

Coordination meeting

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Date: 15.06.2023 (Thursday)

Time: 11.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Place: Lublin Voivodship Office, column room

The main points of the agenda

Introduction and opening remarks

Bolesław Gzik - Deputy Governor of Lublin Voivodeship

- The Deputy Governor of Lublin referred to the need for the Lublin Coordination Group as a unique platform for cooperation and information exchange between the governmental, municipal and non-governmental sectors in Lubelskie Voivodeship.
- As of 15.06.2023, only one reception point in Lubelskie Voivodeship (Tomaszów Lubelski) hosts 11 people. No refugees are currently staying in the remaining reception points.
- There are 3597 persons accommodated in places of collective accommodation in Lubelskie Province (15.06.2023). After an observed significant decrease in the number of persons between the months of January and April, the number has remained stable since the second half of April.
- 92 people staying in collective accommodation contribute to the cost of living. 983 persons were qualified for exclusion from participation due to difficult living situations.

Marco Procaccini – UNHCR

- UNHCR undertook intensive monitoring of the influx of people following the recent dramatic events in Ukraine, which affected a very large population after the flooding, including the Cherson area. Border crossings and reception points, as well as train and bus stations, were monitored, but we found no significant changes in arrival trends.
- The upcoming celebration of World Refugee Day on 20 June and the very exciting programme presented jointly by more than 18 institutions and organisations is an opportunity to use this date as a tool for inclusion and integration.
- The low enrolment rate of children in Polish schools, including in the Lublin region, remains a concern. We are all aware that school is not only a place to learn didactic content, but also a safe space, a space for socialisation, a place where friendships are made. The most important reasons:
 - In the first few months of arriving in Poland, for many refugees the returns was very real, which in some ways inhibited their interest in enrolling their children in schools and relying on Ukrainian online schooling as a way of maintaining an educational network and access to education content. However, 16 months after the war, when the possibility of return is still very uncertain, the decision to enrol children in a Polish school should no longer be postponed.
 - The second issue is to make sure that all obstacles that might prevent children from enrolling in schools have been minimised or, if possible, removed. Among these, we heard directly from



refugees, is the fear that new pupils may become targets of bullying from classmates. We should be confident that school is a safe place, a place where discrimination, bullying or any other action that may affect physical and mental wellbeing is prevented and eliminated.

Oleh Kuts – Consul General of Ukraine in Lublin

- The Consul General of Ukraine in Lublin expressed his deep thanks to all actors involved in assisting Ukrainian citizens and appreciated the existence of the Lubelskie Coordination Group.
- The reactivation of the UKR status for persons returning from Ukraine to Poland still remains a major challenge, as there are observed cases of non-reactivation of the status, despite declarations to leave the country due to the ongoing armed conflict at border crossings. The Consulate General of Ukraine is cooperating with the Border Guard and the Government of the Republic of Poland in this regard, seeking lasting solutions.
- Oleh Kuts addressed the issue of children and young people from Ukraine attending schools online and shared the need to enrol children in residential schools in Poland.

UNHCR Protection Sector updates in Lublin Voivoidship

Felicia Byrne – UNHCR

- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Terminology:
Guidelines on PSEA Terminology and their recommended translation into Polish, provided by the PSEA Network in Poland. For 2023, the Network has identified it as a key priority to provide partners with further clarification and contextualisation in the Polish legal framework of general concepts and terminology in relation to PSEA, gender-based violence (GBV) and child protection (CP).
Available online: <https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/101118>
- Protection monitoring findings:
4,672 people interviewed in Lubelskie Province, in 18 different counties and 4 cities with county rights. For those interviewed in the last 5 months who indicated that they had arrived in the last 30 days, the majority came from:
 - Kharkiv Oblast (22%)
 - Kyiv region (15%)
 - Kyiv city (12%)
 - Volyn Oblast (10%)
 - Donetsk Oblast(7%)
- 37% of households have children; 10% of households are elderly living alone; 18% of households have a person with a serious health condition.

Education of children and young people from Ukraine in the Polish educational system - The Board of Education in Lublin

Aleksandra Sępoch – Board of Education in Lublin

- As of 15.06.2023, 5008 students from Ukraine are enrolled in schools in Lubelskie Voivodeship. Majority of students are enrolled in primary schools.





- One of the main challenges for Ukrainian students is their knowledge of the Polish language. To address this, schools organise additional Polish language classes.
- In the school year 2022/2023, the Board of Education in Lublin received 1 complaint concerning the presence of Ukrainian students in the Polish educational system. After investigation, the complaint was found to be unfounded.
- A serious problem is also the holiday period and the related accommodation in boarding schools of children and young people from Ukraine, who cannot return to Ukraine for the period July-August. The situation affects around 300 people in the Lublin Voivodeship.
- Ninety-three schools took part in the provincial competition "We are Together and Close to Each Other", organised by UNHCR, LUW in Lublin and the School Board in Lublin. The competition committee selected winners in two categories and awarded additional distinctions. The Board of Education in Lublin is impressed by the scale of the competition and the commitment to refugees that was illustrated in the competition entries.
- Schools have the opportunity to create preparatory wards for Ukrainian students. A school preparatory division is created by the authority that runs the school in which the students pursue their education in accordance with the core curriculum of general education. Pupils' education is implemented in accordance with the core curriculum of general education and adapted in terms of teaching content, methods and forms to the needs of pupils. The learning of the Polish language takes place according to the curriculum developed on the basis of the framework programme of Polish language courses for foreigners at a level of no less than 6 hours per week.
- During the meeting, the employment of female teachers from Ukraine who were employed under the "Cash for Work" programme conducted in cooperation with the Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM) and the American organisation CARE was discussed. The programme has employed 98 Ukrainian female teachers. The project ends in June 2023. The PCPM has transparently presented to the beneficiaries the stages of the end of the cooperation and offered additional support in finding employment. 18 will have their contracts extended until the end of October 2023.

