

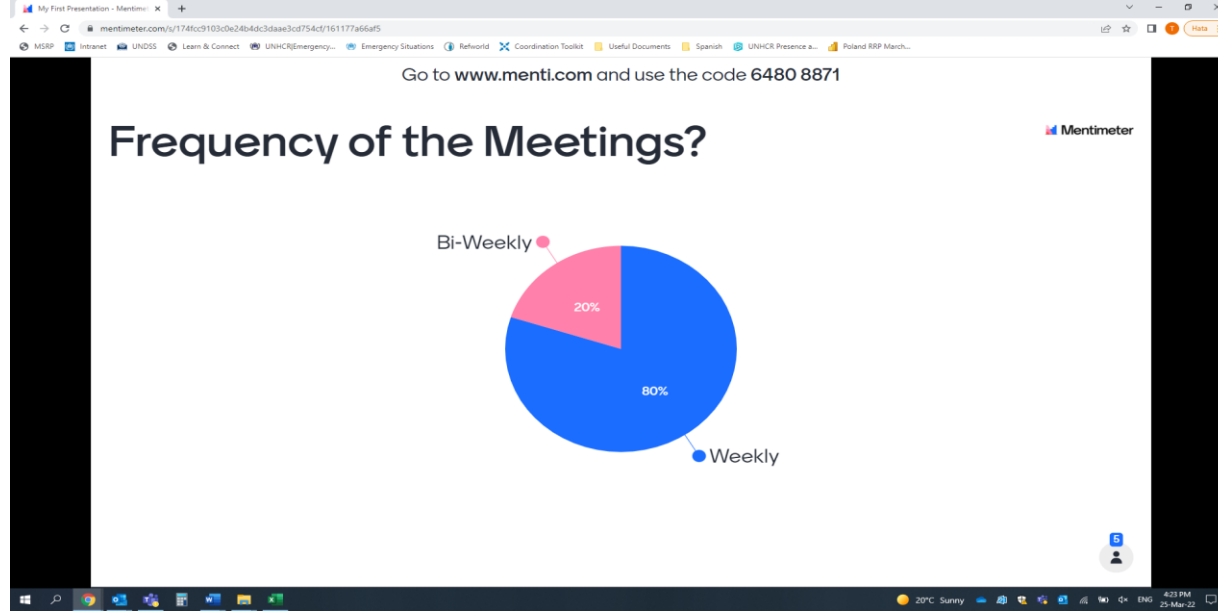
**Basic Needs Working Group Meeting**  
 Meeting Minutes

<b>Time &amp; Location</b>	<b>25 March 2022 – Online Meeting</b>	
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussion summary</b>	
<b>Welcome and overview of meeting agenda</b>	<b>Activity</b>	
	Introduction and Overview of Situation	UNHCR
	Updates on Main Findings and Challenges	All participants
	AOB	All Participants
<b>Introduction and Overview of Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of 24 March, 2,2 million refugees arrived in Poland since 24 of February.</li> <li>• Arrivals from all over Ukraine, continue to arrive disoriented, many of them without an onward plan, some choosing to return.</li> <li>• Around 296,000 persons have crossed the border back to Ukraine since 24 February (BG data), No demographic data is currently available on those crossing into UKR.</li> <li>• Trends steadily decreasing since 13 March. Arrival figures at or below 40,000 since 19 March. Overall flows expected to continue.</li> <li>• Long car and pedestrian queues on the Ukraine side have reportedly subsided. People no longer sleeping in the open at most border areas. It is expected that overall flows will continue, with daily arrivals varying based on dynamics in Ukraine.</li> <li>• Border Crossing Points remain open. Less Third Country Nationals seem to be entering Poland from Ukraine.</li> <li>• Border and interior cities continue to operate reception centers with local authority/volunteer management. Less crowding at rail stations.</li> <li>• UNHCR is conducting regular site visits to reception centers to identify areas of need and intervention and</li> </ul>	

