



Małopolska Coordination Group Meeting
Meeting Minutes – 09 March 2023

Meeting subject:	Małopolska Coordination Group Meeting
Time & location:	9 am – UNHCR Krakow Sub-Office
Chaired by:	UNHCR; Open Krakow Coalition
Minutes prepared by:	UNHCR
Participants:	Małopolski Urząd Wojewódzki; Urząd Miasta Krakowa Wydział Polityki Społecznej i Zdrowia; Urząd Marszałkowski Województwo Małopolskiego; All Hands and Hearts; Feelbear; Habitat for Humanity Poland; Halina Nieć Legal Aid Center; IB Polska; IOM; Save the Children International; UNHCR; UNICEF; ZHP;
Agenda:	<p>Introduction and updates from the co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updates from refugee and Ukrainian-led organizations- Briefing about the Call and the Mutual Support Scheme (Chair of the Expert Committee of the Minister of Social Integration)- Updates from Voivodeship office- Update on closure of Kapelanka collective shelter and way forward (City of Krakow Dept. of Social Policy and Health)- Social Rental Agency scheme (Habitat for Humanity)- AOB
Introduction and update on points from last meeting	Participants were welcomed to the fourteenth Małopolska Coordination Group Meeting

	<p>UNHCR introduced the meeting and noted the “Mutually Needed” program of the Minister of Social Integration. UNHCR further noted the ongoing need to discuss collective sites. UNHCR highlighted the importance of finding long term solutions for refugees.</p>
Agenda point 1	<p>The Chair of the Expert Committee of the Minister of Social Integration shared a presentation on the Minister’s “Mutually Needed” program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Mutually Needed” (Wzajemnie Potrzebni) program is Minister Agnieszka Sciagaj’s mid- and long- term plan to help not only refugees, but also other groups which require this support. It is formally taking place under the government program “Wzajemnie potrzebni – mieszkanie, praca, spolecznosc” for the years 2024 – 2029. The goal of the program is to strengthen the level of social integration available to individuals and families in difficult life situations through a complex system of help in the areas of accommodation, employment, and social integration. • Currently a pilot program is taking place. The program aims to pilot a system of integrated social support using the potential of small localities – i.e. those with a population of 120,000 or less. The goal is to help individuals and families from the target populations – those fleeing the war from Ukraine and Polish citizens at risk of exclusion – begin new lives in these smaller places through creating decent living conditions for them, including them in the labor market, and adding them to the local education and social services system. • From 23 February until 23 March the call for proposals to participate in the pilot is open to all municipalities with populations of up to 120,000. Projects under the pilot must be carried out from 1 March to 10 December 2023. More information is available at the program website www.wzajemniepotrzebni.pl
Agenda point 2	<p>The Representative of the Voivode provided updates about the situation in Małopolska.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of 25,000 spots available for refugees in the Voivodeship’s accommodation database, 16,000 are currently occupied.
Agenda point 3	<p>The Department of Social Policy and Health of the City of Krakow provided updates about the closure of the collective site on Kapelanka street.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Representative of the Department confirmed that the collective site on Kapelanka street would close on 16 March. There are currently about 200 people living in this site and there is not one singular location to which all the residents will be relocated. The Municipal Social Welfare Department (MOPS) is overseeing the relocation process. • The Representative of the Department noted that from 1st March all residents of government funded collective sites are responsible for payments up to 50% of the cost of their stay. From 1 May they will be responsible for 70%. There are certain criteria for exceptions to the payment and refugees can apply to be considered for these exemptions.
Agenda point 4	<p>Habitat for Humanity shared a presentation on Social Rental Agencies. The presentation will be sent to participants along with the meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Rental Agencies (Spoleczne Agencje Najmu - SAN) are entities based on the idea of leasing residential buildings or spaces and renting these residences to individuals indicated by the given municipality in accordance with relevant legislation on public forms of residential development. • The social rental model is based on cooperation between the Social Rental Agency and the Municipality in which the agency functions. The goal of this cooperation is to meet the housing needs of households which may not otherwise be able to afford decent housing. Target groups included in legislation on Social Rental Agencies include, among others, senior citizens, migrants and other households in difficult circumstances. Also included are households experiencing a “rental gap” wherein they do not earn a enough money to rent an apartment, but at the same time earn enough that they do not qualify for government owned apartments.

ACTION POINTS SUMMARY				
No.	Action	Responsible	Deadline	Status (as of)
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