Minutes of WASH Sector Meeting – Moldova

Time and Date: 10:00-11:00, August 04, 2023 (Moldova Time)
Location: Virtual meeting, Moldova
Chair: Noor Bakhsh (Sub WG Coordinator/WASH Specialist, UNICEF)

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**Moldova WASH Sector Structure and Members**

- The Sub-WG is part of and contributing to the Accommodation and Transport Sector co-lead by MLSP and UNHCR (Andrea Cuisana - cuisana@unhcr.org)
- WASH Sub-WG Coordinator Mr Noor Bakhsh, nabkhsh@unicef.org

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. **RACs consolidation update and WASH needs**

   Emmanul, UNHCR Information Officer, presented the status of the RACs, which are being closed gradually until the end of the year. 20 will be closed out of 52 RACs in 2023 in coordination with various actors and WGs. Except for a few, most of the WASH interventions are already taking place by ACTED.

   Therefore, it is agreed that the list will be shared with partners and partners will submit their interest to WASH Sub-WG at the earliest possible. Additionally, ACTED only covers minor repairs, while more extensive interventions have to be covered by other partners if interested. The interested partners have to coordinate with ACTED and visit the RACs for more significant interventions.

2. **WASH in rental/private accommodation**

   Three organizations support rental in private accommodation, including ACTED, CRS and IOM. All three actors will collect the information on WASH needs, including hygiene kits, and share it with partners in the next month’s meeting.

3. **Informal RAC**

   UNHCR updated the information on informal RACs has been collected and now PWG is visiting them and observing the needs. If the refugees are willing, the assessment may be conducted on different needs.
4. **Humanitarian Development Nexus**

Humanitarian development projects have been initiated in Otaci and Palanca to improve water supply access and quality. Additionally, IOM mentioned that they supported some interventions such as road construction in Otaci last year and also interested in supporting the local authority to improve water and sanitation services. Therefore, WASH partner coordinates with local authorities and support in case of needs.

5. **WASH interventions in RACs – ACTED**

ACTED shared the WASH interventions in different RACs with the WG partners. Additionally, ACTED confirmed that they provide cleaning materials to RACs weekly and monthly but not providing hygiene kits to the refugees. Some partners are interested in distributing and conducting hygiene sessions to improve hygienic conditions.

**Participants List**

1. Rabi Eid, ACTED
2. Oleg Tomsa, Primaria Mea
3. Stas Dymkovskyy, UNICEF
4. Andrea Cuisana, UNHCR
5. Emmanuel Lawrence Otika, UNHCR
6. Verica Recevic, DRC
7. Khushal Wakily, NRC
8. Marte, IOM
9. Duru, SI
10. Roan Kramer, ACF

**Next Meeting:**
September

**WASH Sub-WG share the number of refugees in each Rayons and interested partner coordination with the local authority to identify the WASH needs and may support**

**WASH WG partner submit their interest in improving the hygienic conditions in RACs by 15 Aug**