	<p>distribute CwC materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ukrainian citizens continue to register for a PESEL to have access to services. As of 23 March, 300,000 Ukrainians had received their PESEL.</li> <li>• UNHCR is rolling out its cash assistance in Warsaw. 1,768 individuals (776 families) were enrolled in the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance from 21-24 March and UNHCR recorded their biometrics.</li> <li>• 85,000 Ukrainian children have enrolled in Polish schools, according to the Minister of Education. This number grows by 10,000 children enrolling every day.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates on Main Findings and Challenges on NFI</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAH - Action Against Hunger, even though there are adequate level of non-food items in the transition points, still there are lot of items that are needed such as, toothbrush.</li> <li>• UNHCR stated that, so far according to the observations from the field, among donations, most of the clothes are suitable for the winter season. However, volunteers and the staffs that work in the reception points mentioned that clothes that can be used for spring and summer seasons are needed in there. Last but not least, hygienic items are always needed and welcomed by the people in the reception points. From Tesco Point side, there is no need of any non-food items currently thanks to a high level of donations.</li> <li>• IOM stated that, the municipality is coordinating the large number of donations and distribution of the supplies to the sites are effectively ongoing. Besides that, as an observation from the field; some of the areas as psychological counseling, trauma support, transportation requirements as well as information points are the significant points that should be dwell on.</li> <li>• Comparing to the last weeks, transportation to other centers from the border side have been much quicker and the refugees only stay at the border crossing for a short time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates on Main Findings and Challenges on Shelter</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR stated that, following the discussions with the NGOs in Krakow, they stated that lately 70 % of the refugees are asking the long-term accommodation in the city. Others are demanding to go big cities due to several reasons as high level of job opportunities and other services including health and education. In addition to that, in the light of meeting with officials from the municipality of Krakow, the capacity of hosting refugees in</li> </ul>

	<p>the city center is limited by approximately 2,000 individuals and they have reached to the limit. However, they have places for accommodation outside of the Krakow that can serve as a long-term. As a solution, there should be much more publicity about the accommodation points outside of the city that may encourage people to move.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM stated that municipality is coordinating the accommodation sites. Therefore, coordination is needed to well identify those accommodation points. Besides that, locations that are supposed to host people for one or two nights are able to host them a lot longer.</li> <li>• Based on the previous data (new data will be prepared on 26.03.2022), 41% of the refugees are intended to stay in Poland, other 13% have not got any idea yet. However, most of the individuals who would like to stay in Poland do not know where to go exactly. Therefore, they are going to reception centers in the big cities and then trying to set out a plan in there. Additionally, Warsaw is the most preferred city by refugees to move there.</li> <li>• REACH mentioned that as an observation from the field; Poland and Germany are the two main destination point by the individuals due to reasons as linkage family and friends.</li> <li>• Medair said that, as Tesco Center, refugees can stay one or two nights in the center. In addition to that, tables were established in the center by representatives of every country to inform about services and facilities in their country and assist them who would like to move. Besides that, there is an announcement system in the center that inform people about the bus and train schedules on regular basis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates on Main Findings and Challenges on WASH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM stated that, the infrastructure for WASH is a bit below to meet standards due to the limited number of segregated toilets as well as shower facilities.</li> <li>• Medair said that, from Tesco Center side, OXFAM has deal with a professional service company for disinfection of the center. The company is working every day to clean entire facility and clean the beds and sheets. Previously, cleaning process carried out by the volunteers. Therefore, it can be said that the process has been developed positively. Additionally, even though donations are in enough level in terms of hygienic items, the need will occur when the level of donation will start to decrease.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Updates on Main Findings and Challenges on Food Security</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sustainability of the provision of food is quite crucial considering that most of it is donation.</li> <li>• Medair said that, In Tesco Center, hot meals are distributed by World Central Kitchen. Therefore, there is not any urgent need of distribution of hot meal. Only concern is the hygiene at the food points since volunteers are not generally wearing gloves and masks and people are not disinfecting their hands before taking some fruit.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>Announcements by UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will call for a meeting on Monday, 28 March for entire response community relating to RRP following the discussions with the governments in the region. The meeting will be themed about the developments in RRP.</li> <li>• IM Working Group has started discussions on Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment. For those who are interested to take part in, you will need to attend the IM WG meetings. This will be a collective effort and response will be IA based, which means we will ask same questions all over the locations (border crossing points, reception points or urban areas) that we are present or visiting to have proper and full picture of the situation. Schedule of the sectoral meetings as follow. <a href="https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10781">https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10781</a></li> <li>• If you have any documents, findings or reports related to the situation on NFI, Shelter, WASH or Food Security or if you conducted any surveys, please do share with me after the meeting so that we can publish them on the portal.</li> <li>• Result of the menti survey on the frequency of the meeting.</li> </ul>



- Link for the meeting minutes. <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/307?sv=54&geo=10781>

**Next meeting**

- Next Basic Needs Working Group meeting is scheduled to take place on 1 April 2022 at 3pm.

**ACTION POINTS SUMMARY**

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	ToR of the BNWG to be prepared and shared for comments	UNHCR
2.	Fill the missing information in the contact list and revert by Monday March 28th CoB	All Participants
3.		