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Basic Needs Working Group Meeting -04 September 2023

Meeting Details

Date	25. 09. 2023
Time	15.00 pm
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Agenda

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1. RACs consolidation update
2. Updates on informal RACs
3. Updates on housing program
4. RRP 2024 Consultations
5. Winterization
6. AOB

Information collection and relevant links

Participants



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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<p>Agenda point 1</p> <p>MLSP Update on RACs consolidation.</p>	<p>1. Basic needs WG chairperson welcomed participants and thanked them for their participation, presented the agenda.</p> <p>UNHCR: Group A: RAC #108 Patria Luckoil closed.</p> <p>RAC #160 Orhei closed (still one household remains).</p> <p>RAC #68 Zarea hotel, partners continue counseling as some people remain there.</p> <p>Group B: RAC# 34, 23 individuals, partners continue with counseling, some people reluctant to relocate.</p>	



<p>2.Update on Informal RACs</p>	<p>RAC 54 # Stefanesti some people registered in cash for rent program,4 want to be relocated and are waiting for options.</p> <p>RAC# 126 Aneni Noi, many people got in the rental assistance, others are accommodated privately.</p> <p>RAC# 113 closed</p> <p>RAC# 232 Dumbrava alba, partners continue counseling, looking into solutions.</p> <p>Group C: RAC#137 will remain open as it hosts many people with vulnerabilities and the location and facilities are suitable.</p> <p>RAC #122 officially closed, there are still families.</p> <p>RAC #27 there are 52 individuals, more MFT visits will take place as people are reluctant to relocate.</p> <p>Group D: will delay the notifications as now focusing on RACs from other groups (Zarea and Dumbrava Alba)</p> <p>MLSP: Working on relocation, focus is on Zarea and Dumbrava Alba (visiting this week, Dumbrava Alba, will postpone Group D. There is misleading information reaching people. Requested from actors to inform beneficiaries that they need to be careful with information coming from third partners. Whoever enters the RACs needs to have identification.</p> <p>NRC: Asked if there is track of where people go.</p> <p>UNHCR: There are SOPs with tools to identify the intentions of the families and their destination.</p> <p>UNHCR: The mapping of 14 informal RACs with joint visits to identify key information is ongoing. The visiting MFT team consists of 2 protection partners and one shelter partner.</p> <p>There are 10 organizations involved in the assessments in the informal RACs.</p> <p>Provision of TP sessions</p> <p>246 people is the estimative number residing in the informal RACs with capacity of 520 people.</p> <p>1 RAC was removed from the list as there are no families identified.</p>	
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<p>3.Updates on housing program CRS</p>	<p>6 raions are covered. The main concerns as expressed by the RAC Managers: employment, cost of winterization works.</p> <p>In general, the MFT team has identified good quality of management. Soon to finalize the exercise 1 more RAC to visit</p> <p>IOM: asked what follows after the assessment.</p> <p>UNHCR: developed ToRs and a protection monitoring tool to assess the sites. The information will be analyzed to see the needs and what each sector can do as next steps.</p> <p>As access to the informal RACs varies there are different approaches. Only few cases with difficulty in access</p> <p>IOM: asked if there any discussions of accrediting the informal RACS situation.</p> <p>UNHCR: The discussions are only regarding the needs and the support if needed.</p> <p>WFP: Regarding the food-related questions they will analyze the collected information to identify the needs.</p> <p>CRS Presentation:</p> <p>Although, rental assistance program will be a key element for next year as well, it is important to open the discussion for another housing programs. MLSP also agrees the importance of the integration of these solutions for 2024.</p> <p><u>CRS small repairs housing program:</u> Last 6 months are implementing small repair activities, agreements between refugee households and host families. To get in the program landowners need to host refugees for at least 6 months.</p> <p>200 HH are enrolled, one time support in 2 tranches, 1500 EUR average cost of repairs in 16 Raions in Moldova.</p> <p>Household led approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community outreach • technical assessment • work plan development 	<p>UNHCR to call for a meeting as soon as the assessment exercise in RACs is finalized.</p>
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- first tranche payment
- repairs begin,
- monitoring and 2nd payment,
- completion of works and final inspection.

