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## Basic Needs WG Meeting

Meeting Minutes - 16 January 2023

Meeting Details	
Date	16. 01. 2023
Time	15.00 pm
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Agenda	
<p><b>1. RACs</b> RACs updates</p> <p><b>2. Winterization</b> NFIs planning matrix: additional information NFIs distribution monitoring tool – host communities Focus group discussion tool for NFIs post-distribution monitoring in RACs</p> <p><b>3. Sub-working group updates</b> Update partners about quarterly presentation on Transportation</p> <p><b>4. Partners updates</b></p> <p><b>5. AoB</b></p>	
Information collection and relevant links	
Participants	



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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<p><b>Agenda Point 1</b></p> <p><b>RACs update,</b> UNHCR</p>	<p>A&amp;T WG chairperson welcomed participants and thanked for their participation, presented the agenda and updates of the RACs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>66</b> accredited RACs</li> <li>• <b>4166</b> total capacity</li> <li>• <b>2580</b> people hosted</li> </ul> <p><b>944</b> children and teenagers 2-18</p> <p><b>101</b> children 0-2 years old</p> <p><b>903</b> PwDs</p> <p><b>ACTED</b> informed the finalisation of distribution of NFIs, computers and Christmas kits in RACs.</p> <p><b>REACH</b> shared the <a href="#">link</a> to the last factsheet regarding RACs.</p> <p><b>PIN</b> enquires if there is a mapping of the informal RACs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UNHCR – no mapping is available. <b>CUGC</b> replied that there is a number of centers identified and the support provided by the INGO has to be well coordinated. A set of rules and obligations need to be set for the managers to follow, to ensure that the refugee’s rights are respected.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CUGC</b> – will share the list of the <b>informal RACs</b> with the NGOs interested to provide support. A meeting will be organized to discuss</p>



<p><b>Agenda Point 2</b></p> <p><b>Winterization:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NFIs planning matrix: additional information</li> <li>• NFIs distribution monitoring tool – host communities</li> <li>• Focus group discussion tool for NFIs post-distribution monitoring in RACs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Intersos</b> – informs that in some RACs the financial support for the utility bills is delayed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UNHCR, share with IDU of the RACs to address the issue with ANAS.</li> </ul> <p><b>LHI</b> emphasized that the RAC in Donduseni hasn't been equipped yet with necessary items household appliances, bedlinens and kitchen utensils to be fully operational, after being open for two months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UNHCR will share the list with partners to cover the needs. A discussion about</li> </ul> <p><b>CUGC</b> informs there are still needs in some RACs of firewood that has to be addressed, the list can be shared again.</p> <p>UNHCR Proposes that the list is shared with partners, discussed within the working group and coordinated; the support for non-accredited centres should also be discussed and coordinated.</p> <p>The chairperson proceeds with the agenda and request the NGOs that continue the distribution of NFIs for the next three months encouraging to use the NFI matrix, as some of the organizations will continue the distribution and others plan to start the distribution. In the matrix shared it shows the projects that are ongoing and the once that are starting.</p> <p>Another important issue is monitoring and post monitoring distribution. UNHCR has developed a Kobo with monitoring tools during the distribution, to help with the follow up. For the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM), together with ACTED, Focus Group Discussions (FGD) will be organised. The PDM form will be shared.</p> <p><b>LHI</b> will start the distribution in RACs mostly, and asks if specific requests are identified can these needs be addressed to other organisations to collaborate and cover these needs? Can these requests be shared in the matrix? UNHCR confirms it can be shared.</p> <p><b>REACH</b> will share their data collected from RAC' managers regarding needs with partners. The Opsmap can be a good option to share the needs of the RACs and it is updated every two weeks.</p>	<p>the best way to coordinate the support.</p> <p>UNHCR to check with ANAS the reason for delay.</p> <p><b>Call to partners</b> to provide and coordinate the provision of the necessary items in the Donduseni center. The list of needs will be shared.</p> <p>The Kobo form will be shared by UNHCR</p> <p>The PDM form will be shared by UNHCR.</p>
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<p><b>3. Sub-working group updates</b></p> <p>Update partners about quarterly presentation on Transportation</p> <p><b>4. Partners updates</b></p>	<p><b>CRS</b> proposes that each organisation appoints a Focal Person for NFI distribution and share the contacts.</p> <p><b>UNHCR</b> request that at the next meeting to have a presentation on transportation from all the organisation that provide this service.</p> <p><b>IOM</b> enquires regarding Contingency RACs, if there is a continuity on this. <b>UNHCR</b> the number of contingency RACs remains, and the focus should be on the existing RACs. <b>IOM</b> is asking for recommendation from the WG to repurpose the funds from Contingency.</p> <p>CRS-Presentation:  <b>Goal:</b> To support vulnerable Ukrainian refugees enter mid to long-term accommodations and to support the integration process for those who intend to remain in the Republic of Moldova.  The pilot phase: December 2022- April 2023  <b>Key Target Populations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ukrainian refugees currently living in RAC’s or hotels who are looking for longer-term accommodations</li> <li>• Ukrainian refugees wishing to exit emergency hosting accommodations or transitional hosting accommodations</li> <li>• Ukrainian refugees at risk of eviction from their current accommodation</li> <li>• Ukrainian refugees living in crowded or inadequate accommodation that does not meet minimum adequate standards of 7.5m2 per person</li> </ul> <p>Targeted locations: Ialoveni, Soroca, Hancesti, Anenii-Noi, Straseni, Criuleni, Ocnita, Donduseni, Briceni, Sangerei, Basarabeasca, Taraclia, Causeni, Chisinau outskirts.  <b>The full presentation is attached.</b></p> <p>IOM - TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SOLUTION TO REFUGEES</p>	<p>UNHCR to add a column in the matrix for the focal point, name &amp; contact detail.</p> <p>UNHCR to send IOM an email with recommendations.</p>
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<p><b>Agenda Point 3</b> Partners updates</p>	<p><b>Strategic objectives:</b> To enhance the economic inclusion assistance and access to services for refugee population in Moldova through the winter.</p> <p><b>Key-Achievements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 515 self-registered forms were received (1713 family members);</li> <li>• 430 has participated in the group/individual information sessions;</li> <li>• 218 households (700 individuals) have received the Rental Assistance from IOM;</li> <li>• 125 households will be assisted in 5-12 days (465 individuals in total)</li> <li>• 6 beneficiaries of the Rental Assistance Project have been interviewed in Balti;</li> <li>• 454 households (1447 family members) were registered in the RedRose.</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reluctance from the landlords.</li> <li>• Hesitance of the beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Lack of the available apartments.</li> <li>• Landlords are not willing to register the contract at the tax authority.</li> <li>• High rental costs.</li> <li>• Beneficiaries' uncertainty about tomorrow.</li> </ul> <p><b>The full presentation is attached.</b></p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held 20<sup>th</sup> of February</b></p>	
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