

Coordination meeting

MINUTES

Date: 13.07.2023 (Thursday)

Time: 11.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Place: Lublin Voivodship Office, column room

The main points of the agenda

Introduction and opening remarks
Bolesław Gzik - Deputy Governor of Lublin Voivodeship <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Deputy Governor of Lublin began his speech by reflecting on the NATO summit held on 11-12 July in Vilnius and the need to work together to be better prepared in the event of a potential threat, as well as to provide assistance to those in need. The end date of the armed conflict in Ukraine is not predictable. At the same time, the Deputy Governor expressed his satisfaction that the Lublin Coordination Group is continuing its activities and fulfilling the tasks to which it has committed itself.• Accommodation in reception centers in the Lublin Voivodeship as of 13.07.2023:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tomaszów Lubelski - 5 persons- Hrubieszów - 4 persons- Chełm – none• 3416 persons accommodated in collective shelters (58% of all available slots). 1271 additional slots can be activated within a maximum of 48 hours.
Felicia Byrne – Protection Officer, UNHCR Lublin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Felicia Byrne expressed gratitude for the LCG forum, which is a unique platform for sharing ideas, particularly for responding to needs in a timely manner.• On 10 July UNHCR and UNICEF issued joint statement encouraging refugee parents to enroll their children to schools, as more than half of Ukrainian children in Poland are not enrolled in Polish schools. Learning in-person is not important only because of education, but also because of socialization and mental health. While online remote education remains available, there are certain benefits of in-person learning.
UNHCR Protection Sector updates in Lublin Voivodship
UNHCR – Felicia Byrne <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHCR and IOM are conducting a Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) throughout Poland for July and August, which is an expanded questionnaire to understand more the needs of the refugees living in Poland. Protection Monitoring will be suspended during this time until the MSNA is completed.• As of 11 July 2023, in Lublin Voivodeship, 36052 persons have an active PESEL number (source: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10781)



- As of 18 June 2023, there were 5651 students registered in the Polish education system in Lubelskie Voivodeship. 4,602 (81%) in kindergarten or primary school, 89% are in public schools and 11% in non-public schools. (source: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/269?sv=54&geo=10781>)
- As of 26 June 2023, the number of students with Ukrainian citizenship who were enrolled in higher education in Poland for the first time after 24 February 2022 is 1,956 (source: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/269?sv=54&geo=10781>).
- Out of the 1,585 people interviewed in UNHCR's Protection Monitoring activities since January 2023: 51% indicated that they have school-age children in their families; Of the total family size, 31% are school-age children; 61% said that all children go to school; 31% self-reported that children do not go to school; 5% said that not all children go to school.
- Reasons for not enrolling children in the Polish school system: preference to continue online / remote learning in the Ukrainian curriculum - 65%; rather than leaving the country - 21%; other - 6%; language barrier - 4%; prefer not to answer - 4%.
- Additionally, UNHCR has spoken with parents and children about their enrolment preferences. Key findings for parents of children in Polish schools include their children reportedly feel less stress and more integrated in Polish society as they speak Polish, they appreciated the high quality of specialized schools for children with disabilities as well as the intercultural assistants in schools (although no longer present since May) and that transportation is free of charge. Those whose children are not in Polish schools noted they can help their children with the homework, already have good relationship with the Ukrainian teachers, their children will not lose one year of schooling by switching systems as it is certain their grades will be recognized and aligned with the Ukrainian education curriculum.

Human trafficking in the context of the refugee influx from Ukraine

IOM - Paweł Barabasz, Iga Marques

- IOM activities targeting refugees from Ukraine: monitoring the situation at the border, in-kind assistance, psychological support, legal support, facilitating access to medical assistance.
- IOM Ukraine survey: 59% ready to accept risky job offers that may end up in exploitation; 17% ready to take "black" jobs, without a contract and specific employment conditions; 13% ready to take jobs that involve being locked out/unable to leave; 5% ready to take illegal jobs that involve breaking the law.
- IOM offers free anti-trafficking training to interested institutions and organisations. In 2022, a total of 706 representatives of, among others, Border Guard, Police, WSPR, reception points or NGOs were trained. At the same time, it is planned to expand partnerships with NGOs that work with minorities.
- Between 4 April and 30 October 2022, IOM provided accommodation to 1,281 people.

A21 - Karolina Dudzic

- Working with people who have experienced human trafficking is demanding. Very often, these individuals are reluctant to report experiences of trafficking. The reasons can vary, including





fear for their own health and life, fear for the lives of loved ones, shame, defence against retraumatisation, fear of legal consequences.