Registration of Ukrainian refugees for financial support programmes in the Lublin region

Katarzyna Szumilak-Duda – Polish Center of International Help

- Amount of financial support:
The financial support is issued for each person in the family, up to a maximum of 4 people. In the case of a one-person family, the financial support amount is PLN 710, while in the case of larger families, each additional person receives PLN 610 (maximum PLN 2540 per 4-person family). The support is issued for 3 months.
- Criteria
- Not received 3 months cash aid for basic family needs from any humanitarian organisation in Poland (in the amount of 710/610 PLN) and not received 6 months aid from PCPM.





- Not receiving social assistance from the Polish state (except for the 500+ programme and other forms of subsidies up to the amount of PLN 200 per month).

- Qualification in one of the vulnerable groups:

Elderly persons (60+), in whose household (families living with them in Poland) there are no persons aged 18-59. People with a disability that significantly impedes their daily activities and access to work, with a maximum of 1 person in the household aged 18-59 (excluding them).

People with chronic illnesses or requiring regular treatment that significantly affects their daily activities and access to the labour market, with a maximum of 1 person in the household aged 18-59 (excluding them).

Details and form to register: [Rejestracja do pomocy pieniężnej dla osób z Ukrainy | Реєстрація на грошову допомогу](#) » Fundacja Polskie Centrum Pomocy Międzynarodowej (pcpm.org.pl)

Filip Bujnowski – Save the Children

- Amount of financial support
 - PLN 710 one-person household
 - PLN 610 up to 5 household membersDuration of financial support - 3 months
- Criteria:
 - Having a member with a disability, chronic illness, single parent or elderly living alone (or elderly living with children) or; Residing in government-supported collective accommodation or; Not generating income from work or generating income from negative coping strategies (borrowing, selling assets, spending savings).Priority is given to those meeting the following criteria:
 - household with elderly/ disabled/ chronically ill/ PLW
 - household headed by a woman (defined as any household with a registered head of household as a woman, despite the presence of men aged 18+)
 - household with 2+ children under 5 years of age
 - Households with elderly people
 - Inability to generate income from work.
- Details and contact: [Save the Children | Contact us | Poland](#)

Katarzyna Stachyra – UNHCR

- Amount of financial support:
 - Amount: PLN 820/person for 3 months. Maximum amount per family: PLN 3,200
 - Registration in Lubelskie Voivodeship: 20-25 persons per week
- Criteria
 - 6 basic criteria: elderly person, single carer of an elderly person or a young child, pregnant women, persons with disabilities, unaccompanied children, persons with chronic illnesses that affect daily functioning.
 - People who have already received financial assistance are not eligible





- The technical team analyses the cases of people who do not qualify according to the basic categories

- Registration process:
 - Identification: completion and submission of the form by the referrer
 - Applicant receives an SMS with the designated time and place of registration
 - Registration: Baobab; Home visit; Mobile registration
 - Details and up-to-date information: <https://help.unhcr.org/poland>

"Summer in the city" as an opportunity for integration activities during the summer holidays - PCPM

Ewelina Pysik - KReAdukcja Foundation for Educational Activities / Katarzyna Szumilak-Duda – PCPM

- Registration for the next edition of the 'Summer in the City' activities was launched on 12 June. The activities are co-financed by the Polish Centre for International Aid. Registration will be carried out directly with the organizers of the activities until the limit of places is reached. The activities are aimed at children from Poland and children with refugee experience. The activities for the integration of refugee children and young people are coordinated by the KReAdukcja Foundation for Educational Activities.
- Among the planned activities are: half-schools, classes in neighbourhoods, classes in libraries, sports activities, a number of activities carried out by cultural institutions in the city of Lublin.
- Details and up do date information at www.lato.lublin.eu. Registration in Ukrainian language at 516 833 840.

Psychological support for refugees from Ukraine. Web portal hosted by ADRA Poland

Jakub Juszczuk – Adra Poland

- Adra Poland runs a free of charge portal GiveAndGetHelp where you can find help and mutual support. The portal is run in Polish, Ukrainian and English.
- The services available include, among others, free on-call specialists, online chats and meetings with experts, content tailored and sorted according to the tag of the problem. The support offered is available 24 hours a day. Use of the service can be fully anonymous.
- Details at: GiveAndGetHelp.com - darmowa platforma wsparcia online - ADRA Polska

Other information

- Funding opportunities for Polish NGOs:
[Document - Poland: Funding Opportunities for Polish NGOs \(26 May 2023\) \(unhcr.org\)](#)

Action points

- To establish education working group - defining objectives, identifying problems, seeking solutions in the area of education, in particular before the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

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