

*Cash Working Group (CWG)*  
*Meeting Action Points*  
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15:30 – 17:00  
Online Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Chair: UNHCR

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Discussions and Action Points:

- CBI and Winterization plan updates

Summary of winterization update of CWG members

- ✓ UNHCR will continue its enrolment for MPC for people, who have not received assistance from other humanitarian actors and UNHCR is extending MPC programme for an additional month for most vulnerable households for around 18,000 persons. UNHCR is planning to provide top up for cash for winterization also. Therefore, newly arrived Ukrainian and third countries nationals, who have not received assistance from other humanitarian actors and meeting the eligibility criteria can be referred to UNHCR for enrolment for MPC assistance.
- ✓ Romanian Red Cross: RC confirmed that the enrolment for MPC has reached almost 63,000 persons and around 55,000 persons have already received their 1st installment as of 13 September 2022. RC stopped the enrollment for MPC and is referring the eligible individuals to UNHCR for enrolment for receiving MPC assistance. RC is planning to provide winterization assistance for around 4,000 households.

- ✓ Save the Children: Save the children is planning to provide different winterization assistance including NFI for over 3,000 households.
- ✓ FONNS: Planning to provide different winterization assistance for 3,500 persons (cash and in-kind)
- ✓ World Vision: Planning to provide winterization assistance for 800 households, mainly focused on families with children. The assistance is planned to be one off with planned transfer value of USD120 per households.
- ✓ Plan International Romania: Planning to provide winterization assistance for 2450 persons. The assistance will through commodity voucher equivalent amount of EURO 150 persons.

### **Winterization Eligibility Criteria:**

The below criteria are recommended to be used for the CWG for winterization

- Households with women at risk members<sup>1</sup>
- Households with a person with disability<sup>2</sup>
- Households with a person with serious medical condition<sup>3</sup>
- Households with a child at risk<sup>4</sup>
- Older-person-headed household with no other adult member (60+ years old)<sup>5</sup>
- Single parent households
- Households with 4 and more family members
- Households with specific legal or physical protection needs<sup>6</sup>
- Unemployed/low-income households

### **Prioritization Criteria:**

It is recommended that families with higher vulnerability score are targeted with winterization assistance. However, the score card for prioritization can be designed as per each organization's mandate and may target households with specific vulnerability criteria.

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<sup>1</sup> This category includes pregnant and lactating women (mother with a child who is below the age of one year)

<sup>2</sup> Physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairment from birth, or resulting from illness, infection, injury, trauma, or old age.

<sup>3</sup> Serious medical condition that requires assistance, in terms of treatment or provision of nutritional and non-food items, in the country of asylum.

<sup>4</sup> This category includes child parents, child spouses, teenage pregnancy, children engaged in child labor, unaccompanied children, and separated children.

<sup>5</sup> Persons of 60 years old or above, with specific need(s) in addition to his/her age. This includes single older persons and older couples without any family members in the country below the age of 60, or who are the sole care take of children.

<sup>6</sup> This category includes persons at risk of sexual and gender-based violence, survivors of trafficking, and LGBTQI persons who face specific protection needs due to their sexuality and/or gender identity.

### **Proposed Winterization Transfer Value:**

The proposed winterization transfer value of RON 1.959,00 per households (RON 653 per individual) is estimated based on the minimum electricity and natural gas usage per households accordingly to Romanian government's emergency ordinance No. 27<sup>7</sup> to cap the electricity and natural gas prices for households to support consumers. The estimated proposed transfer value includes other winter related costs as well.

Winterization CBI component	Amount RON
Estimated Winterization Assistance per individual	653,00

The winterization assistance for to be paid for all eligible households per individual regardless of the accommodation type, the family is living. The assistance amount can be transferred as one-off instalment for entire winter period. The proposed transfer value has been presented to Cash Working and Basic Needs Working Groups.

### **DSA Update, RAIS templates/Access for practice environment**

The Data sharing agreement for duplication has been signed only by following agencies:

- Good Neighbors
- Save the Children international and Save the Children Romania
- World Vision
- Norwegian Refugees Council

We have request for username only from following agencies:

- Open fields Foundation
- SOS Satele Copiilor
- International Orthodox Christian Charities
- The Federation of nongovernmental Organization for Social Service- FONSS
- World Vision
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- Save the Children Romania

The above request has been submitted for creation of user for the above agencies for practice environment. However, the organization signed the DSA will only be given access to final RAIS platform. UNHCR will notify the agencies interested in a session for practice environment early next week. CWG member that has not signed the DSA

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<sup>7</sup> [EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 27 18/03/2022 - Legislative Portal \(just.ro\)](https://legislatie.just.ro)

are encouraged to sign the DSA. UNHCR will re-share the endorsed DSA with organization signed the DSA bilaterally.

➤ **Cash Reporting**

Under RRP, Romania has a target of 120,000 individual benefiting from Cash initiatives by end of year. To be able to view the achievement and where we are standing, all partners request to report achievement through ActivityInfo and 5Ws so that we can have an overall understanding of progress against the target for Romania. I would like to mention that the reporting for CBI is not limited to MPC, but all CBI initiatives including vouchers are to be reported.