



## Basic Needs Working Group - Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Romania – Bucharest - 14:00 to 15:00, 27.04.2022	
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<b>Participants</b>	Camelia & Dorothy (Red Cross Romania) – Julia (Unicef) – Anja (CESVI) – Simona & Lucian (IOM) – Colette (DRC) – Daniela & Henrik (World Vision) – Patrick & Adam (Plan International) – Mihai (National Youth Foundation) – Mihai (DSU) – Robert (HHC) – Vincent & Oliver (UNHCR)	
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Current Situation</li><li>• Terms of reference and co-lead</li><li>• 5W and assessment registry</li><li>• RRP and National Action Plan</li><li>• Priority needs and response</li><li>• Draft Basic Needs WG workplan</li></ul>	
<b>Main Topic</b>	<b>Main Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each participant introduced themselves and their organisational response and main activities.</li><li>• Organizations focused primarily on provision of food and core-relief items (NFIs).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To capture the whole range of activities, a Kobo 5W will be shared per partner under separate e-mail.</li><li>• The Kobo will collect the basic information. In case of several activities, the partner is invited to fill in a separate Kobo form.</li></ul>
<b>Update on current situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation on current number of arrivals and accommodation capacity. The data presented are linked to the contingency scenarios developed by TWG on behalf of DSU which consists of a scenario of 700,000 new arrivals crossing into Romania. Note that recent REACH/UNHCR assessment found that 52% of new arrivals intend to stay in Romania.</li><li>• The coordination structure as well as the Government Task Force have been re-explained.</li><li>• The coordination mechanism is well- understood by all partners.</li><li>• The Government is finalizing the National Action Plan. The main points of it have been highlighted. In regard of the Basic Needs WG, the action plan of the</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further discussion with DSU on preparedness planning to take place. WG will be updated accordingly.</li><li>• Share for record the final coordination structure and Governmental Task Force.</li><li>• Update about the publication of the National Plan will be communicated with all partners.</li></ul>

	<p>Ministry of Public Works has been presented. This action plan emphasizes about the allocation of two (2) batches of 202 + 88 social housing units addressed to UKR Refugees. Negotiations with Mayors are ongoing. Some Amendments by the government are required prior to allocate them too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The support of IKEA to furnish shelters has been presented.</li> <li>• Private initiative to develop low-cost housing settlements has been highlighted, notably the pilot project developed by the Private Foundation, Emervill, nearby Constanta.</li> <li>• A need to activate a sub-working group on WASH has been suggested and well perceived by participants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners of the WG are called to share any needs about furniture and electrical appliances which IKEA could support with. UNHCR will be the focal point, communicating and liaising with IKEA.</li> <li>• The progress of the Emervill Foundation will be monitored. The Foundation will be contacted to make a presentation to the WG.</li> <li>• Key actors about the sub-working group will be called for a meeting on Thursday 05 May from 10:00 to 11:00 am online. Invite to be sent by UNICEF.</li> </ul>
<b>ToR of the working group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the ToR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The template of ToR will be shared for comment, deadline Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 22.</li> </ul>
<b>5W and assessment registry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Kobo 5W</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to be shared. Entries requested by 3 May.</li> </ul>
<b>RRP and National Action Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RRP has been launched this week. RRP strategy for Basic Needs presented. See above regarding National Action Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RRP link to be shared. Partners encouraged to disseminate.</li> </ul>
<b>Priorities for WG and any identified current gaps in response</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamboard exercise</li> <li>• Suggested priorities for the WG to focus on enhancing coordination and collaboration; e.g., through coordinating assessments and the response through 5W. Ensure do no harm. Emphasis on accountability to affected populations.</li> <li>• Identified gaps: disability inclusion; database of CRIs among all agencies (“virtual warehouse”); information on refugee locations including those residing outside of transit centers and other official shelters.</li> <li>• Since the beginning of the crisis, several actors manage large quantity of CRI through various warehouse.</li> <li>• Also, time to time, specific and urgent requests of Food and NFI are received by various humanitarian actors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft action plan to be shared and discussed at next WG.</li> <li>• It is proposed to develop a virtual warehousing through one main online data base. UNHCR will present one template during the next WG meeting.</li> </ul>

<b>Other business</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A WhatsApp group will be established to facilitate communication between members of the Basic Needs WG.</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next meeting</b> Date: 04 May 2022 - 15:00 – 16:00; Place: Bucharest UN HOUSE conference room / MS Teams (hybrid)</p>		

