



Regional Refugee Response  
for the Ukraine Situation



## Basic Needs Working Group Meeting

### Meeting Minutes - 26 April 2023

#### Meeting Details

Date	26. 04. 2023
Time	15.00 pm
Chair and Co-chair	Andrea Cuisana, UNHCR – Athina Nalmpanti, ACTED
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#### Agenda

1. Basic Needs WG updates: RACs capacity
2. Update of WASH and Accessibility in RACs Assessment
3. Update on Support to MLSP
4. Sub-working group updates
5. Partners updates
6. AoB

#### Information collection and relevant links

[WASH and Accessibility Assessment](#)



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

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p><b>Agenda Point 1</b> A&amp;T updates: RACs capacity</p> <p><b>Agenda point 2</b> Update of WASH and Accessibility in</p>	<p>1. Basic needs WG chairperson welcomed participants and thanked for their participation, presented the agenda and updates of the RACs.</p> <p>1. RAC's Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 accredited RAC's,</li> <li>• 3910 total capacity,</li> <li>• 2507 people hosted,</li> <li>• 834 children and teenagers 2-18</li> <li>• 82 children 0-2 years old</li> <li>• 113 PwDs.</li> </ul> <p>2. The chairperson continued presenting the results of the WASH and Accessibility Assessment that was conducted in joint efforts with the WASH sub working group. For details please see the presentation in the <a href="#">WASH and Accessibility Assessment</a></p>	<p><b>UNHCR to share the assessment with all participants to the meeting</b></p>



<p>RACs Assessment</p> <p><b>Agenda Point 3</b></p> <p>Updates on support to MLSP</p> <p><b>Agenda point 4.</b></p> <p>Sub-working group updates</p>	<p>The survey was addressed mainly to the RAC managers, refugees and based on the observations of the MFT conducting the assessment.</p> <p>The MFT during the RAC visits assessed the common areas, hallways, sleeping area, size of the doors to make a precise identification of needs in each center.</p> <p>The chairperson made a call for all interested partners that would like to take part in the repairs and construction of centers aimed at providing accessibility to PwD please let us know.</p> <p>3. At our previous meeting we discussed regarding the assessment of cost efficiency of the RACs, which consist in the analysis of different elements like cost for utilities, salaries and other expenses that will provide some data to provide recommendations for the consolidations of RACs. This exercise supports to avoid an abrupt closure of the RACs and makes a smooth relocation and transition to another accommodation modalities.</p> <p>The objective of this exercise is to have an estimative cost per month per center. For this analysis was used the data for the month of November, December and January, information that was provided by MLSP and the costs of maintenance and repairs was supplied by ACTED, and food provision by WFP.</p> <p>The assessment of cost efficiency is a joint effort between MLSP, ANAS, UNHCR, WFP, REACH and ACTED. Once we have the results ready, the information will be presented to MLSP and will be shared with all partners.</p> <p>4. We will continue to focus on RACs but also will start developing the Mid-Long-Term intervention plan.</p> <p>The meeting continued with the updates from partners related to their organization activities.</p> <p>One of the partners shares the finding of one of the RAC in the Orhei rayon, Peresecina that has problem with the heating system and calls for partners that can provide support. Green Line representative says that the latest information regarding the center from the manager is that the RAC will close soon. This will be addressed with ANAS for confirmation.</p> <p>Criuleni RAC, the manager asked support to improve the heating system, change pipes. ACTED calls to participants to coordinate these activities in order not to overlap the plans in supporting it. All works related to the maintenance and repairs in RACs should be coordinated with ACTED. A technical assessment of the center is needed to have a clear understanding of the type of works.</p> <p>Basarabasca, repairs needed in the WASH facility, toilets are broken and issues with poor water pressure.</p>	<p><b>UNHCR will share with the Greenline the information about the RACs accessible for PwD.</b></p>
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<p><b>Agenda point 5.</b> AOB</p>	<p><b>DRC</b> will start works on WASH facility in the TAC, that is under IGSU management, the call for tender is ongoing.</p> <p><b>CRS</b> has three activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cash for Host that covers Donduseni, Unghen, Edinet. Community meeting are planed already.</li> <li>- Cash for rent: 200 participants and a long waiting list</li> <li>- Small repairs program 40 participants to start. This project is for the household that host refugees from 6 month to 1 year.</li> </ul> <p>The RAC in Cahul is closing beginning of June, the refugees need to be relocated.</p> <p>Two partners: <b>CRS and ACTED</b> could support some families with cash for rent as an exit strategy from the RAC. The chairperson proposes a meeting to be schedule at the RAC and discuss with the refugees about this project.</p> <p><b>IOM</b> asks that the updated list of the RACs to be shared. IOM indicated that the payment of utilities in RACs from January to March is an ongoing activity.</p> <p><b>Helvetas</b> reports that the project on supporting social facility ended in March, they also provided financial support for 4 informal RACs, paid 50000 lei per center for heating during the winter period in Leova, Cimislia, Causeni and Stefan Voda. 69 household benefited with insulation of window and doors in Host communities. At the moment, there are two projects in the pipeline, Helvetas is waiting for the confirmation to start. The chairperson asks to share during the next meeting lessons learned and pictures about the activities implemented.</p> <p>5. Call to all partners to add information in the Activity Info matrix.</p> <p>Also, starting next month the Working Group and Task Force will be merged and bring together all partners that have activities such as housing programs and cash for rent programs.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for <b>22 May</b>.</p>	<p><b>ACTED and CRS will take lead in organizing a discussion with the refugees</b></p> <p><b>UNHCR will share the list of RACs to IOM.</b></p>
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