

MEETING NOTES

- *Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster WG Meeting*
- *Venue: UNHCR Office (16 Lavrska Str.)*
- *Date: March 23rd, 2015*

Emergency Shelter/NFI Cluster Working Group meeting

Agenda

1. Introduction, presentation of participants; 5 min - Igor
2. Review of the previous meeting decisions, 5 min – Andrii
3. Update on summary of PDM findings, 10 min – Igor
4. Update on recent statistics, 5 min – Katya
5. Update on decentralization of coordination, 5 min - Andrii
6. Update on Cluster reporting, 10 min – Andrii
7. Updates from Participants (Shelter, NFI, Cash); 35 min
8. AOB; 5 min

ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
Cluster to prepare a Summary Report to be published	Cluster team	Asap
To communicate time and place of meeting in Dnipropetrovsk	Cluster team	Asap
To share minutes from meetings in Kharkiv and Sloviansk	Cluster team	Asap
All Cluster partners to report on three months through Enketo	All partners	By the end of week
Raise at Inter-cluster meeting the necessity to pay more attention to single males	CC	At ICG

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Introduction, presentation of participants

All the participants have presented themselves briefly.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Review of the previous meeting decisions

The majority of decisions from previous meeting were successfully implemented. Pending issue:

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Update on summary of PDM findings

Draft Summary report has been presented briefly to the Cluster partners. It will include inputs from 5 organizations that have now completed post distribution monitoring of cash assistance (ADRA, PiN, IOM, Caritas and UNHCR). The participants have agreed that Cluster team finalized the text and shares for comments with respective focal points from each organization that has provided input. English text to be published on Wednesday, translated uu

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- Cluster to prepare a Summary Report to be published.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Update on recent statistics

Regular maps were presented at the meeting to the participants as usual (see as follows with comments):

1. General displacement overview map per region based on data provided by the Ministry of Social Policy as of 16 March 2015 in accordance with registration procedure under Government Resolution 509 of 1 October 2015. Quantity of IDPs increases in all key regions. Total quantity of IDPs is 1,152,000 persons;
2. Donetsk regional displacement map. Total quantity of IDPs is 416,800 persons;
3. Kharkiv regional displacement map. Though the region is still among leading in terms of displacement, the influx becomes lower.
4. Dnipropetrovsk regional displacement map. General trend is increasing, but some districts remain with no changes (coloured in grey), some demonstrate decrease (coloured in blue).

Decreases in some cases may depend on possibility to cross conflict zone frontiers through checkpoints (in some access is limited).

All maps with concrete data are available at GG as well as at www.sheltercluster.org and www.humanitarianresponse.info .

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Update on decentralization of coordination

Two coordination meetings – in Kharkiv and in Sloviansk - took place during the previous week. Minutes will be shared with participants as soon as available. Regular meeting in Dnipropetrovsk is postponed as UNHCR office is moving to the new premises. Time and venue of next meeting to be communicated separately.

ACTION POINTS:

- To communicate time and place of meeting in Dnipropetrovsk;
- To share minutes from meetings in Kharkiv and Sloviansk.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - Cluster reporting presentation

Cluster will report on achievements for January-March 2015 by 10 April 2015. This should be done through <https://4f2xz.enketo.org/webform>. Then, reports will be produced monthly. Already many thanks to: Chesna i svyata kraina (initiative Group "East-Kyiv-Help"), Caritas Ukraine, Save the Children, ADRA, HIA-Hungary, DRC, UNHCR for filling out Enketo web-form.

Products to be released:

- Operational presence(all Clusters);
- # beneficiaries per Cluster/activity
- Operational presence per district/activity (shelter/NFI);
- Coverage / gap analysis per district / activity;
- Contact lists of focal points;
- Factsheet;
- Special reports;
- Any other products as agreed by the Cluster.

Information is published at:

- 1) Google Group - <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!/forum/ukraineshelternfi>
- 2) Global Shelter Cluster web-page <http://www.sheltercluster.org/response/ukraine>
- 3) humanitarianresponse.info

ACTION POINTS:

- All Cluster partners to report on three months through Enketo.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Updates from Participants (Shelter, NFI, Cash)

SES. 800,832 IDPs registered (780,475 from East, 20,457 – from Crimea). 28,270 persons approached checkpoints to leave NGCAs. Over 4000 persons were transported from Sloviansk and Kramatorsk.

MRD. 862 venues have been allocated to accommodate some 15,000 IDPs, including those in need of residential care, special medical treatment, etc. Transit camps in Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia and Dnipropetrovsk regions – 82 houses with 3008 persons capacity are ready (639 already accommodated). Psychological assistance has been rendered to 146,886 persons, including 40,791 children. Over 4000 mines and UXO were discovered and disposed. Over 1000 ha of land and water were checked. In order to receive information regarding mined and de-mined zones official request is to be directed to ATO headquarters, as full information is available only that way.

MSP. 1,164,886 IDPs have been registered with MSP (854,295 families). 318,022 applied for state cash assistance, 292,607 were assigned such assistance. 967,933 applications have been made to Pension fund in order to re-register pension payments at GCAs of Ukraine, 801,839 re-registrations were made. 41,123 persons were assigned other types of state assistance.

Over 100,000 workable adults have been displaced. Only near 30,000 approached State Employment Center. People are sometimes reluctant to inform about their unemployment status due to fear of being drafted to armed forces.

