



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation



Meeting Details

Date	30. 11. 2022
Time	15.00 pm
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1. RRP Detail planning – review of partner’s submissions
2. RACs:
 - RACs updates
3. Winterization:
 - NFIs planning matrix
 - NFIs distribution monitoring mechanism
4. Sub-working group updates
5. Partners updates
6. AoB

Information collection and relevant links



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Participants

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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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1. RRP Detail planning – review of partner’s submissions	<p>The chairperson of the TF WG welcomed participants and thanked participants for their presence. Presented the agenda.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to better coordinate the activities regarding mid-long-term accommodation solutions that each organization will carry out next year.</p> <p>In the project submissions there are many organizations interested in being part of these activities next year.</p> <p>The Task Force meeting was organized to better understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ what plans each organization has, ○ to organize a joint assessment if needed, ○ to coordinate the activities, and ○ how to support partners and have a better implementation of their activities. 	



	<p>CRS – have already implemented some of their activities for the past few months, they can provide us with more information about their plan, scope of their activities and their experience regarding implementation of activities on mid-long- term accommodation services.</p> <p>Lumux Foundations – shortly presented description their activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focused on child protection, ○ Early child intervention, ○ Inclusive education, ○ De-institutionalization of children and reunification with their family. <p>Since February the foundation focused more on Refugees response, developing tools methodology on assessment of children and the refugee’s families and host families.</p> <p>Organized activities to build capacity for first line workers in the refugee’s response plan, children and teens to facilitate their social cohesion, priorities put on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enrolling children in the education system, ○ Support to unaccompanied children, ○ Access to health and social services, working with authorities in Ialoveni and Floresti, ○ Delivered humanitarian aid; clothes, hygienic kits, educational kits etc... ○ Offer support to partners in coordination the activities to better respond to the needs of refugee children and their families. <p>Next year Lumus with the support from UNHCR will continue to support this vulnerable category. UNHCR inquired how the improving living conditions is planned to be implemented.</p> <p>Lumus proposition for next year is to procure items, improve their live conditions and also to organize activities to improve social cohesion.</p> <p>IOM - will continue with the project cash for rent till the end of March next year, assisting refugees with financial support to rent apartments/house.</p> <p>Risks/problems - the landlords refuse to register the rent contract officially. More information we will provide at the next meeting.</p> <p>UMHCR enquires if IOM will write a report on this project Lessons Learned, response affirmative.</p> <p>CRS has a big accommodation program with four activities:</p>	<p>CRS to provide brief presentation/feedback of lessons learned from their experience.</p> <p>IOM to provide feedback, short report regarding their experience</p>
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	<p>1. Cash for housing to cover the entire country - activity is coordinated with WFP and PIN. <i>CRS covers: Chisinau, Soroca, Hancesti, Ialoveni. The rest of the rayons are covered by PIN & WFP.</i></p> <p>2. Financial incentive to the host for payments or rental deposit for Host families who have independent house unit or can provide house/apartments to rent for refugees for a period of six months. Actions taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Property assessment for minimum standard, ○ A survey is conducted for beneficiaries, to ensure they feel safe living in the house. <p>3. Cash for rent in 9 rayons: Chisinau is coordinated with IOM</p> <p>4. Repair program - for host families that provide a separate house/apartment that need small repairs windows, doors - <i>not infrastructural work</i>, CRS make them available for the refugees. <i>All these activities will continue in 2023. <u>Eventually refugees will start paying the rent next year.</u></i></p> <p>For 2023 RRP-CRS could do some large-scale community space renovation. Renovate old buildings to be turned into social housing/apartments - this possibility is being explored at the moment as well.</p> <p><u><i>An assessment is conducting - cache for host, to understand how much longer hosts are willing to host refugees.</i></u></p> <p>UNHCR asked if there are any observations or analysis about the length of stay with host communities for the fourth activity.</p> <p>CRS - 600 host families since the beginning of the operation, 370 where people have been consistently hosted since March.</p> <p>UNHCR- similar assessment have been conducted by IOM, CRS we can have later data from REACH.</p>	
	<p>MNSA there is some data about where people are staying in the host community and RACs. It is a good way to identify the targets. In the project submissions the targets seem to be too high, a good analysis is needed to ensure good implementation.</p> <p>Intersos - three main activities for next year.</p> <p>1. informal RACs to increase capacity and improve protection.</p> <p>Potential interventions identified in Chisinau, Hancesti and Transnistria.</p>	