Types of living spaces: detached house/apartment independent, semidetached, attached.

Property assessment: house assessment, internal discussion, housing categorization, technical verification, plan, agreement

Most common types of work: windows, roof, heating system, sewage drainage, moisture removal, bathrooms

Minimum standards check list: safe, dignified, increase the living conditions, gives insurance of the quality of living.

Sample Bill of quantities BOQ: list of works, materials, prices 20% buffer added to account for unforeseen cost.

Monitoring of works: team monitors progress, 2-3 weeks after first tranche, physical visit or remote monitoring.

Final verification: final technical assessment, PDM with host, survey with refugees (engineers, MEAL)

Post distribution Monitoring :49 households exited the program, 57% have been found completed and approved.

Challenges: add additional work, more expensive heating than foreseen, separate entrance for refugees, wood for winter, postponement of repairs due to harvest

Post distribution monitoring: satisfaction 77% (host families) Sufficient repair time 60%, results on refugees

NRC: do they install energy efficient systems? CRS didn't manage to study the modalities; the cost was too high. Gas heating was installed by landlord but it's very costly.



<p>4.RRP 2024 Consultation (overview)</p>	<p>IOM what happens after people withdraw? any situation where they buy cheaper items to save money?</p> <p>CRS: the landlords had a list of minimum standards, CRS cannot insist on private property, the engineers discussed with the landlord ahead.</p> <p>Present 49 out of 200 cases.12% still ongoing. The last monitoring is 4 months after the start.</p> <p>WFP: other eligibility criteria other than being refugees, can they receive money for hosting?</p> <p>CRS: looking for houses and refugees who bought houses.to Indeed they can receive the money for hosting.</p> <p>NRC: the cash transfer to 2 tranches, if they receive first tranche and not finalize the works?</p> <p>CRS before the first tranche they talk with landlord for the works. Sometimes there are delays in payment if people are abroad or delays in work. They work closely with authorities, in every area as coordinators.</p> <p>MLSP: beneficial program for beneficiaries and locals, request to UNHCR for further discussion on this program and connect with consolidation.</p> <p>UNHCR to have a discussion with CRS on that and get back to MLSP.</p> <p>180 houses they paid out of 200.</p> <p>UNHCR: how they decide on the locations of implementation</p> <p>CRS: previously other organizations were implementing there, and they received requests from municipalities. Some of the areas are close to borders.</p> <p>UNHCR asked for a number of HH by typologies and type of works.</p> <p>CRS in the presentation they haven't finalized yet,50% refugees are hosted and 50% leave on their own or in different premises. Most requested works: windows and doors</p> <p>Objective: develop the strategy for RRP 2024</p> <p>Defining the Sector objectives, activities and indicators jointly with sectors and subsectors</p> <p>Workshop on 3rd October from 08:30-12:30</p> <p>Venue: TBC</p>	
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<p>5.Winterization</p>	<p>Timeline: submission of activities by 15/10, by November 30 the final draft</p> <p>CRS: Is it Activity Info based?</p> <p>UNHCR: yes, same as last year.</p> <p>IOM asked if MSNA is ready. UNHCR: 80% done, anticipate output by mid-month, not before 3rd October.</p> <p>Update on winterization data collection efforts.</p> <p>Overview of HH Survey findings</p> <p>Meeting date: 27 September 2023</p> <p>Meeting time: 15:00-16:00</p> <p>Venue: UNHCR conference room,5th floor</p>	
<p>6.Partners Updates</p>	<p>Focal point for winter NFI distribution is Athina Nalmpanti</p> <p>Training on de-escalation of conflict, 27 10-12 hybrid /28 September 10-12 online by MDM. This training is directed to the partners that are involved in the RACs consolidation process (relocation case managers, rental assistance, MHPSS)</p>	
<p>7.AOB</p>	<p>NRC started registering the needs for NFI 1100 beneficiaries in private accommodation will cover RACs and will be providing updates.</p> <p>DRC: the rehabilitation of IGM is halfway by mid-October will finish.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>30 October 2023</p>	