

Meeting minutes

Date: 09-Mar-2022

Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting

Participants: the list of participants is attached to this document as a separate file

Agenda:

1. General updates: Needs and Response
2. Work in progress
3. Partners update
4. AOB

## 1. General updates: needs and response.

The multi-sector rapid assessment tool is under development now. A few adjustments have to be made to adapt it to the Ukraine situation and response. The final version will be shared with UN OCHA and partners. It will include plenty of questions related to the shelter/NFI cluster. The main methodology of this tool will be key informants' interviews.



The Cluster uses IMPACT's products regularly and partners are welcome to request them as well. One of the recent products is the border assessment update (see the map above). The strong focus of attention is on Lviv now. The flow of IDPs throughout the country heading to the western part, and this city will host/is hosting a major number of displaced persons. Around 200,000 IDPs stay in Lviv, and 50,000 arrive

at it daily (source: Lviv city mayor; reuters.com). No official registration is ongoing now, nor it is expected soon. UN OCHA and other humanitarian clusters work on the issue. We expect that the system will be established and more precise data will be available.

Also, Dnipro and Vinnytsia are the two biggest receiving hubs of IDPs.

Vinnytsia oblast has a total capacity to receive around 25,000 IDPs (source: local authorities). It means that the local and oblast authorities prepositioned some basic NFIs, prepared transit centers (TCs) to receive this number of displaced persons. The city itself is well-prepared too. Vinnytsia established 27 TCs. Those are mostly dormitories and schools (and a few churches). Local volunteers support these centers. They bring basic clothes, medicine, and food. However, the most pressing needs are in NFIs – folding beds, mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, kettles, etc. We completed the assessment of all TCs in Vinnytsia and the summary will follow soon. With regards to the numbers, according to the department of social protection, 925 IDPs stay in Vinnytsia TCs today. There are around 240 persons among them, who wish to stay longer than 1 night.

The Cluster will offer more information about TCs and the situation with internal displacement soon.

Partners are positioning their stock now. A few trying to bring shelter humanitarian cargo from abroad to the country. However, the process is delayed due to long queues on the state border and formal procedures. Others trying to capitalize upon the local procurement and delivery. This option is faster, but it has limitations as well – the capacity of the market varies depending on the region. The logistics inside of the country is a burden too. Long queues at checkpoints, difficulties with access to certain locations, lack of fuel, etc. delays delivery of the support.

#### FUNDING UPDATE:

1. Flash appeal requests for shelter and NFIs response: \$242,000,000.
2. CERF: \$20 mln.
3. ICRC + IFRC appeal (neighboring countries and inside of Ukraine): \$272 mln.
4. UHF 2d allocation (**deadline is extended till 20-March-2022**). Partners are invited to submit their project proposals through the UHF Grant Management System (GMS) at <https://cbpf.unocha.org>.

## 2. Work in progress

The cluster team posts all updates on the website (<https://sheltercluster.org/response/ukraine>). All guidance, standards, and recommendations are there.

The cluster updated and harmonized all 3 types of kits:

1. Standard emergency shelter kit.
2. Standard household NFI kit.
3. Standard TC/CC (transit center/collective center) NFI kit.

Their contents, indicative prices, and specifications for each item are on the website (link above).

The cluster is also working on a revision of the strategy.



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### Shelter and NFI priority activities:

1. Distribution of shelter acute emergency kits.
2. Provision of emergency NFI support (in-kind/cash).
3. Provision of Transition Centres (TC) / Reception Centres (RC) / Collective Centres (CC).
4. NFI kits (institutional level).
5. Winterization activities (in-kind/cash).
6. Rental support (including cash-for-rent grants for 3 months).
7. Basic refurbishment of TC/RC/CC (incl. technical support).

### Other activities cost estimation (RENTAL SUPPORT):

1. Cash-for-rent grants for 3 months: 360 USD in total
2. CASH WORKING GROUP (Potentially CBI in 2 weeks;  
<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ukraine/cash-working-group>)

### Other activities cost estimation (WINTERIZATION SUPPORT):

1. Cash support for 2 months: 130 USD in total
2. In-kind distribution of particular items (heaters)

### IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. Better understanding of the Shelter and NFI immediate options considered by your organizations (Mamen Sancha [sanchama@unhcr.org](mailto:sanchama@unhcr.org) )
2. Better understanding of potential partners inside Ukraine  
New Partner Registration Form (OCHA): <https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/QfhmdKcf>
3. Reporting the response ongoing.  
5W every Wednesday (Fredrick Hanga [IM.ukraine@sheltercluster.org](mailto:IM.ukraine@sheltercluster.org)). Informal reporting every time you start a shelter or NFI activity (Sviatoslav Savchuk [savchuk@unhcr.org](mailto:savchuk@unhcr.org))

## 3. Partners update.

**UNHCR:** The agency is working on establishing new offices throughout the country. All of them have shelter/NFI activities in the pipeline. Needs observed on the ground: Vinnytsia colleagues made assessments of hromadas (territorial communities) and have started to distribute some NFIs. Along with this, UNHCR is also distributing food items as an emergency response. UNHCR also reached out to multiple oblast administrations (Lviv, Uzhhorod, Chernivtsi, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kherson, Kropyvnytskiy, Dnipro, Donetsk, Luhansk). Based on the received information, UNHCR's strategy is to support existing reception centers in the western part of the country and establish new ones. The plans are shaping and the agency considering mid-and long-term options of the response.

**NRC:** NRC has the Ukraine crisis regional response plan. It will target 800,000 people in 4 countries (Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Moldova). The emergency response team will work inside of the



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countries with partners. NRC is aiming to resume shelter/NFI activities as soon as possible. Provision of essential household items is the key activity of the plan. Procurement of NFIs is in its early stages and NRC coordinates with other agencies in terms of in-kind contributions.

**IFRC:** The Federation is supporting the Ukrainian Red Cross with a focus on working along the border between Ukraine and Poland, Slovakia, Romania, and Moldova. IFRC is going to set up 3 logistic hubs. Currently, the distribution of the remaining stock of NFIs is ongoing. The updates will follow. ICRC will intervene in the most affected areas by the conflict.

**PIN:** The organization is setting up the country office in Lviv, while operations are ongoing in the eastern part of the country. The point made on this part of the country – almost all supply chains have been cut, and people in the region are lacking basic items. PIN receives humanitarian cargo (by trains) every two days from Prague (private fundraising). 1 train is in Lviv, and another 2 are in Kyiv to stock up and distribute. 1 will come to Dnipro city on 10-Mar-2022 if the security situation will allow doing so. PIN will do further distribution by private cars to Mariupol, Zaporizhia, Sviatohirsk, Sloviansk, Kramatorsk, and Pokrovsk. The cargo contains not only NFIs but also food and hygiene items. PIN is in a partnership with NGO “R2P” in Dnipro, they help the organization to do further distributions.

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