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**Basic Needs Working Group Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June2024**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Date</b>	24.06.2024
<b>Time</b>	15.00 pm
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**Agenda**

1. RACs Update
2. Winterization plan
3. Sector-specific Contingency Plan
4. NFIs assessment in RACs
5. Update from partners

**Information collection and relevant links**

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#### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<b>Winterization plan</b>	<p>The coordinator of the BN WG welcomed the participants, thanked them for their presence, briefly presented the agenda and proceeded with the meeting.</p> <p>Inter-agency will share a form to establish more details on the winter plans: 2024-2025.</p> <p><u>Key information:</u></p> <p><b>Host Community:</b> 9,933HH/ 29,800 individuals</p> <p><b>Refugee Population:</b> 15,700HH/ 33,150 individuals</p> <p>According to the data available, these refugees depend on humanitarian aid as their primary means of income.</p> <p><u>Shelter intervention:</u></p> <p><b>Refugees Population:</b> 3,940 HHs required shelter interventions, out of this <b>68% urban</b> areas and <b>32% rural</b> area.</p>	



	<p><b>Host Community Households:</b> 9,933 HHs required shelter interventions with 43% in urban settings and 57% in rural settings.</p> <p><b>BNWG activities and type of NFIs:</b> improvement of collective sites (incl. WASH), support for the improvement of community infrastructure, improvement of mid-/ long-term accommodation, and NFI distribution.</p> <p><b>Types of NFIs:</b> clothing, bedding items, general HH utensils, hygiene kits, heating equipment. From these activity the multi-purpose cash was removed from the BNWG activities</p> <p>This data will support partners in planning their activities. Inter-agency team will reach out to all partners with a form to collect your organization's winter plans if you agree to have these activities as part of BNWG activities.</p> <p>WASH was removed from collective sites and community. If any partners are planning to conduct WASH activities, it will be necessary to include WASH. However, if there are no such plans, this activity can remain excluded, as it was last year.</p> <p>The data and description of the general overview of the activities of shelter intervention, <b>kindly see the PPT presentation attached.</b></p> <p><u>Shelter interventions for refugees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• urban area - 5,410 people</li> <li>• in rural area - 2,864 people</li> </ul> <p>Improvement of mid, long-term accommodation (non-cash) - direct implementation: basic repairs, insulation thermal comforts.</p> <p><u>Shelter interventions for Host Community:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• urban area – 12,814 people</li> <li>• rural area – 16,986 people</li> </ul> <p>Improvement of host, rental, or sustainable and affordable housing to meet the needs of host community members - direct implementation: basic repairs, insulation thermal comforts.</p> <p><b>Shelter interventions:</b> Support for the improvement of community infrastructure in host communities to refugee population and host community in urban area through direct implementation 23,200 people in need of assistance.</p> <p><b>NFIs distribution should focus on the most vulnerable categories of people.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter NFIs distribution in Kind <b>for refugees</b>, for the most vulnerable population (no access to rental market) – 6,900 people.</li> </ul>	
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**Sector-specific  
Contingency Plan**

- Winter NFIs distribution in Kind for **Host Community** for the most vulnerable Moldovans in rural area – 10,680 people.
  - Support the government in the transportation of firewood **for host communities**. Host communities in rural area (in Kind, vouchers, distribution support) – 9250 people
- MLSP suggested that the support should be in transportation of the firewood not the procurement, activity should be coordinated with the ministry.

A form will be shared by Inter-agency to all partners to report which prioritized emergency response activities they have the operational capacity to support or quickly deploy.

This includes locations, targets, and initial funding requirements. Once this information is received, Inter-agency will share it with sector for the review.

This will be followed by an inter-agency contingency plan update workshop in August.

**Prioritized Emergency Response Activities**

**Basic Needs:** Provision of Emergency Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance, Provision of Emergency Vouchers (NFIs), NFI Distribution, including Hygiene Kits

**Food Security:** Food Distribution **and** Provision of Food Vouchers

**WASH:** Deployment, Operation and Maintenance of WASH Facilities

**Humanitarian Transportation:** Transportation within Moldova, Transportation to Romania.

**Shelter:** Support the Establishment of Collective Sites, Support to the Management of Collective Sites

**NFIs assessment in the  
RACs**

Assessment was conducted in 32 RACs, 8 categories of needs.

