



INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION FORUM MEETING - HUNGARY

8 August 2022

Participants: CESVI, Hungarian Interchurch Aid, Baptist Church Aid, Budapest Pride, Hungarian Red Cross, Hungarian Order of Malta, VOICE Amplified, Lexis, Center for Reproductive Rights, Menedek Association, US Embassy, BPRM, FCDO, EBRD, IOM, UNICEF, WHO, ICRC, IFRC, Swiss Embassy, Terre des Homme, UNHCR, Zero Hub, American School, Mandak House. 55 participants.

Agenda:

- Data overview
- Operational updates
- 2022 RRP recalibration
- Hungarian Interchurch Aid: Humanitarian Hub in Budapest
- AOB

Data overview See the statistics attached in the presentation. Increase of crossing from the Romanian border, higher than the direct crossing from Ukraine for the second week in a row. Crossing mainly takes place by car and private vehicles.

Partner updates **Updates from Zahony (CESVI):** steady flow of arrivals from Ukraine, mainly women and children, and ethnic minority families from Transcarpathia. Numbers are significant, despite season change and nearing the winter period. CESVI has been present in Zahony since March 4, leading on coordination and opening a tent as a catalyzer space for World Central Kitchen (active between March and June, had served 94,000 hot meals), CIC (International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation) active since March, had served 100l soup/day ~ 37,000 bowls hot soup till the end of June. From July 1st CIC provides 60l hot soup daily, ~ 180 bowls of soup; UNICEF funding Child-Friendly Space occupies 50 sqm, from mid-July 8 professionals hired, arrival kids between 25-40 per day; UNHCR and IOM provide individual case management for refugees. More details on CESVI support are available in the presentation. Support is required to ensure the winterization of the tent. Contact: Judit Zsedenyi, hungary@cesvi.org

Budapest Pride (NGO): it's an NGO focusing on the protection of the LGBTIQ+ community in situations of displacement, providing accommodation, support to transportation, connections to other LGBTIQ+ organizations, food, NFIs, and health checks. They are running a community center ([Szeszgyar Garden](#)) in Szeszgyár u. 12, Budapest, 1086. The Pride March, organized on July 26 in Budapest was supported by refugee volunteers; 35.000 persons participated, 300 volunteers; Ukrainian organizations also attended the event. UNHCR, Nane, Manedek had stood and were sharing information about activities at the arrival point of the march. Contacts: Budapest Pride (Szivárvány Misszió Alapítvány), 1084 Budapest, Auróra utca 11. +36304396083, viktorja.radvanyi@budapestpride.hu

Baptist Aid: a Blue Dot is operational in Teszabecs from Aug 1, providing temporary accommodation, child-friendly space, food and NFIs assistance, information provision, identification and referral of persons with specific needs, counseling, and interpretation. Blue Dots are a joint UNHCR-UNICEF project currently implemented through different organizations at the key border crossing points between Ukraine and Hungary. Baptist Aid is also planning to implement mobile blue dots.



ActivityInfo (Interagency Information Management Officer): 17 partners and 1 donor attended the training on ActivityInfo organized in 2 batches (Aug 3 and 4) for partners to start reporting on activities implemented (March-June) as part of the refugee response in Hungary. Valuable feedback was received during the training, which was used to finetune the configuration. A recording is available for those who could not attend ([link](#)).

2022 RRP Recalibration

Action point:
2022 RRP to be recalibrated and take into consideration revised population figures, reprioritization of the response, and winterization.

The 2022 RRP was developed for the period of March to December 2022 focusing on key sectors and particular areas of growing needs of the first phase of the emergency (protection, health, education, basic needs, cash). The population outflow has evolved since then in line with conflict dynamics; some refugees have moved back to UKR, even though not sure for how long, while pendular movements are observed both to and from UKR. It is expected that the outflow will continue due to the ongoing conflict, with an increase in numbers in case of escalation in the Eastern and Southern oblasts. Also, winter is one of the challenges for responding to the crisis both in UKR and in the neighboring countries, with consequences on the numbers of refugees. A recalibration of the 2022 RRP is planned in August, with a reprioritization of the original plan and budget, mainly in the context of winterization (but also other needs such as school enrollment and access to education), and the identification of additional requirements, in the form of a narrative addendum with a corresponding reprioritized budget to indicate the changes. The adjustment will be in line with the overall budget of the original call for partnership. The monitoring framework will also not change, beyond adjustments of targets.

Population figures: the RRP currently projects a population of 250.000 refugees remaining in Hungary. Given the current trends and applications for temporary protection, the number appears to be too high. However, it should be considered that possible escalation in the East and South parts of Ukraine and the harsh winter conditions might trigger further displacement in Ukraine and outside. The figures of refugees remaining in Hungary are therefore revised to 150.000 refugees.

Presentation by HIA

The [Hungarian Interchurch Aid](#), through the support of the ActAlliance and the Taipei Representative Office, opened a new center for refugees, providing long-term assistance, general information on access to education and the labor market in Hungary, legal counseling, accommodation, pre-packaged non-perishable food, hygiene items, MHPSS support, language courses (Hungarian/English) and various cultural programs. The center has assisted over 200 refugees until August. The need for food and accommodation remains high. Current cooperation: Lexis Foundation, Ednist Foundation, Lutheranian Diaconia, UNHCR.

HIA Refugee Center: 1085 Budapest, Baross utca 28, Tel.+36704609094. Opening hours from 9 am to 4 pm. Reception on the appointment: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10.00-14.00.

AOB

Based on the result of the survey conducted among RCF members on the frequency of the RCF, it was agreed to move the meeting to a monthly schedule, on the first Friday of the month from 10 to 12 in hybrid form. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, from 10 to 12 h.