

MEETING NOTES

Kyiv Regional Emergency Shelter/NFI Sector Meeting

23 January 2015

10:00-11:00

UNHCR Office

Agenda of the meeting

- 1) Introduction (2 min., UNHCR)
- 2) Statistics/mapping (3 min., UNHCR)
- 3) Overview of current situation in CCs (10 min., UNHCR)
- 4) Briefing on clusterization and main objectives of Shelter/NFI cluster (UNHCR, 5 min.)
- 5) Update on financial assistance & grants programme (UNHCR, ADRA, 5 min.)
- 6) Updates on shelter/nfi assistance & developments (all participants, 30 min.)
- 7) AOB (all participants, 5 min.)

ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
To discuss taxation aspects of CCs functioning during next meeting	UNHCR	Next meeting
Refer respective problems to UNDP Early Recovery Cluster.	UNHCR	Before Next Meeting
Currently the profiling of IDPs is ongoing, as soon as results are available - they will be shared with the WG.	UNHCR	
To distribute PPP on Cluster approach.	UNHCR	With the Minutes
Provide results of the monitoring of grant project to be shared with WG members as soon as available.	UNHCR	ASAP
Some points related to protection to be addressed to Protection Cluster.	UNHCR	ASAP
To consider a possibility to conclude a common claim from civil society actors to the CMU regarding shortage of social protection personnel.	NGO SOTY	ASAP
Request for visit if SES specialists for check and training on fire safety to be sent to the SES.	NGO Kolovorot	ASAP
All information received during the meeting will be analyzed, summarized and, if necessary, referred to respective state bodies or Clusters/WGs.	UNHCR	ASAP
The next meeting to be held in two weeks.	All participants	In two weeks

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Introduction

After opening of the meeting and brief review of the Agenda Dmytro Blazhievsky has briefed the participants on special aspects of shelter cluster and coordination processes, as well as regarding the latest developments of the situation with displaced and affected population in need of help. As well, following information has been mentioned:

- New humanitarian actors establish their presence in Ukraine.
- In 2015 priority to be given to monetization of assistance.
- Amendments of 637 resolution have been made (registration period extended).
- New procedures of entry-exit to ATO zone established as of 21.01.
- Regional programs of assistance to IDPs have been provided (best practices to be introduced during next meeting);
- Results of field visits to Western regions were presented to participants.

ACTION POINTS: To discuss taxation aspects of CCs functioning during next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Statistics/mapping

As of 21.01 921640 IDPs have been registered (ATO area - AR Crimea). 20% of displaced population are working adults, others – children, persons with disabilities and pensioners). For Kyiv city: 72264 IDPs (36% - pensioners). Average ration for Ukraine is about 60% of pensioners. Kyiv region: 30 558 IDPs (the most concentration – Brovary, Irpin, Bila Tserkva).

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Overview of current situation in CCs in Kyiv city and region

UNHCR has presented a brief update on situation in CCs visited recently in Kyiv oblast. The meeting with “Tserkva Spasinnia” (Vyshneve locality) religious organization targeted at IDPs living with host families, assist with accommodation search and living. Program of support has been developed, under which 1300 displaced families have been assisted. Nearly 20 tons of food is being distributed during a month. There are no vulnerability criteria for potential beneficiaries. Education: all children attend schools and kindergartens. Employment: all IDPs are assisted in employment search. The organization has own database of beneficiaries (1000 families). There are points for reception of donations and for legal assistance. There is a need for psychologists or special trainings for available specialists in order to learn how to work with traumas.

Regarding IDPs that have been accommodated in hangars at the territory of “Budindustria” (nearly 190-200 persons): partly moved to CC at Chervonohvardiyska Str., partly returned to previous place of residence (both re-taken and occupied). 24 IDPs including 6 elderly/handicapped persons found a house to rent in Pobeda village; the rent cost is 10,000 UAH per month. The coordinator made agreement to rent the house till the end of May.

Mostly situation with schools and kindergartens is satisfactory in Kyiv region. One problem with kindergarten in Kotsiubynske locality.

