

Meeting Minutes ISCG Meeting

Date: 6 September 2023 • **Time:** 14h00-16h30 • **Venue:** UNHCR Conference Room • **Participants:** Ca. 40 people from sectors working groups and networks • **Language:** ENG

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Chaired by:	Filippo Busconi Ricc Oddii, UNHCR
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks (IA/Refugee Coordinators) 5’ - Updates from Sectors (Sectors) 30’ - 2024 RRP Planning parameters/workshop (IA/IM) 1h - 2024 Winterization (IA) 15’ - Results of their consultations with women-led and gender-focused organizations (UNWOMEN) 10’ - AoB 5’

OBJECTIVES

- 1) Share updates, and plan for upcoming humanitarian efforts, with a special focus on RRP 2024 and winterization preparations for the coming year.
- 2) A briefing on the implementation plan for the 2024 RRP.
- 3) Sector updates on the status of sector-specific activities and challenges.

KEY MESSAGES

- The influx of people in and out of Poland may create an impression of stability, but it's important to recognize that quantitative data alone does not convey the full story. We may be witnessing a shift towards a more vulnerable population compared to previous arrivals.

- There's an urgent need for a sustained effort to mobilize resources to support grassroots NGOs, both Polish and those led by Ukrainian refugees.
- The process of closing collective sites is underway, presenting challenges that require a collaborative response from the humanitarian community.
- While the number of protection status applications remains high, there is a lack of clarity on how these figures are calculated and the specific categories of applicants involved.
- There have been no significant deviations from the strategic goals outlined in the 2024 RRP when compared to the previous year.
- The focus of the Winterization effort for 2023/2024 should be on assisting the most vulnerable individuals.

KEY ISSUES RAISED BY SECTORS

- **SHELTER** - As more vulnerable individuals prepare to leave collective sites in the coming months, several challenges must be addressed.
- **PROTECTION** - Beyond tracking the whereabouts of refugees, it's crucial to understand the availability of essential services, such as access to schools and transportation.
- **EDUCATION** - A continued learning campaign is needed to identify challenges and advocate for intercultural support, especially as funding decreases. Additionally, parents face obstacles in managing or accessing educational facilities.
- **HEALTH** - With refugees becoming a larger part of the population, there is a growing demand for services, including mental health support. The challenge is transitioning from basic information and navigation to providing more complex and substantive assistance.
- **ECONOMIC INCLUSION** - The sector has raised concerns about decongesting collective sites and linking it to employment activation. Additionally, there is a need to support the government in this process.
- **NGO FORUM** - Funding reduction for the next year is a significant concern, with an estimated 50% decrease in international funding. Finding ways to support local organizations while demonstrating key achievements is crucial.
- **IA** - The RRP 2024 includes four strategic objectives and six cross-cutting considerations. Funding appeals for RRP 2024 are expected to decrease. The Winterization process has commenced, and outreach to partners is ongoing, although it may be affected by upcoming national elections.
- **UNWOMEN** - Consultations with women's organizations in Poland revealed a lack of coordination among them. Recommendations include establishing a platform for women's LED organizations to discuss common challenges.

NEXT STEPS:

- 1) Organize a workshop to explain the upcoming stages of preparing the 2024 RRP and the approach to the process.
- 2) IA will distribute relevant documents on the winterization process.
- 3) Sectors should continue engaging with partners in preparation for the RRP.
- 4) Distribution of the presentations shown during the ISCG meeting will be carried out as planned.