### Basic Needs Working Group Meeting - Winterization Planning

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### Agenda

**AGENDA**

1. Introduction and background
2. Winterization Planning
3. Updates from Partners

### Information collection and relevant links

### Participants

- UNHCR
- Keystone Moldova
- Concordia Moldova
- WFP
- ACTED
- CRS
- DRC
- World Vision
Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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| Agenda point 1 Introduction and background | • Winterization taskforce-convened in June and held a number of meetings since then with a focus on planning the 2023 – 2024 winter response  
• The taskforce has identified two core data collection initiatives:  
  -HH survey (to be conducted in person and remotely through phone), and  
  -Community Infrastructure assessment (a technical assessment of physical infrastructure)  
• HH survey data collection has since commenced and is at 30% completion as of today.  
• Above data will complement information obtained from lessons learnt from previous winterization campaign survey as conducted by ACTED/INGO Forum.  
• More information will be shared in the coming week as the assessments progress.  
• Winterization data collection: Inter-Agency to communicate through the various working groups on the modality for collection winterization plan. | UNHCR to share when ActivityInfo platform for winterization is open for reporting. |
| Agenda point 2 Winterization Planning-Overview | The winterization interventions are focused on the following:  
• **Accommodation**  
  ➢ Collective Centers (RACs)  
  ➢ Private Settings  
• **Community Infrastructure**  
• **Border crossing points**  
• **NFI Distribution** |
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<th>Winterization support to BCPs</th>
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<td>- RACs that will remain open at the end of the year will be prioritized to withstand winter season-insulation to be done by partners.</td>
<td>- Together with local authorities, the Winterization Taskforce has identified 12 community infrastructure to be supported</td>
<td>- Tents at BCPs are properly insulated, and heating provided</td>
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<td>- Refugees in private accommodation, and hosting families to be supported including with utility bills payment</td>
<td>A technical assessment of these community infrastructure to be conducted by TF so as to better inform actual intervention.</td>
<td>- WASH sub-WG insulation of WASH facilities at the borders. Despite this having been done in the previous winter, some enhancement might need to be done this year as well.</td>
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<td>- HH survey results will be used to inform partners on support with insulation</td>
<td>- Prioritized community infrastructures to be supported with essential maintenance and insulation</td>
<td>- Provision of snacks for refugees crossing BCPs (WFP and Food Security partners)</td>
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**Partners** to inform the Inter Agency platform on their NFI distribution activities

**UNHCR** to share the assessment findings by mid-September.
| Agenda point 3  
Updates from partners | **NFI distribution**  
- Hygiene kits by WASH sub-WG. Hygiene kit composition to be shared.  
- Composition of core NFI for winter to be shared by all partners (It will not be prioritized)  

**World Vision** informed on their interventions for the hosting families as below:  
- Winter kits distribution to people in RACs and orphan children  
- Planning to reach 400 people. 900 people for both host families and refugees  
- On 01/08 started a market assessment for winterization kits that will finish on 01/09  
- This will inform necessary support to people with disabilities, distribution of winter kits mainly clothes.  

Keystone Moldova will be partnering with WV in voucher for vulnerable Moldovans with ongoing assessment to be completed in September, as well as medical based support to vulnerable populations.  

**CRS:** Accommodation program cash for host families for Moldovan and refugees.  
- Cash assistance of 350 Euros to 200 vulnerable households (for firewood, utility bills etc)  
- Small repairs are ongoing but they are not winter specific |
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| **WFP**: Continue with support to vulnerable Moldovan families.  
- Provision of food at BCP (Palanca and Otaci), distribution of snack packs. They will continue the activity until the end of year and will give more updates in October.  
- The number of people arriving is lower but there has been a spike this month  
- Contingency plan is in place (distribution of vouchers at the borders) |
| **UNHCR**: From last year’s winterization exercise no gaps were identified in NFI needs, so this year it will not be prioritized. Core items are the hygiene kits. Need to check the composition of the NFI kits |
| **Concordia Moldova**: Provision of sanitary packages to 200 refugee families and 200 hosting families. 1000 people to receive sanitary packages.  
- Available 32 accommodation spaces in Orhei and Chisinau. Provision of food and services like HPSS. So far, all residents have temporary protection (TP) |
| **DRC**: Signed an MOU with the Ministry of Interior for interventions in the Asylum center and the reparation of WASH facilities in the building.  
**UNHCR**: Last year there was a firewood distribution as part of the government’s interventions. Organizations need to be ready to support this year too in case there would be similar efforts. |
| **Next meeting**: Basic Needs Working Group Meeting, 4th September 2023 |