

REFUGEE COORDINATION FORUM FOR THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC:
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP (IM WG)

NOTES ON THE 04 APRIL 2022 MEETING

Action Points from 04 April 2022 Meeting of the IM WG			
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>By When</i>
Monitoring tools	UNHCR, IOM, REACH	To meet and harmonize rapid monitoring tools: agree on core questions that will be included in the tools for the short term. Also to map geographic coverage of enumerators and avoid duplication	6 April
Surveys	Everyone	To submit all tools for surveys done in refugee context of Slovakia to be submitted to IMWG for review with relevant sectors and to ensure no duplication	ASAP
	UNHCR (as IMWG chair)	To map divisions of roles/locations to avoid duplication of efforts and best use of resources	ASAP
MSNA	UNHCR and REACH	UNHCR to organize, with Sectors, a joint multi-sectoral needs assessment during an extended session of the IMWG (pre-figuring a MSNA group) including focal points from all working groups; REACH to present overview of MSNA, covering methodology scenarios, populations groups, quality vs. time, etc.	8 April
Information management	UNHCR, IOM, REACH and Government of Slovakia	To produce joint IM product	8 April

Participants: Human Rights League, IOM, REACH, UNHCR, PIN, IFRC

1. Review of Tools/Forms/Coverage of Surveys

IOM briefed on their ongoing and upcoming activities:

- Intentions and needs of individuals crossing
 - Done at border crossing points, large reception centers, transit points
 - First round: Kosice hot spots, Michailovce center, border crossing
 - 5 enumerators stationed in Bratislava and Kosice
 - 161 surveys at all 3 points of entry and 3 Kosice hot spots
- Sectoral assessment on needs of individuals – first draft finalized
- Evolving surveys to looking at needs in temporary accommodation facilities
- Rapid needs assessment: 2-4 minutes – to inform programmatic responses in sites around population needs

REACH briefed on their ongoing and upcoming activities:

- Intentions and movements of individuals crossing
 - Also done at border crossing points, reception centers, transit points

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- Currently regularly surveying Ubľa, Vyšné Nemecké, Veľké Slemence, Michalovce, Humenné and Košice
- 5 enumerators stationed in Košice that are also monitoring Hungary border twice a week
- 410 surveys done from 4 March – 1 April
- Site mapping and monitoring – planning to do with UNHCR and the Government

Regarding joint multi-sectoral needs assessment, REACH highlighted the importance of buy-in from all response actors/Sectors/etc – which would allow rolling out a single tool and bring on multiple partners to get sufficient sample across the broadest geographic area possible. It is also important to map assessment capacity and geographic locations (i.e. where are other data collection teams located and what is their capacity for gathering data).

UNHCR shared information on their monitoring tool, a single harmonized tool that is intended to be used across multiple sites – registration points, reception points, cash enrollment points, etc. There are two versions of the form: a full form, which includes information on sensitive issues that may require referral pathways and particular training to discuss responsibly with refugees, and a lighter profiling form that is more appropriate for broader use. The forms have been tested but not rolled out yet.

AAP WG noted their development of a list of minimum questions that should be included in any relevant survey – covering information and communication needs. IOM has already agreed to integrate these questions into their surveys.

Human Rights League proposed integrating questions on hate crime and experiences of discrimination by arrivals, noting large data gaps in those areas. They added that legal and psychological aid is available. They noted their interest in mapping safe spaces for LGBTI+ persons and that City Hall is collecting some relevant data – though they raised the concern that many of the centers where surveys are being done do not offer the requisite privacy for asking such sensitive questions.