CC in Kotsiubynske locality where 182 IDPs are accommodated. The UNHCR has provided materials for heat insulation of façade; cash for repairing of right wing of the building to increase CC’s capacity.

Twice visited CC “Kovcheg” (Pushcha-Vodytsia). CC was specialized on unaccompanied children. Now there are possibility to accommodate families. Currently there are 40 IDPs accommodated, 23 of them are adults. Needs - bed linen and microwave oven. All other needs are mostly addressed.

Problematic issues in region: CC in sanatorium in Letki and “Pobeda” sanatorium.

There are problems with utility tariffs - as buildings of CCs considered as non-residential, so tariffs are three times as high as for residential ones. People are ready to pay for utilities, but only in case they are charged as for residential buildings.

There is an option to sign an agreements with IDPs in CCs with foreseen payment for utilities and nutrition. Unfortunately, there are no documents from CCs administration regarding prices and agreement.

Letki, sanatorium of SE “Kyivskiy Metropolitan”. 102 IDPs at the moment of visit, 82 IDPs currently (as people tend to leave the country). Problems with employment due to distant locality and high transportation prices. Quantity of humanitarian actors rendering assistance has decreased since summer. The UNHCR together with Crimea-SOS delivered blankets and distributed regardless vulnerability criteria. The most pressing needs are food and medicines.

ACTION POINT - refer respective problems to UNDP Early Recovery Cluster.

Currently in Kyiv city and region there are less than 5% of IDPs live in collective centers. First line reception - around 10%.

Necessity of long-term solutions are pressing right now.

ACTION POINT: Currently the profiling of IDPs is ongoing, as soon as results are available - they will be shared with the WG.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Briefing on clusterization and main objectives of Shelter/NFI cluster (Andrii Mazurenko)

Brief information regarding Cluster structure has been presented. PPP with details to be distributed together with the minutes of the meeting.

ACTION POINT: to distribute PPP on Cluster approach.

AGENDA ITEM - 5. Update on financial assistance & grants programme

Currently 9 organizations implement cash projects in Ukraine: Save the Children, Caritas Ukraine, IOM, DRC, IRC, PCMC, ADRA, People in Need, UNHCR.

Spilka Samarytian Ukrainy, project for 3 regions has been launched with cash element, assistance for accommodation (nearly 300 persons) + in-kind assistance. Spilka Samarytian. 3 hostels in Kyiv, accommodation for IDPs is paid for (till 25 april). Food packages. Database of beneficiaries is maintained.

UNHCR. 11 regions participated in cash assistance program. 12000 IDPs received targeted assistance in amount of 22 mln UAH. The biggest problem during the project is documenting eligibility of potential beneficiaries and paperwork. 10 more regions are in waiting list for similar projects. 1094 families are currently in the list for pre-selection. Grant projects program has been finished. 36 grants for business and improvement of living conditions have been issued in Kyiv city and Region. Post-project monitoring is ongoing, results will be available as soon as ready.

ACTION POINT: Provide results of the monitoring of grant project to be shared with WG members as soon as available.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Updates on Shelter/NFI assistance & developments

Kyiv Regional State Administration. Joint cash project with UNHCR has been implemented. 1st stage has covered 221 families (810 persons) and amounted to 1348500 UAH. Main problems during implementations: documenting eligibility, reluctance to open bank accounts, etc. 2nd stage: 237 families (826 persons) amount is 1428000 UAH.

Transfer of three family-type orphanage is planned for the nearest future from Donetsk.

Financial assistance to families of ATO participants is being provided: 1120 families received assistance in amount of 5.5 mln UAH.

New project to be implemented with the EU targeted at accommodation, reconciliation and adaptation of IDPs during 1.5 year period.

State Emergency Service of Ukraine. 30558 IDPs are now present at the territory of Kyiv region according to SES statistics.

Situation with “Peremoha” sanatorium to be taken under personal control of SES representative.

The roadmap for internally displaced persons has been mentioned – it be found at the web-site of SES.

“Soty” NGO. The organization cares for nearly 50 IDPs in CC. People have been evicted from the hosting family and NGO hosted them at hostel at P.Lumumby street. There is increase of cases of illnesses and serious medical conditions among IDPs: cardio diseases, oncology, diabetes, strokes, etc. Local authorities are highly cooperative as well as employers. Needs: bed linen, food, clothes, basic household items. All kids from CC attend schools and kindergartens. Also cultural needs of IDPs are met.

