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Basic Needs Working Group Meeting -30 June 2023	
Meeting Details	
Date	<i>30. 06. 2023</i>
Time	<i>11.30 pm</i>
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Agenda	
<p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RACs consolidation strategy 2. Winterization TF: HH Survey and community interventions 3. PWG and BN WG: mapping of informal RACs 4. WRD: ACTED PPT process of the implementation of a CSC in Causeni 5. Updates of partners: RACs, Rental assistance, Housing programs (repairs) 6. AOR 	
Information collection and relevant links	
Participants	



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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
Agenda point 1 RACs consolidation strategy	<p>1. Basic needs WG chairperson welcomed participants and thanked them for their participation, presented the agenda.</p> <p>Chairperson: Presentation of the RACs consolidation strategy, the framework, the assessments done, and the presentation to MLSP</p>	



	<p>1.RACs costing (data collection, cost analysis included date from utilities, personnel, food, assets and calculated the average cost per person/day and per month)</p> <p>2.RACs closure prioritization (conditions, occupancy versus capacity)</p> <p>A scoring system was made based on criteria.</p> <p>Recommendations:34 RACs to remain open (long-term) 8 RACs under consideration (mid-term) and 10 RACs to be closed (short term)</p> <p>3.RACs consolidation strategy (ongoing, need to work with other sectors, Protection, Livelihoods)</p> <p>Timeline for consolidation: The RACs were divided into 3 phases, some will close in 2023 (short and mid-term) and the long-term in 2024. The recommendations need to be approved by the MLSP.</p> <p>4.RACs coordination and monitoring</p> <p><u>Procedure for the consolidation of RACs:</u></p> <p>Information dissemination (RAC Managers, beneficiaries, service providers)</p> <p>MLSP approval on RAC closure</p> <p>Notification of closure (two months in advance)</p> <p>Protection Monitoring and Provision of Alternative Accommodation solutions (support to most vulnerable)</p> <p>Decommissioning of RACs (cleaning, disinfection etc)</p> <p>Main components during the process: Coordination and dissemination</p> <p>Livelihood approaches and durable solutions</p> <p>MLSP representative:</p> <p>Following the consolidation strategy done jointly with BN WG partners, we have evaluated and monitored the centers that need to be consolidated. Right now, 53 centers are active. 20 centers of the 53 have 30% occupancy of their capacity.</p> <p>The consolidation is to make the RACs cost efficient. One step to consolidate the RACs is to relocate beneficiaries from small to bigger RACs or other option is to join the rental assistance program. The strategy</p>	
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	<p>will be followed step by step and beneficiaries and partners will be informed on the process. In some centers have more staff than needed and they will adjust it. They are working on new regulations for the accommodation centers where they emphasize the quality standards. On the 07/07 it will be validated and will assist not only the refugees in country, but all vulnerable categories displaced due to the conflict.</p> <p>WV: Selected around 32 RACs to support till December with small rehabilitation, and cash for work for the volunteers working, and food items. Requested for info on how they can better contribute and coordinate their support with other partners and access to info and statistics of people living in the RACs</p> <p>Chairperson: when MLSP send the updated about the RACs, it will be shared with the partners</p> <p>IOM: asked if the RAC managers that will be informing about closure/ extension are trained to provide this info/do they need assistance from partners? The strategy is not people centric</p> <p>Chairperson: the dissemination of info before closure will be done with Protection partners and MLSP. They will reach out to the people to assess their needs, vulnerabilities. Partners can support</p> <p>IOM: What is the long-term plan for the people in closing RACs</p> <p>MLSP: The MLSP and organizations will explain to the beneficiaries the procedure of closure and give options. Main objective is their integration. The remaining centers will meet the minimum quality standards. All beneficiaries need to live in good conditions.</p> <p>The ministry developed the minimum standards.</p> <p>Chairperson:34 RACs will remain in the long term</p> <p>IOM: What will be the service provision for RACs that are planned to close?</p> <p>Chairperson: It will continue as it is until the closure.</p> <p>IOM: by 2024 will not have humanitarian crisis and they transition to development. How we integrate the RACs to the social protection, to support the ministry for a good use.</p> <p>Chairperson: Starting with consolidation strategy, main component is durable solutions, all partners will be working and can bring their ideas together.</p> <p>WV: The concentration of people will be higher in the RACs that will remain open. Suggested to make hubs to support the people in RACs (connecting them with work, services)</p>	<p>UNHCR to share the regulations document with partners when received</p>
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<p>Agenda point 2 Winterization TF:HH survey and community interventions</p>	<p>MLSP: in the regulation it is mentioned that ppl displaced, vulnerable can stay for 3 months in the RACs with the possibility of extension until they find job, accommodation and they will be provided with different services.</p> <p>June: Secondary data reviews (mapping and review of existing datasets) and Data Collection July: Joint Data Analysis workshop, Winterization needs overview, Sector consultations. August: Sector consultations, Senior Priorities and Response Package, Inter-Agency Winterization Workshop</p> <p>Activity info September: Activity Info, Implementation (up to March 2024)</p> <p>The Initial Planning Assumptions of the Interagency: -The majority of refugees are staying in private accommodation (renting or with relatives/friends) -Supporting community infrastructure as means of social cohesion -NFI's to be considered the last resource</p> <p>The information comes from existing databases put together by the Interagency</p> <p>Main points identified as missing: Household data for planning repairs, Information on community Infrastructure to be prioritized and supported(schools ,kindergartens, community centers, sport facilities).UNHCR, WFP and IOM have been working on the household survey and for the community interventions</p>	<p>UNHCR to share the matrix for mapping informal RACs with the partners</p>
<p>Agenda point 3 PWG and BN WG:mapping of informal RACs</p>	<p>Mapping of informal RACs: Basic Needs joint with Protection WG to start a joint assessment (identify the needs)</p>	



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	<p><u>Next meeting is scheduled for 31st July</u></p>	
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