

WINTERIZATION TWiG MEETING MINUTES

Date: 07 June -2022
Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting
Participants:

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review and finalize the SC winterization strategy
3. AOB

1. Introductions

- SCC opened the meeting proceedings

2. Review and finalize the SC winterization strategy

- SCC presented the winterization draft strategy for inputs and comments from partners, including reviewing the approach, activities as well as estimation of targets and costs. The draft strategy is attached.

Comments;

- PIN proposed making the targeting more urban/rural, IDP receiving areas, liberated areas and conflict affected areas as per the different priorities in the different areas, as it is currently centred on western and eastern oblasts. There is need to set minimum standards of winterization in the strategy.
- SCC concurred with considering the specific vulnerabilities of urban/rural oblasts and noted that this will be added as step number two of the strategy formulation process.
- UNHCR noted that some proposed activities such as solid fuel, winter clothing sets need to be reviewed and updated.
- Daniel: noted that they are planning to do low energy supplies and proximity activities and will be piloting these before the coming winter.
- Partners were requested to provide their inputs on gaps to the SC team as key aspects of the document will be presented to donors on 8th June.
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UNOPS TWG on District Heating;

- UNOPS has established a TWG on district heating within the WASH cluster. The TWG conducted its first meeting with the Ministry of Region and Ministry of Energy, Fish and Sea. The difference with the SC strategy is that the SC TWG is targeting IDPs, vulnerable groups and providing individual heating items whereas the UNOPS TWG focuses more on large scale repair of heating systems in cities. There are also discussions about mobile boiler houses that can provide heating to some parts of the cities during emergencies. Coordination between the TWG on district heating and Winterization TWG was emphasized so as to find common solutions. The TWG was formed in the WASH cluster because the WASH infrastructure is linked to the district heating infrastructure.
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- An assessment on the damaged infrastructure will be conducted and tasks will be distributed to partners in the WASH cluster as well as some organizations from the SC who have also joined the

District Heating TWG. A plan of repairs and mobile boilers houses that will be used where it is not possible to repair damaged infrastructure will be made in coordination with the Ministry of Region.

- The TWG will only focus on repair of the district heating systems and not maintenance.
- SCC asked how the TWG is prioritising urban and rural areas. UNOPS noted that urban areas, initially cities with totally destroyed heating systems, will be targeted. Information on the technical specifications of the boilers will be shared bilaterally through email to those who require it.
- The GSC Coordinator noted that the humanitarian community and donors are interested on winterization and there will be a lot of expectations on the Winterization TWG to prioritise gathering data on targets and costs as well as ensure a broad-based response in terms of activities and geographic targeting.
- PIN noted that winter comes early in Ukraine and a lot has to be done in the next four months, and also highlighted procurement and logistics as key constraints. The priority for PIN will be to seal buildings first. GSC Coordinator asked if PIN has looked into current heating costs taking into consideration expectations of inflation, supply regularity and impact of currency devaluation. PIN noted that this is expected as it also happened last year and targets were significantly reduced.
- A question was asked about what the duration is for the cost per household activity on cash for rent which is indicated as \$100 per family. The answer was that it is for a six months duration.
- IOM is exploring possibilities of addressing needs through cash in areas with working markets. More details will be shared in the coming week.
- IFRC will share list of NFIs they have available in-country.
- NRC is planning to distribute winterisation kits in conflict-affected oblasts in the East.
- GSC Coordinator highlighted the importance of coordination in partner response to avoid duplication.
- New Way team is in Kyvska and Chernihivska oblasts to assess WASH and Shelter needs in collective centres. NFI kits and emergency shelter kits are planned for distribution.
- R2P noted that there is unconfirmed information that in September, schools will re-open and people who are staying in schools will have to leave and find other places of accommodation. This is expected to happen close to winter and should be taken into consideration. GSC Coordinator noted that it is important to know where the 1.1 million displaced people are so that when decongestion of schools begin, the SC and CCCM will be able to support in finding alternative accommodation.

3. AOB

- NRC link to findings and recommendations of the Cash for Rent assessment will be shared through email to partners who request access.
- Cash for Rent TWG whose objective is to have a harmonized and standardized approach to cash for rent will be on Thursday at 10:00am to 11:30 am.