



Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) Meeting

Meeting Details	
Date	15 August 2022
Time	1.30 p.m to 3 p.m
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Agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Updates B) Winterization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planning Assumptions and Figures b. Government Response and Needs c. Overview of Winterization Kobo Form d. Partners Inputs e. Next Steps C) AoB 	
Information collection and relevant links	
<p>Please use the below link to fill out information: To register to RCF mailing lists, please access this link: RCF Partners Information and Contact RCF August Calendar: RCF Moldova Meetings Calendar Link to operational data portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784 Winterization Dashboard: Microsoft Power BI</p>	
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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p>Updates</p> <p>Diego Nardi, Inter-Agency Coordinator Officer, nardid@unhcr.org</p> <p>Yurii Arnautov, Information Management Working Group Lead, UNHCR arnautov@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Contact List</p> <p>RCF partners are kindly requested to ensure their contact information is provided and updated through the RCF Partners Information and Contact Kobo Form. Starting from August 22nd, RCF and sector mailing lists will be managed through information provided through this tool.</p> <p>Kobo form link can be access here: RCF Partners Information and Contact (unhcr.org)</p>	<p>Activity: RCF organizations must update their contact information in the Kobo Form.</p> <p>Responsible: RCF organizations</p> <p>Deadline: August 21st</p>
<p>Winterization Strategy</p> <p>Planning Assumptions and Figures 2022-23</p> <p>Diego Nardi, Inter-Agency Coordinator Officer, nardid@unhcr.org</p> <p>Yurii Arnautov, Information</p>	<p>Planning Assumptions and Figures 2022-23 - Presentation</p> <p>The Inter-Agency Coordination Team (IAC) presented key planning figures for the winter period to be used as a foundation for partners in the next steps of the joint winterization planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional refugee influx is expected due to winter reasons. The estimated number of new arrivals is 40,000 in addition to the 89,000 refugees already in Moldova, and in top of regular fluctuations on refugee population. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning assumptions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing inflation rate and prices. ○ Increasing pressure on host communities. 	



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- Impact of the energy crisis, and potential shortages on supply of gas, electricity and winter goods.
- Additional inflows from Ukraine during winter period, which may amount to 40,000 new refugees entering the country during the winter season in addition to underlying conflicted related trends.
- Movements of refugees from host communities/private accommodation to RACs.
- Difficulties to access the local labor market and/or sustainable sources of income by refugees and TCNs.

Priority populations (in addition to gender and age considerations):

Refugees

- Refugees in RACs: Roma community, older persons, persons with disabilities with proper considerations for gender and age.
- Refugees hosted by Moldovan households
- Refugees renting private accommodations without a stable source of income.

Moldovan host community:

- The following criteria should be taken into consideration when identifying potential beneficiaries: people with disabilities, members of minority groups, and households facing socio-economic hardship. Moldovan households hosting refugees.
- Moldovan households living in rural areas and in dwellings not fit for the winter period..

Additional gender and age considerations should be taken into account when targeting Moldovan.



Government Response

- Financial Aid for Winter Period: A monthly payment on the value of 700 MDL (36.5 USD) will be made to persons receiving state pensions and/or social allowances with low income from November 2022 to March 2022.
- Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund: through the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund – approved in July 2022 – households facing energy vulnerability will be granted compensations for the payment of energy bills as a measure to reduce the impact of rising energy prices.
- Firewood price and distribution: Vulnerable households or those who heat exclusively with firewood will be able to buy up to 3 cubic meters of firewood at a fixed price during the first phase (October – November). In a second phase (December – January), the Government Forest Agency (Moldsilva) will provide additional volumes depending on the existing need and stocks.

Government needs

- Contributions to the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund
- Support to Refugee Accommodation Centers (RACs)
- Support to social institutions, such as health and educational facilities
- Support with awareness campaigns on rational consumption of energy and promotion of energy efficiency.

The IAC team will share the government's expressed needs with RFC members in the following days. Sector-Leads are strongly encouraged to liaise with their relevant sector government counterparts on winterization needs and ensure proper coordination with the government when developing the sector winterization strategy.



<p>Overview of Winterization Kobo Form/ Inputs</p> <p>Diego Nardi, Inter-Agency Coordinator Officer, ISCG Lead nardid@unhcr.org</p> <p>Yurii Arnautov, Information Management Working Group Lead, UNHCR arnautov@unhcr.org</p> <p>Catalina Sampaio, Inter-Agency Coordination Team, sampaioc@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Overview of Winterization Kobo Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Inter-Agency Coordination Team shared the consolidated information of winter plan activities reported by RFC members through the Winterization Kobo Form. The Dashboard with the overall figures and details of projects can be accessed here. Organizations who have not shared their winterization plans within the timeframe provided will still be able to inform planned activities if needed. For this, we kindly request them to contact the Inter-Agency Coordination Team (mdachrcf@unhcr.org). 	
<p>AoB</p> <p>Partners inputs</p>	<p>Partners inputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners highlighted the necessity of working with government counterparts in order to clarify priority groups within the host communities. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since many of the interventions are related to financial support (cash), NFIs, food, and Protection there is a strong emphasis to coordinate activities between main stakeholders. • There are concerns regarding availability of winter related items in the market, including firewood and solid fuels. • A winter assessment taskforce will meet on Tuesday (16) to coordinate assessment efforts on the context of the winterization process. • A NFIs coordination meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 to discuss standard NFI packages, distribution strategies and coverage areas. • Considering high risks pregnant women and newborns encounter in the winter, it's critical that strategies to mitigate risks are discussed in the Protection, Health and/or A&T WGs. <p>Considering the anticipated energy crisis, communication with communities on energy reduction practices and other key messages are critical and should be further discussed in the AAP task force meeting. (AAP TF Sector-Lead is Natalia Kropivka, kropivka@unhcr.org).</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Diego Nardi, Inter-Agency Coordinator Officer, ISCG Lead nardid@unhcr.org</p> <p>Yurii Arnautov, Information Management Working Group Lead, UNHCR arnautov@unhcr.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Sector-Lead must review the Winterization Kobo data results within working groups and develop a sector specific plan alongside the government and in consultation with sector members. Sector winterization strategy template has been shared with sector leads. Deadline: 2 September • An Inter-Agency Winterization Workshop will take place during the week of November 9th. The Winterization Workshop will involve RCF members and different Moldovan government stakeholders in order to consolidate different sector plans, resulting in a comprehensive winterization strategy. Workshop date: 9 September • Release of the Joint Winterization Plan: 15 September 	