

Sub-national partners meeting in Poltavaska oblast



Minutes | July 14, 2023

- Chair:** Daryna Kolisnyk, coordinator FSL sub-cluster in Poltavaska oblast.
- Agenda:**
1. Partners introduction.
 2. Food security and livelihoods updates in Poltavaska oblast.
 3. Gap analysis at the rayon/hromada level.
 4. Discussion on the meetings frequency.
 5. Partners updates.
- Participants:** OCHA, IAC ISHR, NGO «Divergent Woman», Adult Education Center of Poltava (AECF), Caritas Poltava, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), Handicap International.

Food security and livelihoods updates in Poltavaska oblast

The Food Security and Livelihood Cluster (FSLC) provided an overview of the partners' humanitarian response as of June 2023, as well as a list of implementing partners. There was a discussion on the up-to-date mapping of all active organizations and the potential engagement of those that provide humanitarian response and for some reason do not yet share beneficiary data with the Cluster.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has announced the **Livelihood Fundamentals training** to be held in Poltava on August 8 and 9, 2023.

In June 2023, according to Activity Info platform data, 5 organizations provided food assistance in Poltava oblast: 100% Life (WFP, Light of Hope), Samaritan's Pulse (WFP), Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Caritas Lubny, Caritas Poltava and NGO Believe in Yourself. 42,991 people were assisted through general food distribution, 385 people received ready-to-eat food packages and 276 people received hot meals.

In total, in 2023, 18,522 people were covered by livelihoods in Poltava Oblast. 95% of them received livestock and poultry inputs. Additional small amounts were provided with vocational training, vegetable inputs, equipment and tools, as well as agricultural training and seed distribution.

Gap analysis at the rayon/hromada level

A detailed analysis of the gaps at the hromada level of food assistance in June and the dynamics of livelihood assistance during 2023 is presented. The sub-cluster partners highlighted the need to **promote agricultural activities** in Poltava Oblast to ensure the region's sustainability in the upcoming years.

Caritas Poltava updates:

IDPs have the opportunity to receive tickets for free hot meals at Caritas office, and family food parcels are distributed to IDPs with 2 people who are vulnerable and have never received assistance or have received assistance for the second time no later than March. "Caritas Poltava expressed the needs of the local communities:

- Individual kits, especially for people over the age of 60;
- food for cooking hot meals (on a regular basis), especially for those who have just arrived in Poltavaska oblast from the frontlines;
- food supplies are more needed in hromadas, especially in collective centers for the elderly;
- they also drew attention to the need to prepare for the winter period.

All meeting participants agreed that, in parallel with IDPs, it is also necessary to look for opportunities to help local non-displaced persons aged 50-60 who have lost their current jobs in the last 1.5 years.

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Divergent Women updates <http://www.divergentwoman.com/> :

They currently have a network of over 2,500 women and actively engage IDPs in the community by integrating them into their projects and activities in Kremenchuk, Poltava and Horishni Plavni.

The main needs: - Providing humanitarian support to IDPs, single women, single elderly people and people with disabilities; - Providing for the needs of the above categories of people upon request and in the run-up to the autumn and winter period.

The current needs are: 1) long-term food kits; 2) basic hygiene products; 3) hygiene products for women (tampons, pads); 4) adult diapers for people with disabilities, urological pads for women and men; 5) baby diapers (sizes 4-7); 6) wet wipes; 8) dishwashing detergents, laundry detergents; 9) underwear, socks.

Discussion on the meetings frequency

The sub-cluster partners in Poltava agreed to meet monthly on Fridays between the 15th and 20th.

The next sub-national coordination meeting of the CPSS in Poltava region will be held **on August 18, 2023** at the address: 28 Pylypa Orlyka Street, Poltava (Caritas Poltava).



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