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Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation

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The UN Refugee Agency

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Meeting agenda

1. Refugee integration Roadmap
2. Workshop planning
3. Q2 reporting
4. AOB

RRP Planning
Social Protection and Economic Inclusion

HDP Nexus 2025 Workshop
Action Plan

ISWG Roadmap Objectives

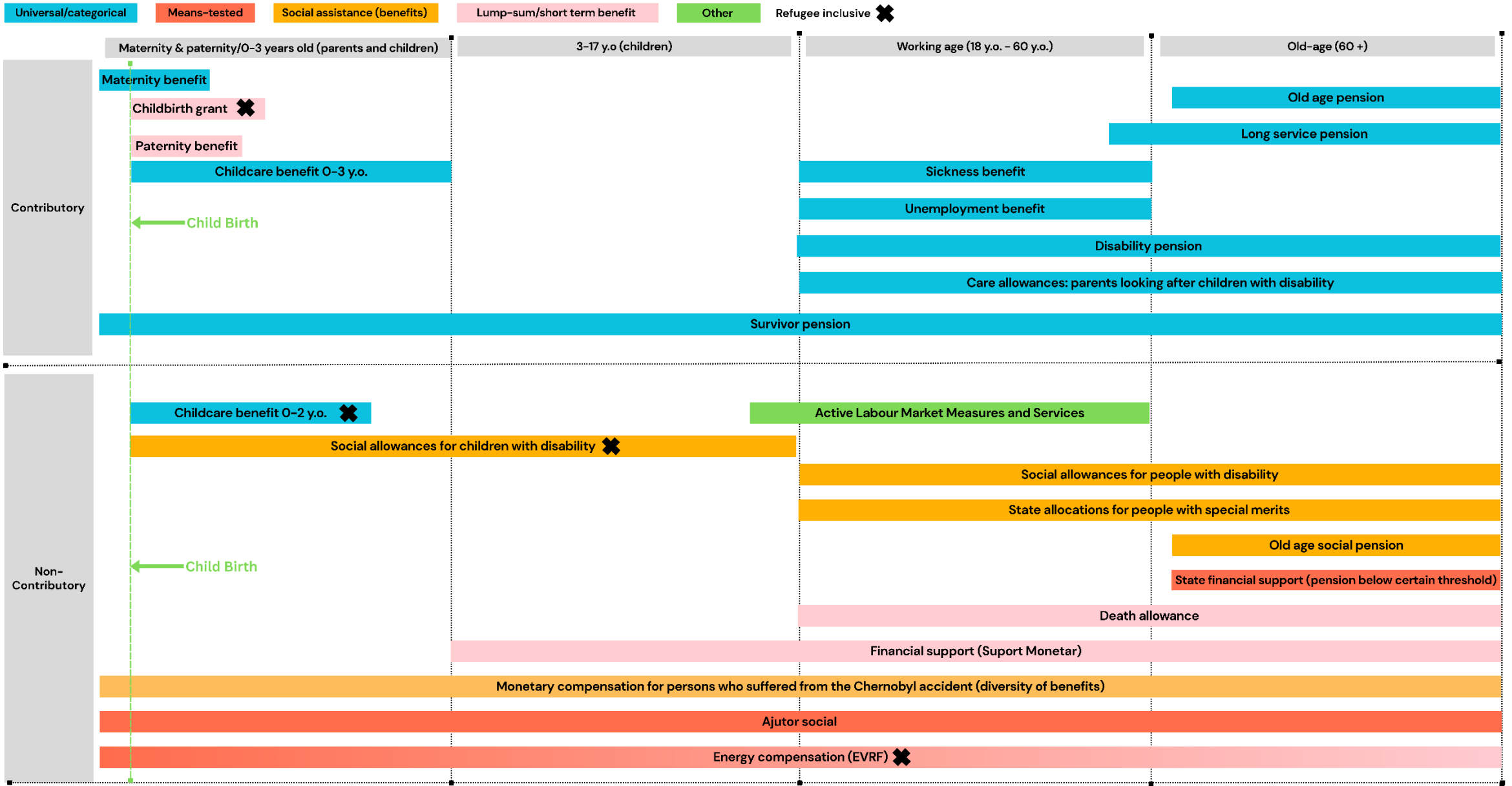
1. Economic inclusion
2. National social protection inclusion for refugees
3. Targeted MPCA + shock responsive mechanism inclusion for refugees
4. Essential services and infrastructure
5. Localization and community driven solutions
6. Investment case building and advocacy

