Regional Refugee Response Plan
For the Ukraine Situation

Basic Needs Working Group - Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time	UNHCR Conference Room (Alexandrina) and Online, Teams Meeting, Wednesday, 15 March 2023, from 10:00 to 11:30
Facilitator	Kylie Alcoba Wright (UNHCR), Cathal O'Connor (UNICEF)
Participants	UNICEF, UNHCR, International Federation of Red Crescent (IFRC), World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, IOM
Agenda	• Thematic focus of the Basic Needs Working Group (BNWG) • Extraordinary meeting on 50/20 programme • Combined meeting with CASH Working Group (CWG) • CO-Lead of BNWG • BN Sector dashboard • AOB
Agenda Topic	**Main Discussion and Action Points in BLUE**
Thematic focus of the Basic Needs Working Group (BNWG)	• Thematic focus of the BNWG was on WASH, NFI, food and shelter during 2022. • Proposal: the BNWG focus in 2023 should be on future of 50/20 programme and how to contribute. • **Partners' views on the thematic focus of the BNWG in 2023 are welcomed.**
Extraordinary meeting on 50/20 programme – 23 March 2023	• The Government 50/20 programme will end soon (probably by the end of March); no information is available on how and when the new version of the programme will be implemented. • **Since BNWG is linked to the housing sector in the National Plan, Inter-Agency will discuss the Housing WG meetings and BNWG involvement with the Government (Madam Turza's office).** • An extraordinary BNWG meeting on 50/20 programme will take place on Thursday 23 March 2023, 10 am in UNHCR Office (Alexandrina 20-22). • **Advocacy leads of World Vision and UNICEF will attend the meeting.** • **BNWG members are requested to invite concerned colleagues/partners.** • **UNHCR will have a meeting with the Government before the extraordinary meeting to get more information on the future of 50/20 programme including timeline, conditionality and coordination mechanism with the Government.**
Combined meeting with CASH Working Group (CWG) – 26 April 2023	• There is a need for a combined meeting with the CWG to discuss how to do cash assistance to complement 50/20 programme; evaluation of our work after winterization; lesson learned; set criteria for cash assistance to include most vulnerable refugees.

	• **IFRC is hosting the next CWG meeting on 28 March 2023. IFRC will inform the CWG members about the combined BNWG and CWG meeting on Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 10 am.** • **World Vision will present its initiative for moving from in kind items to cash voucher during the combined meeting.** • **BNWG will send an invitation to BNWG and CWG members for the combined meeting after 28 March (Rozita)**
CO-Lead of BNWG	• The BNWG is seeking to adjust its co-leadership and inviting national or international NGOs to co-chair the group, also in light of the prominence some components have over others within the BN Sector, such as shelter / housing. Therefore, an official invitation will be sent out to all members of the WG to receive feedback on their interest to co-lead the WG. • **BNWG CO-Leads (UNICEF and UNHCR) will send an official invitation to partners for co-chairing.**
BN Sector dashboard	• Senior Information Management Associate in Inter-Agency presented how to use the dashboard under the BNWG on the operational data portal. • The BNWG CO-Lead (UNHCR) emphasized the importance of reporting in the Activity Info in order to be shown in the dashboard. • Dashboard is a good tool for advocacy and fund raising. • **Partners will report using Activity Info and meet the deadline. IM staff in Inter-Agency Unit are ready to assist if needed.**
AOB	• Based on the discussion today, BNWG TOR should be adjusted. Partners are requested to send their input to TOR to Rozita (roghani@unhcr.org) by COB 31 March 2023. • All information regarding the BNWG is available on the SharePoint. Contact Rozita if you do not have access to the BNWG SharePoint. **Please DO NOT DELETE anything from the SharePoint.** • The recording and transcript of this meeting are available on the SharePoint.
Next meeting: Wednesday, 26 April 2023 from 10:00 to 11:30 (combined with CWG) Location: UNHCR Conference Room- Alexandrina 20-22 and Online, Teams Meeting	