NFI Category Needed	# RACs	Quantity
1.Hygiene Items	27	15784
2.Cleaning items	27	9438
3.First aid supplies	26	11252
4.Bedding Items	21	4331
5.Furniture	19	940



<b>RACs Update</b>	6. Cooking utensils	19	3482
	7. Supplies for elderly and PwD	18	118
	9. Baby and child products	17	4876
	<b>Group E RACs consolidation process</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Greblesti RAC, UID 153</b> officially closed, as of 9<sup>th</sup> April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 07 HH/9 individuals were relocated in the RAC UID 66 Cojusna;</li> <li>• 02 HH/5 individuals were relocated to the RAC UID 36 Chisinau;</li> <li>• 02 HH/3 individuals were relocated to the RAC UID 126 Bulboaca.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Costesti RAC, UID 237</b> officially closed, as of 14<sup>th</sup> May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2HH/19 individuals were relocated to the RAC UID 5 in Congaz</li> <li>• 3HH/14 individuals were relocated in the RAC UID 44 Costesti, until they find a place to rent</li> <li>• 1HH/9 individuals were relocated in the RAC UID 126 Bulboaca</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Cimislia RAC UID 245</b> - 24 people are accommodated in the center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 06 HH/20 applied to be relocated to private accommodations through rental assistance</li> <li>• 02 HH/4 individuals, 1HH relocated to the RAC UID 36 in Chisinau and 1HH in the RAC UID 59, village Mihaileni;</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Chisinau RAC, UID 573</b> - 18HH/45 individuals are currently residing in the RAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8HH/19 individuals applied to the Rental Assistance program,</li> <li>• 10HH/26 individuals requested relocation in another,</li> <li>• 6HH/17 individuals were relocated to another RAC to relocate,</li> <li>• 4HH/9 individuals, PwD and mothers with small children are waiting for a decision from MLSP to be relocated to another center.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Chisinau RAC, UID 1091</b> – 15HH/28 individuals are currently residing in the RAC, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13HH/24 requested to be relocated to another RAC</li> <li>• 9HH/14 already received a place from MLSP</li> <li>• 4HH/10 individuals are still waiting for a decision (1HH wants to leave country, but first they need to find a center to accommodate the mother with mental disability)</li> <li>• 1HH/2 individuals have departure from Moldova,</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1HH/2 individuals referred for rental assistance program</li> </ul> <p><b>MLSP provided the list of RACs from Group F</b> to be closed as part of the Consolidation strategy, the process will start in June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAC UID 44, Costesti, Ialoveni: 30 people accommodated (4 individuals 60+, 14 children)</li> <li>• RAC UID 210, Causeni: 16 people</li> <li>• RAC UID 117, Chisinau: 23 people accommodated (6 individuals 60+, 6 children)</li> <li>• RAC UID 137, UTA Gagauzia, village Copceac: 8 people accommodated (6 individuals are 60+, 1 PwD, 2 children)</li> <li>• RAC UID 572, Chisinau</li> </ul> <p>Beginning of June will start the closing process of the RACs from Group F.</p> <p><b>MLSP:</b> works to ensure that all vulnerable people are relocated. Many refuses relocation outside Chisinau, requesting a place in the city, which complicates the process. There are no available spaces in Chisinau.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of active RAC:</b> 35 centers (1,818 refugees accommodated), after the closure of Group F and G, the estimated number of active RAC by mid- October would be 24 RAC.</li> <li>• <b>SOPs:</b> Revision of the document to modify some sections per request form MLSP. PWG and BN WG will share the document with RTG partners for their feedback.</li> <li>• <b>Assessment of the RAC:</b> A new assessment will be done in the next months to review the main categories on protection and basic needs to provide a list of recommended RACs to close after Group F and to analyze which RACs could remain for a longer term.</li> <li>• <b>Vulnerability form:</b> MLSP will provide a form to assess the vulnerability of the families to give more clarity about the families that will be relocated, this form will be fill by the social assistant. RTG members will provide feedback to the form.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AoB</b></p>	<p><b>WFP</b> provided cleaning items in the RACs based on identified needs by management, as an exception and allocated a budget for each RAC, will discontinue supplying these items.</p> <p><b>WeWorld</b> is currently providing cleaning supplies, hygiene materials, including diapers and personal hygiene items, to RAC UID 1092. Three deliveries were conducted in total. The first delivery has been completed this month, and the remaining two will be done by September.</p> <p><b>BNWG Deputy-Coordinator</b> will call for a meeting to discuss coordination and distribution of NFI and winterization plans.</p>	