Refugee integration Roadmap

Social Protection system

Presentation & Discussion

Social protection system - Snapshot



Reality check: what is the transition in Moldova context?

Initial assumption: transition means

(a) Ensure employability and economic inclusion of refugees

(b) moving humanitarian caseloads (both cash and services) into the social protection system (expansion of coverage/new enrolment)

Reality check: Moldova has a comprehensive (life cycle, social services and pro-poor programmes) relatively well-developed social protection system

Result: while there is space for horizontal expansion, the key issue is funding to absorb a new caseload

Reality check: what needs were covered by the Response?

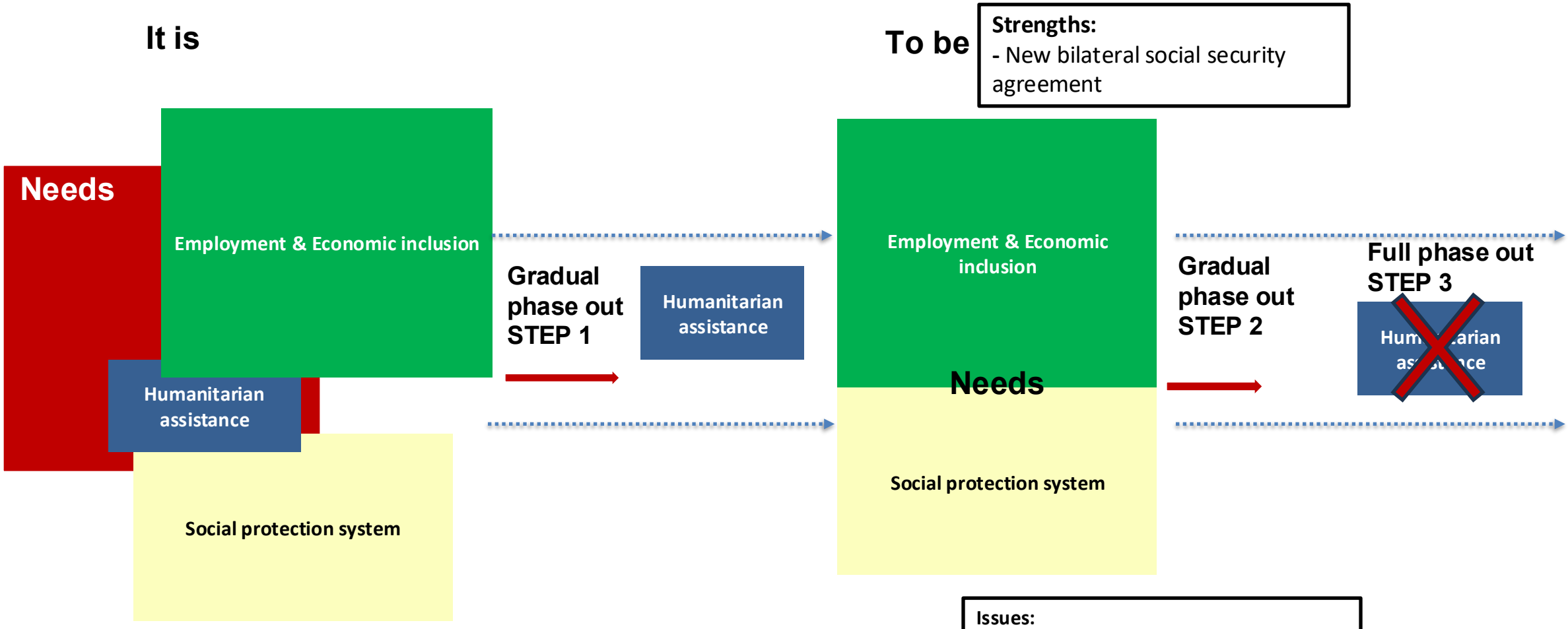
Initial assumption: the needs of refugees have been addressed through humanitarian assistance and, to some extent, their integration into labour market and social protection

