areas:**

The tented camps would be equipped with mobile kitchen and communal space, to use the same setting as Palanca site. However, there is no minimum hygienic standards for this type of service.

INGO assisted the government in their emergency response last year. UNHCR and IOM supported IGSU with equipment, tents and other support. The locations of the tented areas are not known at this moment, except the one located in Palanca.

**IOM** - Proposal to re-assess the 17 contingency RACs.

To check storage capacity especially at the BCPs. In Causeni train station a rub hall is installed by IGSU for storage purposes - NFIs. Not intended to store food. The markets are functioning no need to prepare for food storage capacity.

**Next meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> of April**