	<p>UNHCR has a stock of hygiene kits available. DRC also is distributing hygiene items, there is a need to coordinate the distribution.</p> <p>UNHCR plans to distribute hygiene kits every 2-3 months, depending on the need, until April or May 2025. These distributions will be carried out regularly in the RACs.</p> <p><b>ADRA:</b> is planning to distribute medical vouchers for 1,000 people, with 70% allocated for refugees and 30% for the local community. These vouchers will be distributed within the RACs. After the first round, we will assess the number of people in the RACs and, if needed, will request the donor to redirect the remaining vouchers to refugees not staying in the RACs.</p> <p>Medical equipment to 250 beneficiaries, including wheelchairs, tonometer, and other essential items equipment, allowing us to assist them effectively.</p> <p><b>ACTED:</b> The Cash for Rent program has ended, a total of 224 HH were reached. The site management team is verifying the information material in RACs posted by organizations providing activities in the RACs. All NGOs are requested to verify if their information is updated. The maintenance activity in RACs is ongoing.</p> <p><b>CRS: Cash for Rent Program</b> completed the first phase – 250 HH enrolled. The second phase is ongoing targeting an additional 250 households, mainly those exiting RACs, continuing through year-end.</p> <p><b>Small Repairs Program: registration</b> completed for small repairs in private accommodations.</p> <p><b>Winterization Program:</b> target - 200 HH (60% refugees, 40% local community) This program includes multi-purpose cash assistance for households primarily using fuel, with distributions expected from mid to late August in Sorooca, Ialoveni, Hancesti, and Chisinau suburbs. In <b>Activity info</b>, a lot of information is lacking from CRS in July all info will be added.</p> <p><b>WFP</b> is working on a pilot project to create a social canteen in a village near Causeni, aimed at serving both local vulnerable populations and refugees. The proposed locations for this initiative include areas near Transnistria, Palanca, Balti, Otaci, and Ungheni.</p>	
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	<p>The "City of Solidarity" initiative involves establishing social canteens within community centers or other suitable locations. Coordination with the Community-Based Protection Unit to ensure this project aligns with the "City of Solidarity" efforts.</p> <p>There have been numerous calls from RAC staff reporting they have not received their salaries. We need to explore ways to support them in resolving these payment issues. We might consider including salary issues in our assessment to identify how to support RACs that will remain open and ensure proper salaries for their staff, especially since some RACs will be closing in the short to mid-term.</p> <p>In terms of community interventions, there are ongoing discussions to bring together partners like <b>We World</b> and others who are planning or currently conducting interventions to avoid duplicating efforts and to collaborate effectively. A recent interagency meeting highlighted the need for improvements in education facilities, and we are discussing potential collaboration with the Education Working Group to support these needs as part of our community interventions.</p> <p>Regarding the housing assessment, we have been working with REACH to develop the methodology and data collection relevant to the sector, with CRS supporting this effort. More detailed information will be provided in the next coordination meeting.</p> <p>Lastly, as part of the winterization plan, we previously conducted a community infrastructure assessment and identified 12 buildings for intervention. This year, instead of conducting a new assessment, we will share the table of these 12 interventions, focusing on the six remaining, noting that five have been implemented by various partners. We invite any partners planning community infrastructure projects for winter to review the remaining buildings for potential interventions.</p>	
<p><b>Next meeting: 22nd July</b></p>		