Crimea SOS. 36 grants in average amount 3000 USD have been given to IDPs, 14 of them used to improve living conditions (others – for business purposes). Post-project monitoring of cash project and grants is ongoing, results will be shared as soon as available. 2000 blankets from UNHCR have been distributed, more to arrive soon.

Needs: kitchen items, blankets, bed linen.

Trainings for IDPs: employment-related issues (3 courses 100 persons each). Non-discrimination advocacy campaign is ongoing. All-Ukrainian trainings for volunteers (60+ persons attended) and charitable organizations have been conducted. Training for media on IDP thematic is planned. Photography exhibition to start on February 5. FC “Arsenal” started to provide regular assistance to IDPs through Crimea-SOS.

ACTION POINT: Provide results of the monitoring of grant project to be shared with WG members as soon as available.

OSCE. The organization conducts monitoring and assessment with further provision of information to the UNHCR Starting from next week CCs visits will resume.

Academy of financial management. Groups for IDPs have been organized to provide social communication. Problem with employment reported. Contact with NGO “Station Kharkiv” has been recommended.

There is geriatric sanatorium in Chernihiv region, which can be used as CC for vulnerable IDPs after repairing. Approximately 3 mln UAH needed, all interested parties are welcome to assist.

ACTION POINT: some points related to protection to be addressed to Protection Cluster.

Social protection department of Kyiv Regional State Administration. The department is waiting for information regarding cash assistance project in Kyiv.

20.5 thousand families registered as internally displaced. 17.5 thousand of IDPs requested state assistance, nearly 16 thousand received state assistance.

Unfortunately, with staff shortages (administrative staff and social workers on-site), the department have limited possibilities to assist IDPs.

ACTION POINT: to consider a possibility to conclude a common claim from civil society actors to the CMU regarding shortage of social protection personnel.

IHRC. The organization maintains call-centres in Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Chernihiv, Kyiv regions. Call-centres provide assistance in legal issues, property rights re-establishment, etc. 8 more permanent consultation centres are to be established. Negotiations with donors regarding establishment of long-term accommodation for IDPs are ongoing. Representatives of donor organizations are ready to visit and select the objects to invest. In Kirovograd potential object has 150 families capacity, in Dnepropetrovsk – 300 families.

Regional SES headquarters in Kyiv city. Brief information on strategic and practical aspects of civil protection in Kyiv cityregion has been provided. An e-mail address to use for requests regarding civil protection czkiev@ukr.net. 2 coordination groups have been established: central and operative (central railway station). There are objects potentially available for temporary accommodation, but with inappropriate living conditions. Unfortunately, SES cannot receive any assets and is not exempt from tax.

“Kolovorot” NGO. “Peremoha” and “Ukraina” sanatoriums in Vorzel, Kyiv region. Nearly 100 IDPs are accommodated in there, mostly children and elderly. People are isolated from society, the sanatorium is not appropriate for families. High debts for utilities cause regular cuts of electricity and heating. Fire happened in the sanatorium, no one has been harmed, but the situation has exposed a problem with fire safety (no evacuation plans, extinguishers, personnel trainings). Checks and trainings by the SES are highly needed. IDPs are ready to pay for the utilities, but the documentation need to be brought in line with the legislation.

ACTION POINT: request for visit if SES specialists for check and training on fire safety to be sent to the SES.

Honest and Holy Country. CC at Chervonohvardiiska street in Kyiv with nearly 150 persons accommodated. New NGO “Donbas Children” has been established to assist in Zaporizhzhia, Berdiansk and Dzerzhinsk. Considerable displacement increase occurs due to ongoing fighting. Negotiations with SE “Kyivenergo” is on-going. SE reported that there will be no cuts of electricity due to utility debts. Post-payment of electricity bills has been agreed. Problem of change of premises status from non-residential to residential with the view to decrease utility payments.

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ACTION POINT: the next meeting to be held in two weeks.

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