	<p>2. Community interventions, mainly public spaces. In libraries to create safe spaces.</p> <p>3. Utilities subsidies to cover utility bills of informal RACs and households with a higher number of people.</p> <p>Locations identified: Hancesti, Telenesti, Drochia, Edinet, Donduseni, Stefan Voda, Chisinau, Glodeni to set up safe places for children, women and girls in already functioning places, help with equipment mainly, some small repairs might be provided if needed.</p> <p>DRC- Ongoing support of the Asylum center in Chisinau with equipment, the community center in Balti. Support with basic needs RACs in Chisinau, Cojusna, Costesti, Ialoveni etc...</p> <p>These activities will continue in 2023, other possible interventions are explored, to provide some improvements in accommodation centers through local implementing partners. Soon we will have our internal planning regarding these interventions. Still accumulating funding for shelter interventions. DRC will support BMA with technical designs and reconstructions of wash facilities.</p> <p>REACH is planning a rental market assessment in 2023. The objective is to provide assistance to cash, winterization and accommodation in general.</p> <p>The main objective is to support actors involved in cash, accommodation and winterization activities, to help refugees to find proper housing.</p> <p>REACH ready to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ profiles of tenants, ○ property service providers, ○ costs and conditions of rented accommodations, ○ evaluate the availability and capacity of rental market, ○ look into willingness to rent refugees by service providers, ○ to investigate potential conflicts between refugees and Moldovans around access to affordable housing, <p>REACH mentions that partners who started the projects, their experience would be of a great help to better design the plan.</p> <p>To make the research as useful as possible, together with A&T WG and Cash WG to collaborate on research design. The plan is still at the initial proposal stage, once confirmed we can start on research design and talk about methodology.</p>	<p>REACH to provide the plan on data collection regarding objectives listed during the meeting.</p> <p>Lessons learned from partners who started the projects.</p>
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	<p>UNHCR - this is one of the tools we need to develop. The other one is the rehabilitation form that CRS developed the tool they use to assess the houses. The tools can be shared.</p> <p>UNICEF - are looking into filling the gaps in terms of WASH and sanitations to improve the conditions accordingly. As a SWG, if there is a gap in sanitation, communicate it to the partners and we can look into covering it.</p> <p>UNHCR - the two components: cash for rent and the improvements of houses, have to be carefully balanced. Cash for rent is a solution but is not a <i>long-term solution</i>.</p> <p>IOM proposes to work collectively on the strategy, SOPs.</p> <p>UNHCR - it is important to have guidelines.</p> <p>CRS -proposes a shared document where partners can share data to avoid duplication.</p> <p>UNHCR - an excel document can be shared divided per components and activities and location. Partners interested in “Cash for rent”, to try to cover all rayons. Organizations interested in “Cash for rent”: CRS, NRC, IOM, ACTED and Moms in actions - local NGO.</p> <p>UNHCR will put together a document in excel, all organizations involved please put in the data. We also start the guidelines depending on the activities that each partner is planning.</p> <p>Next meeting: 18th January</p>	<p>UNICEF call out to partners to be inform whenever there is a gap in WASH/sanitation</p> <p>IOM proposed to work on a joint strategy, guidelines and SOPs</p> <p>UNHCR to develop and share an excel document for partners to list their activities to avoid duplications.</p>
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