Reality check: Moldova has a comprehensive (life cycle, social services and pro-poor programmes) well-developed social protection system

Need for data on the employability levels of refugees. Such data is essential to guide/adjust strategic direction

Result: Some beneficiaries of humanitarian assistance also received government benefits at the same time, but that does not mean the support was adequate

Situation Analysis: Coverage gaps, Overlaps, Complementarities



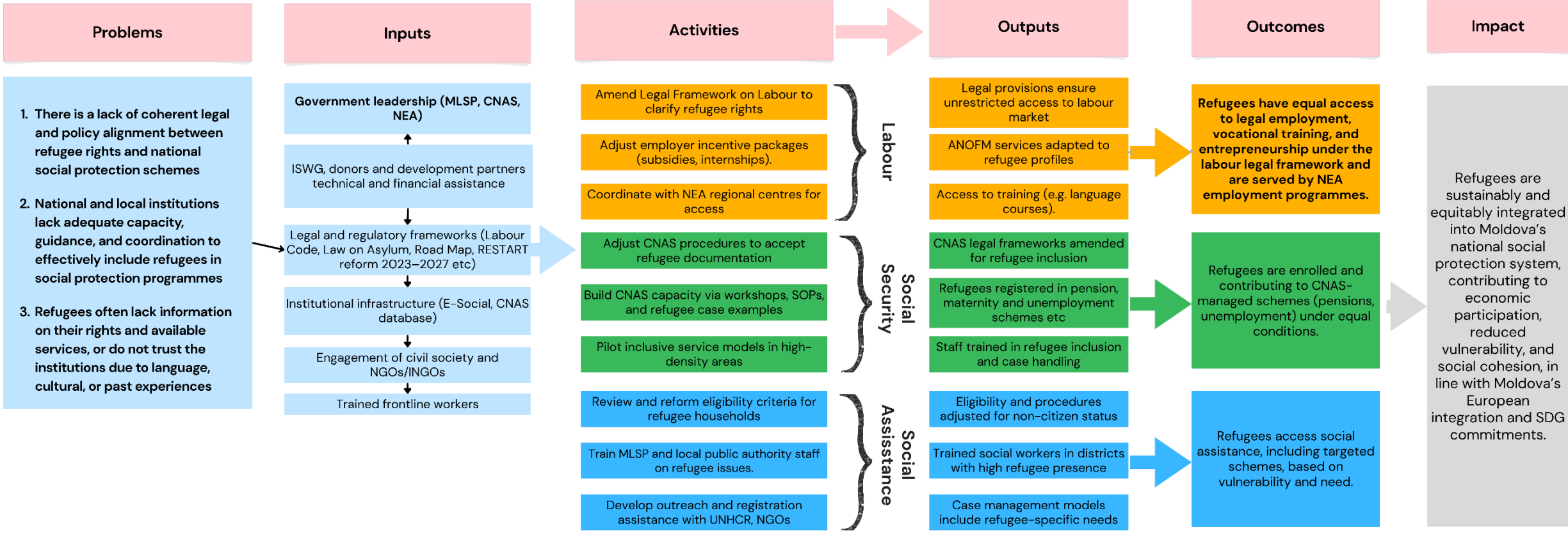
Key workstreams (coordination among sectors)

Rule: to divide work into manageable packages to ensure the transition process is streamlined, evidence-based, and inclusive of all key stakeholders

