



### Małopolska Coordination Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes – 12 January 2023

<b>Meeting subject:</b>	Małopolska Coordination Group Meeting
<b>Time &amp; location:</b>	9 am – UNHCR Krakow Sub-Office
<b>Chaired by:</b>	UNHCR; Open Krakow Coalition
<b>Minutes prepared by:</b>	UNHCR
<b>Participants:</b>	Małopolski Urząd Wojewódzki; French Consulate in Krakow; Danish Refugee Council; Faros Elpidas; Federacja Znaki Równości; Feel Bear; Fundacja „Instytut Polska-Ukraina”; Fundacja Jedność; Fundacja Kalina Krakow (Zupa dla Ukrainy); Fundacja Kocham Debniki; Fundacja Understanding; IB Polska; IOM; Krakowski Centrum Integracji / Małopolski Fundusz Ekonomii Społecznej; One World, One Heart; REACH; UNICEF; UNHCR; Wolno Nam;
<b>Agenda:</b>	<p>Introduction from the co-chairs and update on the points decided on the last Coordination meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Updates from the refugee community and UA-led organizations</li> <li>2) Presentation of Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (REACH)</li> <li>3) Presentation of Protection Monitoring Report (UNHCR)</li> <li>4) AOB</li> </ol>
<b>AGENDA POINT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Introduction and update on points from last meeting</b>	<p>Participants were welcomed to the tenth Małopolska Coordination Group meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR provided updates about recent activities. The Open Place community center in Krakow has opened and activities will begin next week. The targeted cash assistance program is ongoing, and enrolment is taking place in Krakow.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IB Polska Introduced the organization and its new role as Co-Chair on behalf of the Open Krakow Coalition.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda point 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation “Institute Poland Ukraine” noted that a new law on military registration is being implemented in Ukraine. The Foundation is in the preparing an informational note on the changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda point 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REACH provided a presentation on the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) carried out in cooperation with UNHCR. The assessment report can be found at the following link: <a href="https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/97651">https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/97651</a></li> </ul>
<b>Agenda point 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The given agenda point was postponed due to a lack of time.</li> </ul>
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save the Children shared that the multi-purpose cash assistance program in Malopolskie Voivodeship had reached 1382 households. A further 900 had requested cash assistance and there are plans to continue enrollment. In addition Save the Children is working with Leadership Academy. There is a team in Poland which is cooperating with the London School of Economics on education and child protection research, to better understand what has worked well thus far.</li> <li>• Malopolski Fundusz Ekonomii Społecznej and IOM shared that they are continuing to offer language courses in Polish and English at different levels. However, interest in the courses has surpassed capacity.</li> <li>• In response to questions posed by Kocham Debniki Foundation, the Representative of the Voivode provided some updated information. Amendments to the special act on refugees from Ukraine are currently being considered in the second chamber of Parliament. No increased movement at the border was noted over the Christmas period. In Krakow, the reception point at the railway station will remain for another two months. Currently about 600 food packages are distributed a day. In January and February a reassessment will take place, including regarding the utility of the sleeping point, and a decision about extension of the reception point will be made.</li> <li>• Participants discussed the provision of activation programs at the Kapelanka street collective accommodation site. One participant noted an interest in planning such programs and asked if any other participants were interested or already carrying out such initiatives. The Representative of the Voivode noted that the Voivodeship had previously manage an activization point there- including the provision of CV assistance and job advisory services – but that this point was no longer</li> </ul>

operational. However, the Voivodeship remains open to further discussion on the topic. Wolno Nam foundation noted that the Foundation had previously run a number of CV classes, children’s workshops, language courses and MHPSS support.

- Wolno Nam foundation shared that the Foundation has a goal of organizing several activities. These include an in-person school space for Ukrainian children and a retreat for individuals from Ukraine who had experienced torture. The first such retreat is happening right now and participating are 35 individuals who arrived in Poland in December. Wolno Nam hopes to continue this project and organize additional workshops in the future.
- IOM noted that the Organization has experience from the PTAK Expo center in Warsaw and is available to discuss this bilaterally if participants are interested. Furthermore, IOM shared that the cash assistance program has now concluded. However, there are plans to reopen the program if demand is high. IOM is also considering deploying a mobile team from Podkarpackie region to reach out to refugees to donate NFIs and conduct other activities.
- Feel Bear introduced an ongoing project. Together with Happy Kinds Foundation and ING Foundation, Happy Bear has provided therapeutic teddy bears to 1500 children evacuated from Ukraine. These are sensory teddy bears with elements of sensory education, mindfulness and psychotherapeutic support. The bears speak in Ukrainian and can serve as support for children, including those who have experience trauma. A three month project was also completed through which teddy bears were sent to centers housing children evacuated from Ukraine without their guardians. After the conclusion of the project it was observed that the children were sleeping better and were more open. Feel Bear is further interested in carryin out similar projects targeting preschoolers.

ACTION POINTS SUMMARY				
No.	Action	Responsible	Deadline	Status (as of )
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