**IMWG meeting notes**  
2021-03-24

Agenda:

* Collective Centers Updates (Eve)
* COD Updates (Eve)
* Migration Services Updates (Eve)
* Agency Updates
* AOB

**Attendees**

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| Name | Org |
| Milindi | UNHCR (co-chair) |
| Evangeline McGlynn | IMPACT (co-chair) |
| Astghik Ghevondyan | UNHCR |
| Lousine Aroyan | UNHCR |
| Yogesh Gyawali | UNHCR |
| Frederic Cussigh | UNHCR |
| Yurii Arnautov | REACH |
| Allan Amulabu | UNICEF |
| Aleksey Petrosyan | IOM |
| Garik Khachikyan | UNDP |
| Arpine Harutyunyan | WHO |
| Abdifata Subow |  |

**0. Intro**

* Milindi a bit sick, Eve running the meeting

**1. Collective Centers Updates**

* Site master list has been updated according to contributions from the Protection Working Group and APY (thanks to both!) and data shared by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and infrastructure.
* Current data: 147 collective centers, 19 updates from APY & PWG. Total representing 3,132 people
  + Average CC size is 21; median size is 12
* Vast majority of people in a refugee-like situation in collective centers are in Yerevan
* Any update information very much appreciated so we can continue to update our population. Please follow the link in the newsletter, repeated here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zkr5ek529vnkc2p/AADnI7fFxUnDnKDWNvN1UGyYa?dl=0&preview=CSG_IMWG_ARM_Master_list_Sites_29Dec2020.xlsx>

Collective center figures, March 2021

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|  | People | Centers |
| Armavir | 254 | 9 |
| Ararat | 198 | 12 |
| Gegharkunik | 29 | 2 |
| Kotayk | 914 | 18 |
| Lori | 116 | 6 |
| Shirak | 119 | 7 |
| Syunik | 262 | 24 |
| Tavush | 92 | 3 |
| Vayots Dzor | 20 | 2 |
| Yerevan | 1,128 | 64 |

**2. COD Updates**

* Community polygons will be available next week as the COD package is finalized

**3. Migration Services Updates**

* Migration Services data continues to be processed and updated
* Currently 66,051 people in a refugee-like situation are residing in Armenia, which is 1,999 fewer than the February data
* Of the original ~90k people registered, there are now 24,707 people registered in Nagorno-Karabakh for cash assistance
* Data remains in flux, but relationship with MS will allow for more regular information flows
* Slightly more women than men are registered in Armenia with a gender ratio of 42:58

MS figures, March 2021

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| Marz | People |
| Aragatsotn | 2,112 |
| Armavir | 4,454 |
| Ararat | 6,582 |
| Gegharkunik | 2,492 |
| Kotayk | 11,148 |
| Lori | 2,371 |
| Shirak | 1,499 |
| Syunik | 6,113 |
| Tavush | 1,220 |
| Vayots Dzor | 2,058 |
| Yerevan | 26,002 |

* Q&A
  + Arpine Harutyunyan: Is this amount of people who have been returning so far? Is this from the end of the war?
    - EM: Migration Services had a registration list of people receiving assistance in Armenia that they maintained and added to into 2021. At some point they stopped registering new people. While they haven’t deregistered anyone, they’ve been transferring registration to NK. 24707 comes from people MS had recorded as in Armenia but are now flagged as having returned to Nagorno-Karabakh
  + Aleks Petrosyan (IOM): I wonder whether there is any recording of internal movement for people in a refugee-like situation. What are the key movements within Armenia? Is there any kind of analysis or data on?
    - EM: We haven’t received much on the part of MS on changing registration. However, we can look at the map to see stable concentrations of people in a refugee-like situation within marzes while the population numbers decrease. We can do a little further analysis, but at the marz level the proportional difference between now and last month are negligible.
    - AP: Ask because municipal gov tells them that Yerevan residents now moving to neighborhing province for better access to services
    - EM: At the first pass at this data the pattern has not emerged, but we could check that hypothesis against our database to try to validate it if you can send some more info.
  + MI: To add on, we can look at different databases and see if people have moved between districts. If anyone has an info request we can do these analyses

**4. Agency updates**

* Fred C: This week met with FAR who is part of AASW who is doing a comprehensive survey of people in a refugee-like situation. Planning on visiting everybody and collecting information. Could be interesting information in relative short time.
* Garik K: UNDP side, CVA underway, TOR produced, consultation phase starting next week.
* Yurii A: REACH MSNA, not much to report, but will be able to report first tends 2-3 weeks and very soon the TOR to be shared to clarify the specificities of data collection
* Arpine (WHO): Health WG member MDM is planning an assessment in Ararat, Armavir, Kotak mapping health services
  + IOM and UNICEF received funds from Japan so new projects will roll out soon
  + IOM plans to rehab 3 collective centers, currently in discussion with gov
  + Many orgs trying to get access to NK, but not much luck. ICRC and MSF are the only ones.

**5. AOB**

* MI, co-chair: to reiterate: any orgs working in CCs, please provide a list of where you’re working. Any population data really good
* Will be providing more data analysis from MS data
* Look out for Adm3 data on data portal
* MSNA info will be published on portal as soon as it’s out