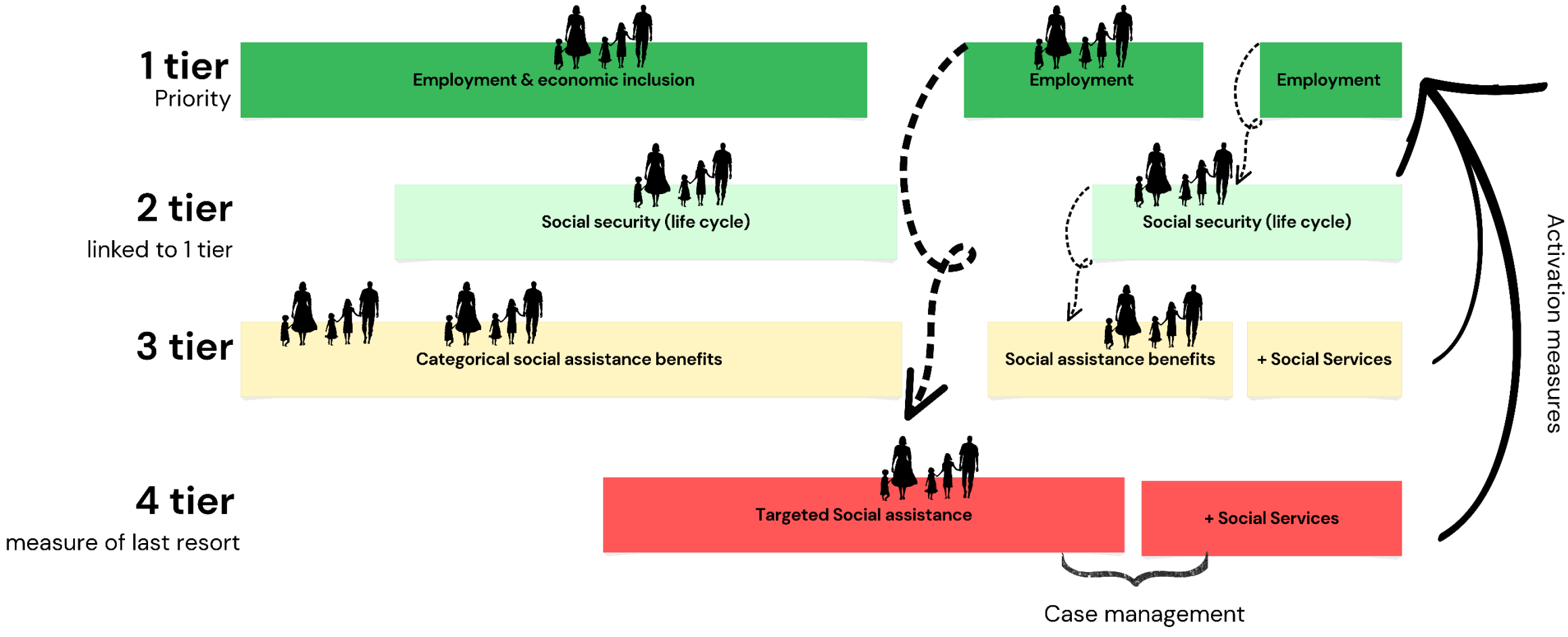
Workstream 1
Transition of Humanitarian Cash

