



### Basic Needs Working Group - Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	11 May 2022, Romania – Bucharest – 15:00 – 16:15	
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<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member list</li><li>• Virtual Warehouse</li><li>• Kobo tool for IKEA request</li><li>• Harmonization of hygiene kits and other CRIs</li><li>• Preparedness and contingency planning</li><li>• Draft Action Plan</li></ul>	
<b>Main Topic</b>	<b>Main Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>Current situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last figures shared</li><li>• Slight increase of refugees staying in Romania</li><li>• Temporary protection increased by 6KQ1</li></ul>	
<b>Terms of reference and co-lead</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Link shared where to find the ToR of the working group: <a href="#">Inter-agency Coordination Hub / ToRs</a></li></ul>	
<b>Member List</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Also found on Sharepoint site.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants to provide feedback to ToR by COB 5 May.</li><li>• Participants asked to submit nominations for co-lead.</li></ul>
<b>5W and Assessment registry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 Agencies have shared their input so far.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants to update before next meeting</li></ul>

<b>Virtual Warehouse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A “virtual warehouse” will be implemented in order to track quantities of core-relief items that agencies are keeping in storage and to record request for support when gaps and needs arise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COB by end of week for other members to fill in the 5W on the Kobo. Found here: <a href="https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/gWRT0qS">https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/gWRT0qS</a></li> </ul>
<b>IKEA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Public Works is to provide a list of an initial 202 accommodation sites and social housing (followed later with a list of 80 sites) for where IKEA support to provide furniture and electrical appliances. There is space, however, for additional requests and where there are immediate needs. UNICEF noted the need to coordinate the requests with Min of Public Works to ensure sites accommodating unaccompanied minors are accounted for. The National Youth Foundation will be opening youth centers as well where this support could be welcomed.</li> </ul>	<p>UNHCR to share link to virtual warehouse for agencies to record stocks.</p>
<b>Romexpo and harmonization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting was convened with the municipality to help coordinate support to Romexpo where the “store” has become depleted of food and non-food items. Meeting attend by UN agencies and Red Cross. Items had been offered freely to refugees who could come to collect items every 10 days. On average, 800 persons per day had been coming to Romexpo to receive items. However, donor fatigue has set in and supplies have started to dwindle. Organizations are requested to assist in meeting unmet needs expected to arise. A six month action plan was agreed to.</li> <li>• Romexpo will be handed back on 17 May.</li> <li>• Two more centers will open, one for GII registration for TPD and cash enrolment; and another for the store where refugees can still receive items. It is agreed that these new buildings will be rented for a period of six months.</li> <li>• In case of influx and need of establishing again a communal shelter, a new dialogue with ROMEXPO will take place to identify a third building.</li> <li>• For the time being, it appears that refugees receiving cash vouchers are still coming to ROMEXPO to collect specific expensive products i.e. powdered milk and nappies for babies.</li> <li>• Refugees are travelling from Constanța – using a free train – to collect food at ROMEXPO</li> <li>• A request to cross-check the data base of beneficiaries coming to ROMEXPO and other CBI providers has been raised. The Municipality of Bucharest needs to assess first the legality of it in terms of protection and exchange of data</li> <li>• In regard to the regular demand for food and in kind, UNICEF will check the support they can provide baby products.</li> <li>• Red Cross Romania remains the key actor which can provide some foods (but not all requested)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR will share a Kobo form for entering requests.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR can be the provider of last resort to complete the procurement of some items, notably NFIs for the period of six months, including (to be confirmed) some dry/canned foods.</li> <li>• There is a common understanding with the regular arrival of refugees (who are not yet registered) the provision of in kind and off food can tremendously help them. However, the provision in kind and of food may decrease in the future when the CBI and social umbrella assistance from the government will be largely implemented.</li> <li>• To optimise the distribution of food, a Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) needs to be developed. The social service at ROMEXPO may need further assistance to control the registration of beneficiaries and to have a better understanding about the goods collected by households.</li> </ul>	
<b>WASH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A WASH TaskForce will be set up to look into the WASH issues and response. This can be topical, timebound TaskForce.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To implement action plan as agreed</li> </ul>
<b>Other business</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR to follow-up with UNICEF. Partners invited to participate.</li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting</b> Date: 25 May 2022 - 15:00 – 16:00; Place: Bucharest UN HOUSE conference room / MS Teams (hybrid)		