The Government has made a decision on extension of financial assistance to IDPs for the next period (6 months). Draft Resolution is ready and is now under consideration with central executive bodies. Another Resolution has been adopted; it provides increase of compensation for persons with disabilities to equal minimum wage (989 UAH). Mentioned payments to be made from State Budget (currently – from Reserve Fund).

DRC. Given the start of sowing campaign the problem of landmines and UXO becomes even more pressing at NGCAs and re-taken territories. SES special de-mining units do not have enough capacity to clear all territories. Currently, armed forces mostly inform local population on whether area is or is not mined.

IHRC – last Friday a workshop has been held in Kyiv (self-employment, re-registration, ownership rights). Weekly in each centre (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk) there is 20-25 persons that receive such kind of services. 8 persons were sent to Poland for traineeship in Polish companies with branches in Kyiv. International Committee for Support of Ukraine is in process of registration. Last week in Kyiv/Chernihiv/Severodonetsk first humanitarian assistance has been provided.

PiN: Assessment in Kamianka and Nikishyno were held. 250 blankets have been distributed in Kamianka, as well as ruberoid and timber in Nikishino. Heaters have been distributed in Debaltseve. Assessment is on-going in Pervomaisk, where Shelter/NFI needs are huge.

DRC. Cash project - 121 cash payments were done in Dnipropetrovsk and Mariupol. Totally 2541 payments were made within the framework of the project so far. Mariupol is at focus at the moment. There is more funding in pipeline by DFID, OFDA, ECHO and UNHCR, so new projects to follow. Assistance will be targeted at acute emergency shelter/light and medium repairs/ bomb shelter needs.

As new projects are planned along the conflict line and inside the conflict zone, technical details of implementation are closely considered. Organizations' staff report that the problem of access is more severe in GCA then in NGCA.

ADRA 2100 NFI vouchers in cooperation with METRO store have already been distributed. 2,800 persons are planned for psychosocial assistance. 800 HHs were identified for more assistance. Project funded by Czech MFA has been started. Within the framework of in 2 CCs out of 7 have received assistance (doors, windows, equipment, etc.).

Ukrainian Orthodox Church has been providing assistance to IDPs since the beginning of the conflict and displacement. Summary of what has been done. Department of social issues of UOC has started support in summer with shelter for IPDs. Over 80 persons were evacuated to Orthodox shelter in cooperation for Rinat Akhmetov Foundation. Now the project is finished. The new one is led by "Center of humanitarian aid for IDPs". 3000 IDPs constantly get aid in form of food and hygiene items. The organization is open for cooperation (contacts are available from Shelter/NFI team).

IOM: 300 more HHs assisted with cash grants in addition to 6500.

IFRC - finalizing scoping mission this week. New appeal to be launched next month. 100,000 totally targeted to improve living conditions. 20 % for Kyiv, 20 % for Western Ukraine Kozelshchyna CCs (45 hygiene, wash and food sets) with the support of Luxembourg Red Cross.

Crimea SOS – winter clothing/blankets. 10,000 USD from Canadian fund to purchase medicines, hygiene. Last week there were courses launched for IDPs. Milk to be distributed.

Save Ukraine – last week two humanitarian cargoes in were sent to Selidovo (children goods, hygiene and medicines).

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe: funding received for 1,700 HHs for e-vouchers for Kharkiv/Dnipropetrovsk, including single males (750, 350 UAH). Winterization component for autumn for the East - 900 clothing sets/blankets. And 2,000 adult blankets.

UNHCR: supply update: Core Relief items arrive tomorrow: buckets, jerry cans, plastic sheets and jerry cans. Timber procurement has been finalized. By tomorrow there will be two more: transparent film and shifter. Cement to be launched.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – AOB

Two questions were raised during the meeting: existing standards in Shelter/NFI and applicability of SPHERE standards in Ukraine and single males as beneficiaries and vulnerable category.

1. Square metres per person: SPHERE were designed more for camp response, while in Ukraine this is less applicable with population spread all over the country. Good indicator is number of persons per room and number of rooms. Moreover, hot water, insulation are usually available. 20 square metres in Ukraine is standard, so the middle would be make the better solution. NFI: set of NFI has never been formalized, thus it would make sense to make a list of indispensable items (bedding, clothing, jerry cans for NGCA).

For winterization the main concern was the increase in availability of electric equipment (putting more stress on wiring).

UNHCR PDM shows how many persons per room there are in locations. As it has been shown, the majority stay in normal conditions with less risk of over-occupancy, while some part is at risk.

2. Single male as beneficiaries. Many single males are not registered for the reason of fear of being drafted and have less job opportunities. If people are not registered, there are also problems with taxation, as organizations then have to pay more taxes. The issue should be discussed within Protection Cluster more closely.

ACTION POINTS:

- Raise at Inter-cluster meeting the necessity to pay more attention to single males.

3W	Who is doing What Where?
4W	Who is doing What Where and When?
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AOB	any other business
IDP	internally displaced person
IHRC	International Human Rights Commission
ICRC	International Committee of Red Cross
IRD	International Relief and Development

NFI	Non-food item
NRC	Norway Refugee Council
SES	State Emergency Service of Ukraine
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WJR	World Jewish Relief
PDM	Post distribution monitoring
HH	Household
NGCA	Non-Government controlled area

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