

Subnational Partners Meeting in Dnipropetrovska oblast

Minutes | 27 February, 2024



Venue	5, Hostomelska str., Office of Caritas Donetsk based in Dnipro
Chaired by	Dmytro Tymchak, Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster Coordination Focal Point in Dnipropetrovska oblast
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Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction of Participants2. Cluster Overview for 20233. Presentation of the work by CF Altera+4. Partners' Update5. AOB
Participants	CO CF Caritas Donetsk based in Dnipro, CO CF Caritas Kamianske, International Rescue Committee (IRC), World Central Kitchen, NGO Altera+, CO CF Rise of Ukraine, Co CF Nasha Sprava Ukraina, REACH Impact, World Food Programme (WFP)

Introduction of Participants.

The meeting was attended by 13 representatives of 9 organizations working in the Dnipropetrovska oblast. We thank all our partners for their presence, personally at the office of Caritas Donetsk in Dnipro, and for participating in the discussion of pressing issues.

Cluster Overview in 2023

The results of the Cluster partners' work in Donetsk Oblast in 2023 are as follows:

According to Cluster Objective 1 - Food Security, in 2023, 39 reporting partners provided more than 2.46 million food parcels, excluding rapid response kits and hot meals. 70 p 86 communities received assistance to support food security in Dnipropetrovska oblast.

Under Cluster Objective 2 - Livelihoods Assistance, 15 reporting and 12 implementing partners conducted their activities in Dnipropetrovska oblast. Through active work, 82 out of 66 communities were covered by livelihoods assistance.

During the review of the [interactive dashboard](#) of the FSLC, which was presented in detail to all participants, the representatives of the Cluster answered questions from the audience. Having received information on the activities of the Cluster partners, they noted the need to strengthen reporting and coordination on the provision of food parcels in Dnipropetrovska oblast.

Presentation of the work by Altera+

Altera has been in existence for over seven years. During this time, a lot of good and useful things have been done both for society as a whole and for individual families.

The organization is registered on the website of the Ministry of Social Policy and is included in the register of social service providers.

The main activity of the Altera NGO is to provide assistance and influence the lives of alcohol and drug addicts in the format of psychosocial rehabilitation. During the existence of the Center for Psychosocial Recovery, two thousand three hundred and twenty-four people have participated in the program. About one thousand two hundred are in stable remission. One hundred and fifty-seven families have been created and restored.

In this area, the organization is also one of the organizers of international anti-drug forums, a regular participant in actions against drug legalization, and a participant in roundtables on combating and preventing alcoholism and drug addiction.

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The range of activities of the Altera NGO and the foundation's volunteer team is quite wide.

The groups of people who receive assistance include families in difficult life circumstances, large families, orphans, elderly people in nursing homes, temporarily displaced persons, and, of course, alcohol and drug addicts.

The foundation's volunteers regularly organize charity events to collect essential foodstuffs and then prepare food packages for those in need.

In cooperation with the Foundation, donors provide funds for the purchase of school equipment for children. The Foundation participates in the distribution of humanitarian aid received from partner organizations.

As an example, a year ago, together with the "In Mommy's Palms" charity foundation, our organization received and distributed humanitarian aid from Nike (Netherlands) - a batch of children's sports shoes. Thousands of children from disadvantaged families and orphans received sneakers from the famous brand.

The foundation's volunteers also carry out various activities to provide household technical assistance to various institutions.

Sports competitions are organized among young people.

Systematic actions are taken in cooperation with law enforcement agencies to remove advertisements on websites for the distribution of drugs from residential and communal property.

Since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, part of the activities have been aimed at helping those affected by the consequences of the war.

In particular, during the difficult times for Mykolaiv, our foundation delivered drinking water and food to the city's residents.

The Foundation pays attention to families who were forced to leave their homes and move to cities where there are no active hostilities due to Russian aggression.

Since last summer, the foundation has expanded its activities to include organizing children's parties for displaced children to distract them from the war.

Partners' Update

According to updates from partners, a representative of Raizes of Ukraine provided information that they plan to work in Devladiivska hromada in Kryvorizskiy raion starting next month. It is planned to provide 140 IDPs with food boxes and to additionally provide heating means (heaters) and blankets.

The IRC representative provided information on Livelihood, and the organization is currently actively looking for a partner to implement this area. This area will include support for own agriculture for beneficiaries in Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, Kharkiva and Donetska oblasts and activities aimed at retraining for employment of beneficiaries. It is planned that 400 beneficiaries will be covered during the implementation of this area.

Representatives of the Altera+ Charitable Foundation presented the work of the foundation. Today, the foundation takes care of 200 people of different ages from 16 to 45 and supports 20-50 families with food.

Assistance is provided subject to the availability of resources, primarily in cooperation with partners who provide various food products from which food packages are formed. Additionally, the foundation cooperates with the ICP. It is recommended to become partners of the Protection and ICP clusters.

Representatives of the "Our Business Ukraine" Charitable Foundation provided information that in January and February 2024, 18,000 food parcels were distributed in cooperation with WFP. The aid is being implemented in 6 communities of the Synelnykivskiy raion.

The assistance is provided to IDPs from vulnerable groups identified by the project.

The WCK representative provided information on the work on providing hot lunches to the needy. The foundation mainly responds to the consequences of rocket attacks and provides the victims with food.

They provided information that the foundation has created 4 response teams based in Dnipro, Pavlohrad, Kryvyi Rih and Nikopol.

The work of the response team consists of 3 stages:

1. Provision of high-calorie bars, etc.
2. Sandwiches

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3. Hot meals.

Representatives of the Charitable organization "Caritas Kamianske" reported that currently the food aid distribution activities are not significant due to lack of funding, but they manage to collect food packages and provide them to newly arrived IDPs on their own and thanks to donations.

A representative of Caritas Donetsk in Dnipro reported that currently only hot meals are distributed at a social cafe in Dnipro, with 170 hot meals being distributed daily.

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In the section on other issues, the Cluster coordinator in Dnipropetrovska oblast presented to the partners the received letters of appeal for assistance from the Kreminna Military administration and the Executive Committee of the Ukrainian Village Council and emphasized the needs of the hromadas. Additionally, the letters of appeal were posted in the Cluster's WhatsApp partner group, and feedback from those organizations that have the resources and can respond to the received appeals was emphasized.

Also, the partners discussed their readiness to provide assistance to newly arrived IDPs in the event of a mass evacuation of the population from the frontline areas.

The partners agreed to hold a follow-up meeting in the second half of March 2024. The approved agenda of the next regional coordination meeting will be communicated shortly before the meeting. Partners are encouraged to join the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster mailing list [by following this link to the online form](#). And to join the working group of the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster in Dnipropetrovska oblast [by following this link](#).