Regional Refugee Response Plan
For the Ukraine Situation

Basic Needs Working Group - Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time	UN House and Online, Teams Meeting, Wednesday, 21 September 2022, from 15:00 to 16:00
Facilitator	Kylie Alcoba Wright (UNHCR), Cathal O'Connor (UNICEF)
Participants	World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR, HIAS, Clear Global.
Agenda	• Winterization Working Session Follow-up • Winterization Report Update • Cash-Based Interventions • Update Action Points and Next Steps • AoB

Main Topic	Discussion	Action Points
Winterization Working Session Follow-up	• The Working Session was attended by 31 participants from 12 organizations, which was a good opportunity to understand the plans of various organizations at national level.	• Continue mapping the winter-related interventions at the national level.
Winterization Report Update	• The idea of going into more detail with the information in the report was put forward. • A sub-chapter on the host communities was added to the report.	• Partners to add the type of items planned and the specific quantities; exact location of the intervention and its duration. • Partners to assess whether they support the host communities through winter-related interventions, mention the eligibility criteria, and coordination with relevant government counterparts.
Cash-Based Interventions	• As one of the component organizations are planning in Romania for the response to winterization is cash, Ahmad Zia, one of the colleagues from the cash working group was invited to give an update on the planned interventions. - Red Cross plans for 4.000 households. - Save the Children plans for around 3.000 households. - World Vision plans for around 4.400 households. - FONSS plans for around 3.500 households.	• UNHCR to use the available mechanisms to deliver the winter cash.

	- UNHCR plans for around 7.000 households. • The main targeting criteria includes: - Households with women at risk (pregnant women, women who breastfeed, mothers with a child under 1 years old) - Households with persons with disabilities - Households with persons with serious medical conditions - Households with people over 60 years old - Single parent households with four or more children • It was noticed by the working group that there are over 90% of similarities between the criteria of eligibility proposed by partner organizations. • The total value would be around $400, accounting for about $67/month. • Winterization support will not be limited to the refugees living in private accommodations, but also to those living in community centers and shelters alike. • The Red Cross is also considering the socio-economic vulnerability.	
Update Action Points and Next Steps	• Cathal O'Connor gave some WASH-related updates on the water and sanitation infrastructure. The update included an overview of the planned assessments in Bulgaria, a UNICEF and UNHCR initiative. • David Anderson gave updates on the assessment of the existing collective accommodations and government shelters. • HIAS joined the meeting for the first time. The Project Manager, Dana Dolghin, presented their strategy. The organization worked in the last three months through local partners but will have direct implementation for winterization. The organization will offer warm meals in Bucharest and cash assistance for winter. Implementation with take place in Bucharest, Galati and Constanta. • Mariana Arnautu from World Vision summarized their winter-related interventions: cash assistance, food provision, health-related interventions.	• David Anderson, the UNHCR Shelter Officer, to undertake the shelter assessment starting next week.
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Next meeting: Wednesday, 05 October 2022, from 15:00 to 16:00
Location: Online, Teams Meeting

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