Workstream 2
Transition of Humanitarian Social Services

Theory of change for the Roadmap on Refugee integration



Integration framework



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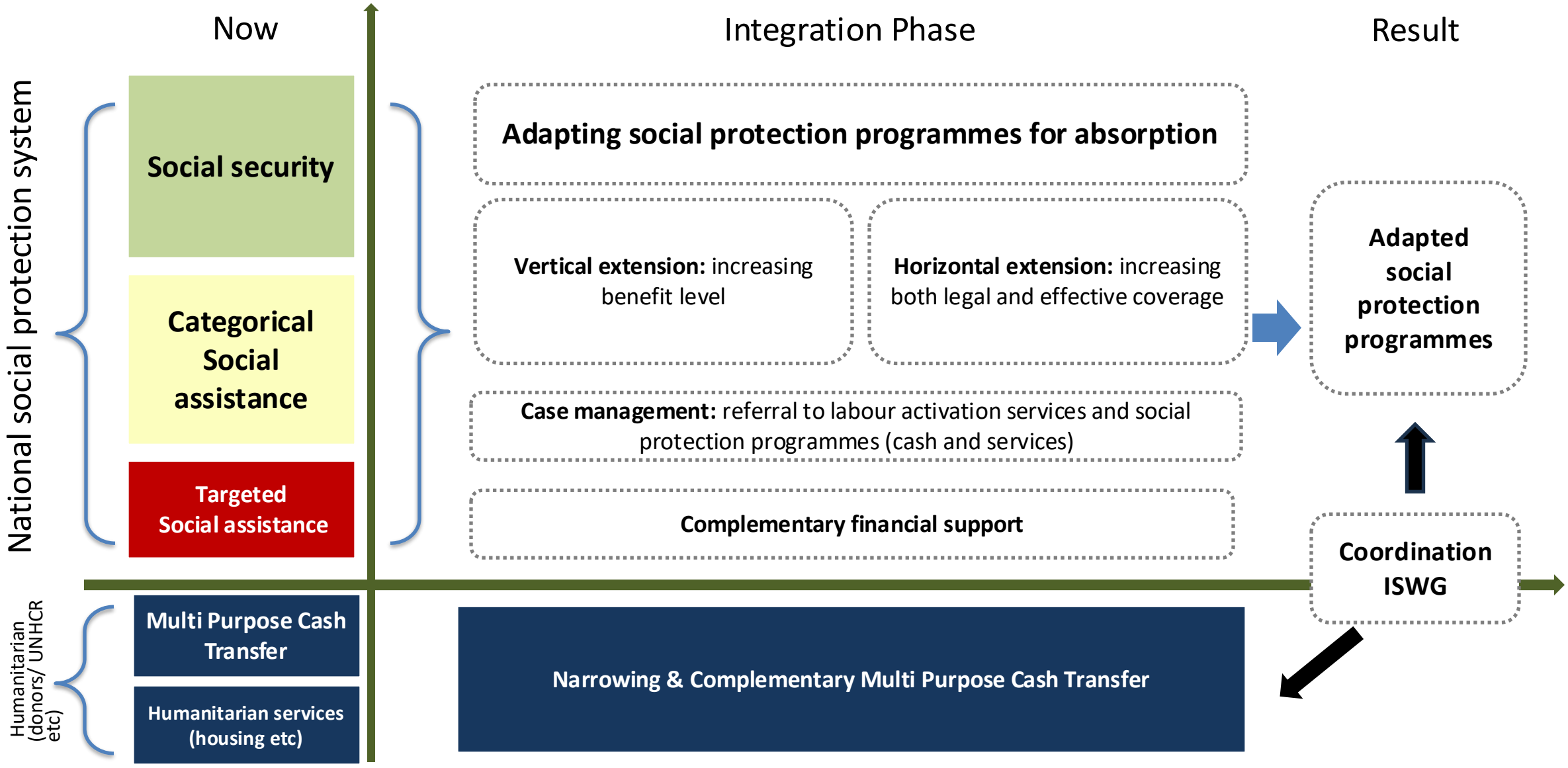

Next steps

1.Develop a Concept Note for Integration

Outline the vision, objectives, and strategic direction for integrating refugees into national systems (link with Nexus workshops and phased integration of foreigners)

2.Conduct a Situation Analysis

1. Map existing social protection programmes against refugee profiles to assess alignment and gaps.
2. Prepare an investment case to support the transition from humanitarian to sustainable national support systems.

3.Design various scenarios for integration of refugees

Simulate various options, timelines, responsibilities, instiutional risks, poverty and exclusions, and financial requirements for implementation

4.Draft a Strategic Roadmap and Costing

Define key actions, timelines, responsibilities, and financial requirements for implementation.

