

BNWG meeting on Cash coordination - Memo 27 October 2023

AGENDA

1. *Presentation on Multisector Needs Assessment*
 2. *Discussion about Winterization cash and voucher assistance support*
 3. *Round of updates by BNWG members*
 4. *AOB*
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1. Presentation on Multisector Needs Assessment findings relevant to BNWG by UNHCR Hungary

PDF document attached with all details.

2. Discussion about Winterization cash and voucher assistance support

IFRC and Hungarian Red Cross, Hungarian Baptist Aid (HBAID), Budapest Municipality and UNICEF, and UNHCR presented information on their respective Cash Programme for Winterization.

The operational agencies agreed on harmonization of the transfer that the individual will receive as Winter support. The amount varies from 96,000 HUF to 105,000 HUF. UNHCR, IFRC and Hungarian Red Cross, HBAID are providing the same total amount of 105,000 HUF.

Enrolment is possible with two organizations: Budapest Municipality at the link [BUDAPEST HELPS Támogatási Program – Budapest Helps](#); and with UNHCR <https://help.unhcr.org/hungary/winter-cash/>

For details on the programme and eligibility criteria, please check the attached PDF.

It was also discussed regarding the deduplication of assistance. UNHCR and IFRC; and UNHCR and HBAID will conduct a deduplication check to ensure that the organizations are not assisting the same beneficiaries. Finally, UNHCR highly encourages UNICEF and IFRC to explore potential ways of deduplicating due to possible overlap on children residing in Budapest. It was raised that currently, due to the lack of data sharing and technical solutions, it wouldn't be possible, but the topic will remain to be discussed to explore possible solutions in the future.

3. Round of updates by BNWG members

No additional updates beyond Winterization were discussed.

4. AOB

Under AOB, it was discussed the importance of Referral Pathways. The UNHCR Protection Officer delivered a presentation on the existing [Service Mapping](#) in Hungary and guiding principles for referral. The presentation is also attached to the email.

Additionally, it was discussed about the importance of bringing this subject to the Refugee Coordination Forum as the Referral Pathways does not concern only Basic Needs, but it's a cross-cutting issue.

As an action point on this item, the BNWG chair will be re-circulating information on Service Mapping to ensure that data is accurate and up to date.

5. *The next BNWG meeting will be conducted on 24 November 2023.*