

POLAND SHELTER / HOUSING /ACCOMODATION SECTOR

MINUTES OF MEETING 22 March 2023

Meeting details		
Date and time	22.03.2023 / 14.00pm	
Chair and Co-chair	Livas Spyridon, UNHCR – Alicja Szczutowska, Habitat for Humanity	
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Agenda

- 1. Habitat for Humanity presentation of long-term housing modalities (SRP/SRA) by Agnieszka Głusińska, Senior Manager for Housing Programs.
- 2. Update from Podkarpackie by CORE and Basic Needs working group including:
 - 2.1. Possible upcoming shortage in assistance + Q&A
 - 2.2. NFI needs list in CCs
- 3. Presentation of Collective Center and Communal Housing Standards guidelines final version + Q&A
- 4. Open discussion on activities/indicators list
- 5. Reminder next deadline for Activity Info reporting 31st March
- 6. Update of "Refugee coordination model"
- 7. Any other business
 - 7.1. Podkarpackie Communal Shelter Managers Group (CSMG)
 - 7.2. Update on PESEL deactivation status

Participants				
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Alexandre Corriveau-Bourque

Agnieszka Głusińska

Aleksandra Perczyńska

Jack Haffner (online)

Irka Jazukiewicz (online)

Vasiliki Gavala (online)

Kamila Radosz (online)

Alexandra Groszek (online)

Anna Romanko (online)

Joanna Papis (online)

Agnieszka Nosowska (online)

Anton Korolov (online)

Yana Polish (online)

Magdalena Bubniak (online)

Verent Solutions

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Ukrainian House / Our Choice

NRC

Lena Grochowska Foundation

Crossborder Civilians

Stowarzyszenie Mudita

Polish Humanitarian Action

Polish Center for International Aid (PCPM)

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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
1	Agnieszka Głusińska from Habitat for Humanity made a presentation on long-term housing modalities (SRP/SRA) implemented in Warsaw and Gliwice (Silesia) urban areas. These modalities make housing units available at an affordable price for population that cannot afford the private rental market by offering other types of compensation to the apartments owners, as tax reduction or higher tenancy security. It is important to differentiate between:	 HfH presentation enclosed with these minutes. More information: aglusinska@habitat.pl
	 SRA (Social rental agency) – that is a statutory model allowing municipalities to lease flats or single-family homes and rents those to physical persons appointed by the local authorities (legal definition). SRA may be run by an NGO or a municipal company (owned in over 50% by the local authorities) on the basis of agreement with the municipality, In SRA it is mandatory that the local authority (municipality or "gmina") to participate. NGO can manage its functioning but always associated with local government entity. In Poland currently the SRA modality is still not yet widely known. Habitat for Humanity is advocating for its implementation providing workshops, webinars and consultancies to interested entities across Poland. 	



• SRP (Social Rental Program) - is similar in its aim, but as it is a NGO-funded program the local administration doesn't need to be involved. Habitat for Humanity has been piloting and implementing it since 2017 and now they are using their previous experience for the Ukrainian Response. Through SRP refugees are provided with apartments, fully or partially subsidized (depending if there are able to access the job market if supported) as well as with lease assistance, and social inclusion activities.

Currently, HfH is working on piloting a new modality of program which will provide support in a less intensive way, to be able to scale up the program reducing the high case management work which a SRP involves.

2 Jack Haffner from CORE, made an update from Podkarpackie Voivodeship.

Although Podkarpackie has been considered a transit zone and even if currently the number of border crossings came back to a pre-war level, the new arrivals now have a higher percentage of serious trauma and vulnerabilities, elderly, people with disabilities, mental health issues etc. Podkarpackie was considered since the beginning as the transit zone by the authorities, but the consequence is that it receives very little support from Voivodship for CCs support. Therefore, there's also not many CCs operated by local authorities in the region, the TESCO was a main point providing assistance and it is due to be closed fully by the end of April.

Transition between Tesco transit center and the Bilana facility in Przemyśl should take place no later than March 30 however, TESCO can still operate until the end of April to ensure a smooth transfer with overlap cushion. By 25-30th March Bilana center will become operational. The transit center in Rzeszów called Full Market closed down due to a lack of funding. After that it was observed that more people were seen sleeping in train stations in Rzeszow or nearby in Medyka. Also the private/NGO site managers informed they do not receive the 40zl contribution since November and they are running out of funds.

Shkelqim Shehu, coordinator of the Basic Needs working group shared a list of NFI support needed in:

- Bilana Collective Center: <u>2023 03 25 BILANA needs Humanitarian Aid Centre in Przemyśl.xlsx</u>
- POSiR Collective Center: 2023 03 01 POSIR needs.xlsx

 URGENT! Call for Partners at the national level who have resources and would be able to fill the existing gaps in Podkarpackie:

More info:

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 Find enclosed the list. For more information please contact: jack.haffner@coreresponse.org shehu@unhcr.org.



3	Final version of technical guidelines for collective centers and communal housing prepared by the Shelter Sector was presented. Collective Centers standards - technical guidelines for Poland .pdf	Guidelines distributed with this minutes, uploaded on the SS SharePoint and UHNCR Open Data Portal.
		 Although the version it is in its last stage, please let us know if you have comments to do before we will endorse on 5th April meeting.
4	2022 / 2023 reporting on Shelter activities has been very scarce. Due to insufficient clarity on indicators to be reported against, a list with reviewed indicators was prepared and discussed with UNHCR (in regards to the Activity Info reporting). This new list of activities and indicators was presented in the meeting and we would need a feedback before 31 March , to move on rephrasing or adding new indicators on Activity Info.	 Feedback from Partners needed by 5th April meeting since we are aiming to include them on the next round of Activity Info reporting.
	■ <u>TBD - Shelter sector new indictors_update.docx</u>	
5	 31st March Deadline for January and February reporting 10th April Deadline for March reporting RRP2023 Reporting Manual v.1.1 (ENG).pdf 	 If you experience problems reporting to Activity Info please contact <u>abdyussuf@iom.int</u>, Information Manager from Shelter Sector, which can help you to complete the report.
6	UNHCR presented the new refugee coordination model as of 2 nd March. Shelter Working Group turned into → Shelter / Housing / Accommodation Sector Poland RCF coordination March 2023.pdf	Find enclosed the scheme with the new model
7	Podkarpackie Communal Shelter Managers Group (CSMG) will have their first meeting/workshop on 24 th March.	 Shelter Sector Coordinator will attend the meeting and update during our next meeting on 5th April.
	Update on PESEL – deactivation status - Active PESEL registrations by the end of February dropped to 991,329, according to GoP data → LINK	See more information in the link on the power point.



- **Anna Romanko**, colleague from Stowarzyszenie Mudita, informed that they have place for 20 people in their reception point in Kraków for people with disabilities and chronic diseases.
- Contact Anna for more information: anna.romanko@stowarzyszeniemudita.pl

Next meeting 05 APRIL 2022 / IOM office Wiejska 12, 2nd floor / 2PM Warsaw

Please, feel free to reach the coordinators, to indicate the most interesting topics for your organization.

Kindly ask other organizations you might know working on Shelter/Housing/Accommodation who might not be aware of the group to join us!