



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation



Basic Needs Working Group Meeting – 7th of October 2024

Meeting Details

Date	<i>07.10.2024</i>
Time	<i>15:00 pm</i>
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Agenda

1. RRP 2025-2026 Update
2. RACs Update
3. RAC Assessment Update
4. NFIs Update from Acted
5. Food Security and WASH Sub-Working Groups
6. Update from partners

Information Collection and relevant links

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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<p>1. RRP 2025-2026 Update</p>	<p>Social Protection and Economic Inclusion chapter finalized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Proceeding with merge of these groups. → BNWG will fall under the Social Protection WG, chaired by WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR by rotation. → This is in line with the national mechanism for the integration of foreigners, it has three WG sub-relevance to us: 2 on social protection, 1 specifically social protection, 1 economic inclusion → We are still working on the coordination section. <p>RRP – project submission phase. It officially opened on 4th of October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Everyone to submit projects in ActivityInfo info until 18th October. → General rules – any organization with a proven operational footprint and a good track record of successful implementation and in particular refugee led, or women led organizations are encouraged. → To submit only the funding from bilateral donors, not what you expect to receive from UN agency. → To include all additional project support costs. → The new RRP is for 2 years. The planning must be oriented for 2 years. → It must be aligned with the strategic direction – the broader ToC and the joined chapters. <p>Relevant: continuation of Cash for Rent program as a transition measure. There is an innovative approach that we have seen in neighboring countries – establishment of social rental agencies. To identify landlords,</p>	<p>Recording of the info session in English to be shared with everyone</p>



	<p>who will accept small repairs and in return to rent out the apartment for a period of time. The municipality will manage this kind of enterprise. Already implemented in Poland and many other countries.</p> <p>NFI distribution: Requirement for project submission – to be aligned with needs on the ground.</p> <p>SEIS will be shared with everyone.</p> <p>Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → On 23 of October – 21 November – UNHCR will be looking in depth. → 15th of November – draft over all Moldova chapter → December submission to regional bureau → January - the RRP and HRP launch <p>When you are doing the submission, your budget should not be higher than last year.</p> <p>MLSP: From today, the sectorial and intersectoral working groups started activity. MLSP would like to have the plan of response, to coordinate the plan of the partners and of the minister, in order to not overlap.</p> <p>UNHCR: will share the ToC document. More details will follow after October 20th.</p> <p>MLSP: as a recommendation, at the moment of project writing, to adjust the prices of the rent to the realities of the market. We hope that we will succeed in the small villages, to motivate the people to give spaces, and rooms for the persons who would like to live in the community.</p>	
RACs updates	<p>From Group F: RACs 44 and 82 officially closed in Chisinau</p> <p>Relocation: some individuals are moving to other RACs, and others are looking for rent or going back to Ukraine</p> <p>At the moment there are 2 centers in process of closing: Doina RAC & T6 RAC.</p> <p>Almost all persons received from the ministry spaces of relocation.</p> <p>The T6 will be closed, following the request of the State University of Moldova and Ion Creanga University.</p>	



	<p>By next meeting there will be changes in relocation statistics.</p> <p>WFP: the consolidation strategy of RACs is ready and can be shared?</p> <p>MLSP: At the moment there are 29 active centers and after the assessment it will be established what are the next centers to be closed. About the strategy, it was revised and approved by the ministry. It was shared with UNHCR.</p> <p>RAC from Edinet is closed temporarily for reparation but will be opened soon.</p>	
<p>RAC Assessment Update</p>	<p>The assessment is composed of a few parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First part: RTG members provide weights for the ranking criteria. • Launched Kobo survey for RAC Managers with 6 dimensions: demographics, RAC management, food distribution, hospitality, safety, protection <p>Data collection for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAC managers and • RAC residents (refugees) through focus group discussion <p>Assessments conducted from 9th of August until 4 of September</p> <p>Each dimension scored based on responses from the RAC managers assessment. When summed up the scored for each dimension provides the total score of a RAC particular RAC. The higher the score – the better the status of this RAC. The lower the score – consideration for closure.</p> <p>The RACs are ranked in 3 groups but the occupancy and the geographical coverage/location of the RAC must be taken into consideration amid other factors. Even if a RAC is lowly ranked, it could be the only in the region, so it must be considered.</p> <p>This shows that all the remaining RACs have high rank, but other factors should be considered, like costs, ethnicity of residents, etc.</p>	
<p>NFIs Update from Acted</p>	<p>Acted as implementing partner started in September the distribution of family hygiene kits, starting with the distribution being done in 26 RACs. The team didn't have access to the remaining RACs.</p>	



	<p>The objective was to address the needs of the Ukrainian refugees and third country nationals residing in the RACs.</p> <p>The main outcome from the Kobo – people have the need to receive hygiene items. Period: from September until December Target: 1,200 individuals</p> <p>For September we finalized the monthly distribution in 26 RACs</p> <p>Demographics: 60% female, 40% male</p> <p>Age disaggregation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,5% - 0-2 years old • 33% -3-17 years old • 46% - 18-64 years old • 16% - 65+ years old <p>Household composition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230 single HHs • 147 HHs of 2 • 86 HHs of 3 • 50 HH of 4 <p>Distribution planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09-13/10/2024 • 21-25/10/2024 • 18-22/11/2024 	
<p>Food Security and WASH Sub-Working Groups</p>	<p>Food Security sub-working group September updates</p> <p>Activity: Hot meals in RACs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization: WFP through HelpAge 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of RACs assisted: 27 • No of refugees assisted: 1,529 • Budget: MDL 6,490,000 <p>Activity: Hot meals and snack kits at Palanca and Otaci border-crossing points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization: WFP through ACF • No of refugees assisted: 270 • Budget: MDL 30,780 <p>WASH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are less partners in area of WASH - DRC were doing WASH in host communities and RACs - We plan to continue the activity next year, but we are in the process of reaching other partners to go to the RACs where there are more children - DRC is done with the activities - We are looking into options to address in terms of wash the common spaces management in terms of hygiene - According to data, a lot of people receive hygiene kits, but still there is a lack of health knowledge - We are keeping the WASH facilities at Palanca open, but we would like to know the activity of the bus stations - At Otaci we will leave the facility open with the LPA support - We will use the post activity to transfer the WASH containers to IGSU for any type of emergency or as part of contingency activity, but they will need logistic support to pick them up, a truck. 	
Update from Partners		