5.Strengthen Local Capacity

Provide targeted capacity-building for local NGO staff involved in the integration process.

6.Identify and Address Gaps in Government Response

Engage members of the ISWG (UN, NGOs etc) to collectively support the areas not fully covered by national services

Workshop proposition

structure and topics

Discussion

Workshop proposition

- **Welcome & Framing (15 min)**
  - Set workshop objectives
  - Recap progress on roadmap and vision for transition
- **Legal Framework Alignment and Possible Financial Capacities (40 min)**
  - Review current legal and policy environment
  - Identify gaps and priorities for full refugee inclusion
- **Results Framework Checkpoint (40 min)**
  - Review and refine indicators
  - Validate measurability, relevance, and completeness
- **Operationalizing the Roadmap (1h 30 min)**
  - Group exercise to define roles and responsibilities
  - Map actions by actor (government, UN, NGOs, civil society) and level (national/local)
  - Identify sequencing, coordination needs, and enabling steps
- **Wrap-Up & Next Steps (25 min)**
  - Summarize key decisions
  - Confirm next steps, timelines, and responsibilities

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Strategic Planning Workshop

Date: Thursday, **4 September**

Duration: Half-day

ISWG meeting August 6th

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Option 1: Evidence & Impact
Focus on recent data and findings highlighting refugee employability and their economic contributions.

OR

Option 2: Inclusion at Local Level
Explore local integration strategies through the Cities of Solidarity initiative and the Local Action Planning (LAP) process, featuring the Comrat LAP as a case study.

Partners' availability?

Option 3:
If many partners are unavailable, we can postpone to September to ensure no one misses key discussions.

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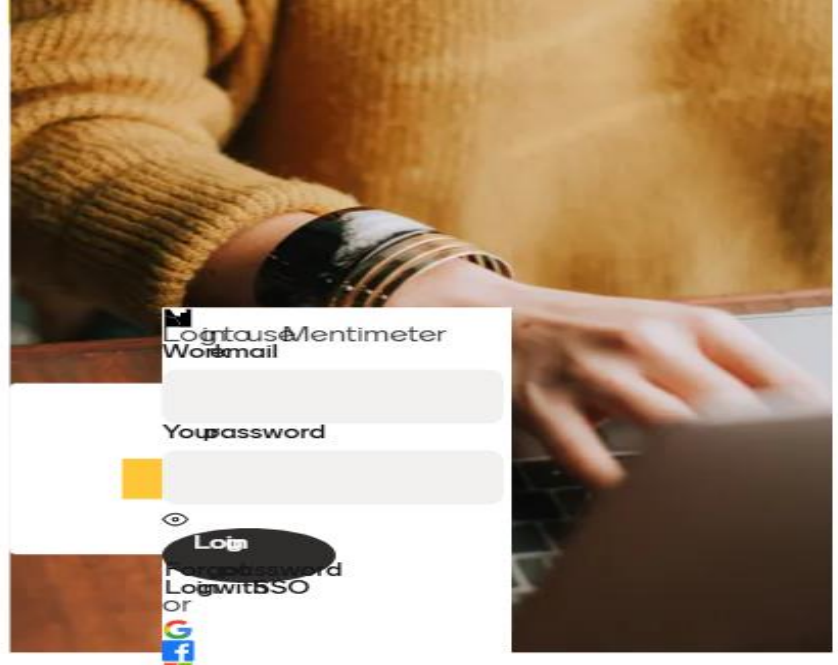
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Q2 reporting

deadlines

reminder

Q2 reporting

2025 RRP Mid-Year Report covers activities from Q1 and Q2 for Basic Needs and Cash related projects. Unlike previous years, this year we are collecting narrative inputs only for Q2 (Mid-Year Report) and Q4 (Year-End Report).

Please highlight **any specific activities or observations** from your organization and share **spotlight stories** that demonstrate the sector's direct impact on refugees and host communities

ISWG Mid-Year Reporting

Survey

Deadline: **14 July**

AOB

updates and comments

discussion

Thank You!

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Q2 survey