

Kherson and Mykolaiv FSL Sub-Cluster Coordination Meeting



Minutes | October 13, 2023

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Agenda:

1. Introduction and partner updates with the focus on winterization projects.
2. Meeting with FSLC National Coordinator Alistair Short.
3. Getting to know the Logistics Cluster and its services.
4. Reporting via ActivityInfo platform – feedback from the new partners.
5. Humanitarian situation in the small remote settlements in Mykolaivska and Khersonska oblasts.

Participants: Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Charitable Foundation Stabilization Support Services (SSS), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Logistics Cluster, ZOA Netherlands, Caritas Mykolaiv, Save the Children, NGO Mykolaiv Public Council, Charitable Foundation We Are from Ukraine, Charitable Foundation Chas Zhyttia, 100% Life, ADRA Ukraine, CO Shchedryk, NGO Makand, CO I am Kherson, Solidarites International, NGO The 10th of April (TTA) Mykolaiv, NGO TTA Kherson, ICRC, NGO Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, WFP, Volonter UA, Angels of Salvation.

The meeting was attended by 31 representatives (25 in person and 6 online) of 22 organizations active in Khersonska and Mykolaivska oblast. We thank all our partners for their presence, contributions and active participation in the meeting. Key partners' updates on livelihoods activities are:

- DRC are hiring a team to work on 2 livelihoods projects funded by Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark: Projects will be designed to support farmers by grants and training), entrepreneurs and businesses (mostly grants) and training.
- NRC are going to implement a new livelihoods project to affected people by providing poultry kits (egg laying hens);
- ZOA are implementing a livelihoods project in Kvitneve and Kyselivka villages, Pervomaiska hromada, providing flexible cash for livestock feed, livestock inputs, tools, veterinary medicine, animal shelter repair, etc. The plan is to expand this project to Khersonska oblast and cover additional 120 households.
- Caritas Mykolaiv has 2 livelihoods projects at the final stages of approval. The details will be later shared by the partner;
- Save the Children implement livelihoods projects in Mykolaivska and Khersonska oblast through 2 implementing partners – The Association of Business Support and Charitable Foundation Shchedryk. Projects: training for 300 entrepreneurs in Mykolaivska oblast (completed), micro grants (USD 2,500) for small business support for 250 people (ongoing, collecting business plans from potential beneficiaries), livestock inputs (chickens and cows) in Halytsynivska, Shevchenkivska and Shyrokovivska hromadas, Mykolaivska oblast (ongoing).
- Charitable Foundation Shchedryk distributed poultry kits (24 broiler chickens, 40-day supply of feed, medication and disinfectant) to 620 households in Shyrokovivska and Snihurivska hromadas, Mykolaivska oblast. The project is realized together with the Association of Poultry Producers of Ukraine and funded by Veterinaires sans Frontières;
- Solidarites International are providing poultry kits (egg laying hens) to 600 households in Mykolaivska and Khersonska oblasts;

A number of partners are distributing food kits in the area: Caritas Mykolaiv, Save the Children, NGO I am Kherson, NGO We Are from Ukraine, 100% Life, Shchedryk, Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, TTA (about to start), Angels of Salvation, Volunteer UA. Several partners have a lot of winterization activities falling under the Shelter Cluster: Stabilization Support Services, NRC, Caritas Mykolaiv Save the Children, I am Kherson, NGO We Are from Ukraine, Solidarites International, Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, ICRC. The main winterization items provided are stoves, heaters, fuel, folding beds, building/insulation materials, warm clothes, repair kits. Certain cash interventions also fall under winterization activities.

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Karolina Greda, Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Odesa presented the Log Cluster main objectives and support it could provide to the FSLC partners.

The Ukraine Logistics Cluster facilitates access to common storage and road transport in Ukraine, focusing on hard-to-reach areas across eastern and southern oblasts. In the south, the Logistics Cluster common storage capacity totals 2,650 m² across two locations in Ukraine: Kherson (150 m²) and Odesa (2,500 m²). Relief items are to be stored temporarily in common storage for up to 60 days. In addition, the Logistics Cluster supports inter-agency convoys with cargo consolidation and transport facilitation. To access the common services, [Service Request Form](#) (SRF) is to be submitted to ukraine.clustercargo@wfp.org. Instruction on how to fill the SRF can be found [here](#). National and sub-national (east and south-related) coordination meetings are held monthly both online and in-person. Next **Logistics Cluster will be held in Mykolaiv on 15 November** (TBC).

Partners who would like to be added to the mailing list are invited to the [Contact List form](#). Once the form is submitted, partners will also be added to the Logistics Cluster WhatsApp group. For any questions regarding the Logistics Cluster operation and services offered in the south, partners can contact Karolina.greda@wfp.org and Yuliia.okhrimenko@wfp.org.

FSLC Coordinator Alistair Short presented to the participants the cluster mandate, stressed the importance of shifting from food assistance towards livelihoods in the stabilized areas and mentioned unemployment as one of the biggest challenge which requires consolidated effort from the humanitarian community.

The main lessons learnt and feedback from the partners:

- Before providing inputs to the beneficiaries, they are requested to complete training and successfully pass the test. Many people resist new technologies of raising livestock and tend to rely on the old traditional ways. Beneficiaries should be carefully selected. The training should be provided at least partially offline as many people in rural areas cannot access online trainings (CF Shchedryk).
- For cash programmes, increased prices for inputs present a challenge (ZOA).
- For livelihood activities, many stakeholders have to be involved, e.g. Chamber of Commerce, employment centers, Association of Farmers, etc. (DRC).
- Small remote villages with returnees which lack humanitarian assistance are: Maksymivka (8-9 families), Pervomaiska hromada, Zoria (300 people), Novoruske, Kotliareve (50 returnees), Luch (9 returnees), Davydiv Brid. The biggest needs are fuel, poultry feed, water (Stabilization Support Services, Caritas Mykolaiv). Assistance is also much needed in Beryslav city (2990 residents), Khersonska oblast (SSS).
- Two organizations offered free storage premises in Mykolaiv city for the partners – NGO We Are from Ukraine and NGO Mykolaiv Public Council.

Next sub-cluster coordination meeting is planned in late November. The exact date is to be confirmed.



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