Regional Refugee Response Plan
For the Ukraine Situation

Note for the File

Event	TCN Working Group Meeting
Date and Place	27.05.2022 12:00, Teams
Attended by	See participant list below
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Overview:

- Two planned outcomes for the meeting: mapping of services available for TCNs & identification of gaps

Participant List:

- Agnieszka Matejczuk, SIP
- Anna Maria Geller (DRC)
- Inesa N (La Strada)
- Jacek Garbarczyk
- Joanna Wojtarowicz
- Magdalena Biednik
- Urszula Humienik-Dworakowska
- Elżbieta Kramarczyk
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Provision of services to TCNs

1. Legal aid and provision of information
    a. IOM TCN Office Hours – Wednesdays from 14-17. TCNs should book the time slot calling: +48 724 078 537. ➔ assistance with filling the forms
    b. Association for Legal Intervention – provision of legal services as for all beneficiaries, visits in hostels (such as the one led by KIK), contact via email (porada@interwencjaprawna.pl), simple questions answered at hand, more complicated ones take time, contact via phone only during 14-16 - +48 880 145 372
    c. HFHR
    d. Ocalenie Foundation
    e. Kraków – Center for Legal Aid
2. Provision of health care – applicable only to those TCNs who has permanent residence permit in UA or refugee status
    a. Białystok – dedicated doctor that assists TCNs (Stowarzyszenie Egala – stowarzyszenieegala@gmail.com)
3. Shelter
    a. KIK shelter located in Warsaw (closing by the end of the month)
    b. IOM Airbnb programme – for up to 30 days
    c. Kraków (Salam Labs) – looking for apartments for TCN
    d. A network of accommodation providers (Joanna Wojtarowicz)
4. Transport
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5. Food and NFIs
    a. WCK – provision of hot and cold meals
    b. Stowarzyszenie Egala – provision of prepared meals (in jars)
6. Financial assistance
    a. UNHCR CBI programme
7. Facilitation of onward movements
    a. VHR of IOM
    b. Kateryna – facilitation of movement to the UK

Gaps

1. Legal aid and provision of information
    a. Problematic issue of legal stay (only 15 days after crossing the border) – some lawyers claim that this should be extended according to COVID-19 special law
    b. Provision of legal aid in the languages of the beneficiaries
    c. Raise awareness on the fact that TCNs might hold 2 passports, one of them of a visa-free country
2. Provision of health care

   a. Lack of health care provision for the most of TCNs that have entered Poland
3. Shelter
   a. Ending contracts for existing shelters
   b. Scattered support
   c. Need for a new place to accommodate TCNs
4. Transport
   a. Lack of any organization dealing directly with transport assistance to TCNs
5. Food and NFIs
   a. Lack of access to WCK meals for TCNs at Warsaw railway stations
   b. Limited possibilities to access free of charge meals for TCNs
6. Financial assistance
   a. Limited possibility of financial assistance for TCNs due to issues with the legal aspect of such assistance (taxes, etc.)
7. Facilitation of onward movements
   a. Lack of organizations dealing with movement assistance for TCNs

AOB:

- Contact Joanna Wojtarowicz to receive a list of contacts for short term accommodation for TCNs
- Facilitation of CBI for TCNs taking into account the legal and tax issues in Poland
- Amendment of the special law on Ukraine which will extend the non-visa movement for TCNs till the end of the year who have come from Ukraine ➔ https://sejm.gov.pl/Sejm9.nsf/druk.xsp?nr=2290
- Integrating the service mapping with the one done by the protection sector
- Bi-weekly schedule of the meeting proposed and accepted

Important contacts

https://ukraina.interwencjaprawna.pl/en/ - a list of organizations providing legal assistance to TCNs