- The organisation's activities are divided into 3 pillars:
 - Reach: Training for NGO staff and volunteers, training of institutions, workshops for women on building safe relationships, workshops for children on internet safety.
 - Rescue: Cooperation with the Police, Cooperation with the Border Guard, Cooperation with NGOs on victim identification, among others.
 - Restore: A range of activities relating to working with people who have been 'rescued' from trafficking. Holistic, trauma-informed support. Provision of accommodation, basic needs, psychosocial support, language courses, vocational training.
- Printed materials: Safe Employment Guide; Safe Employment Cards for people from Ukraine; Safe Relationship Guides; Printed materials for children; Comic book for younger children on building relationships with adults; Colouring book and comic book telling the story of a family that crosses the border. Materials can be ordered by contacting: Karolina Dudzic, karolina.d@a21.org, 48 606 361 266.
- A21 invites willing parties from the Lublin Voivodeship to join the organisation of "Walk for freedom", the world's largest event of marches against human trafficking.

Lublin Regional Police Headquarters – Sylwia Niedźwiedź, Anna Pajda

- Human trafficking is the third most lucrative illegal business. Poland is at the same time a country of origin, a transit country and a destination country for this practice. The most common form of exploitation for trafficking in Poland is forced labour. The second is exploitation in prostitution and the pornography industry.
- Poland is an attractive place for seeking employment for citizens from Ukraine, Belarus, Romania, Bulgaria and Asian countries.
- Activities of Police in Lublin in counteracting human trafficking: information and education activities, information campaigns, meetings with young people in schools, meetings in labour offices, meetings in reception points, meetings in cultural centres. In 2022, 316 meetings were conducted. Police in Lublin has extensive cooperation with the Border Guard with city offices, starosts, municipal guards, OPS, MOPR/MOPS. KWP in Lublin monitors migration related to the armed conflict in Ukraine in the context of human trafficking.
- The task facing KWP in Lublin is to strengthen cooperation with institutions organising job fairs.

Calls for Expression of Interest for non-profit organisations wishing to cooperate with the UNHCR Poland

UNHCR – Sylwia Hejno

- Invitation to submit calls for expression of interest:
 - [Call for expression of interest N1](#)- Distribution of basic necessities / non-food items (CRI/NFI). Areas: Logistics; Warehousing and stock management/inventory; Distribution





including basic household items.

- [Call for expression of interest N2](#)- Refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons can exercise their rights in accordance with international law and without discrimination. Areas: Protection sector; Legal aid and access to justice; Access to asylum; Freedom of movement

- [Call for expression of interest N3](#)- Harnessing the skills, resources and social capital of communities to reach, protect and empower refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons at high risk of protection

- [Call for expression of interest N4](#)- Promote socio-economic integration of refugees of different nationalities. Areas: Livelihoods - provision of solutions to secure vital needs and sustainability of solutions; Self-sufficiency Co-existence with local communities; Integration/reintegration.

- Interested organisations can submit their document package through the UN partner portal: <https://www.unpartnerportal.org/partner> by submitting a completed concept note, budget template and PSEA partner self-assessment form.
- The deadline for submitting documents in response to the calls is 26 July 2023.

Offer of the Centre for Migrants and Refugees in Lublin

Caritas Lublin Archdiocese - Joanna Księżka-Koszałka

- In the Lublin voivodeship, offices in the following locations are being run: at Caritas Archdiocese of Lublin in Lublin and Puławy, and at Caritas Archdiocese of Zamość-Lubaczów.
- Services provided: Food parcels, hygiene parcels, in-kind donations; Social assistance within the framework of the case management method; Psychological assistance - carried out individually and in groups; Vocational, educational and job placement counselling; Legal consultations - in cooperation with the Rule of Law Institute and on their own; Translation of documents; Polish language courses - at various levels.
- Assistance to people with adaptation difficulties: Polish language courses, psychological assistance, career counselling, social support, training and acquisition of professional qualifications, case management, adaptation and activation-motivation workshops.
- Friendship house: playroom for children, therapy room, training room. Planned activities: Language learning, arts and development activities, support groups, vocational training, workshops, integration meetings for young people, mothers with children, seniors.

Other information

- Recruitment for the HOP - Humanitarian Operations Programme run by Save the Children in Lublin from 24 - 28 July:
[HOP Core Lublin \(microsoft.com\)](#)
- The RemontujeMY programme run by Habitat for Humanity Poland, under which people from Ukraine and landlords who rent or provide housing to people from Ukraine can receive a reimbursement of the cost of renovating or retrofitting a flat of up to PLN 7,300. The programme is nationwide and recruitment lasts until 31.07.2023.
<https://habitat.pl/remontujemy/>





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