

Odesa FSL Sub-Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes | December 27, 2023



Chaired by: Alla Khodak, Coordination Focal Point for Odeska oblast, 100% Life Odesa
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Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Updates from FSLC partners2. Protection, Gender and PSEA (Valerii Semykras, WFP)3. Presentations by FSLC partners3.1 NGO All-Ukrainian Organization Automaidan, Odesa branch – activities and projects in Odeska oblast3.2 Blue Crescent Foundation – overview of programmes in Odeska oblast4. Reporting of FSLC partners5. Miscellaneous
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Participants: Caritas Odesa, Charity Foundation Blue Crescent Ukraine, 100% Life, ACTED, NGO Women’s Center “Support, Protection and Care”, NGO Automaidan, NGO LIGA, NGO I Am Mariupol, Charity Organization Women’s Space, World Food Programme (WFP), NGO Revival Spirit, ICRC.

The meeting was attended by 16 representatives of 12 organizations active in Odeska oblast, 2 more participants joined online – WFP Protection specialist and FSLC Coordinator. We thank all our partners for their interest, engagement and active participation in the meeting.

Partner updates.

NGO Revival Spirit continues to provide in-kind assistance to the most vulnerable categories – families with many children, the elderly, etc. The NGO also helps with the evacuation for the high-risk areas of Khersonska oblast.

ACTED provides multisectoral assistance. In three hromadas of Odeska oblasts grants for economic activity will be distributed. They also implement the project of business support following STEM model, livestock inputs are planned. The iNGO is going to open the center for business consultations and set up 3-4 kindergartens to encourage employment of women.

ICRC provides assistance to the affected population in Mykolaivska and Khersonska oblasts. As part of the ongoing winterization project, 1700 households were provided with fuel brockets in the frontline areas.

NGO Women’s Center provided food assistance to the vulnerable categories – IDPs, single mothers, LGBT community. They have four mobile brigades in the South, helping with evacuation, emergency assistance, shelter kits and finding accommodation for those who lost their homes.

LIGA supports their beneficiaries with food and hygiene kits, medicine, necessary lab tests, finding accommodation and employment.

WFP provides assistance in Odeska oblast through its CP 100% Life. They also cover the most vulnerable categories with cash assistance.

Caritas Odesa provides humanitarian and finance assistance, employment opportunities, social support and case management. Their new livelihoods project – cash for work, is being implemented in Odesa city.

Blue Crescent Foundation implements the project of baking social bread and offers hot meals in the shelter (tent) in Mykolaiv city. In Khersonska oblast they are providing drinking water. In Odeska oblast the focus is on the health care – rehabilitation of health care centers in Bolhrad and Tarutyne, medical equipment and medicine purchased. In 2024, there is a plan to restore six more health care facilities and to reconstruct a floor at Bolhrad hospital where the center for psychological support will be created.

NGO Women’s Space provides social, psychological and humanitarian assistance, monitors human rights violations. The organization is working on the mobile application and hotline for affected population.

NGO I Am Mariupol supports in its Odesa hub 4200 IDPs from Mariupol with humanitarian, psychological and legal assistance. In 2023, the NGO helped to employ 200 people. Now they are launching a new programme called Veteran.

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WFP Protection specialist conducted a session on PSEA which increased the partners' awareness of the matter and demonstrated to them the importance of developing the respective policies in their organizations and following them.

Protection, gender and PSEA, speaker Valerii Semykras, WFP

1. Protection and humanitarian principles
2. Gender and gender-based violence
3. PSEA
4. Inclusion and integration of people with disabilities
5. Accountability to the affected populations
6. Community feedback mechanism

Обов'язок повідомляти

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Presentations of the FSLC partners.

All-Ukrainian Union Automaidan presented their project Work Lab. In the 9 months of 2023, 106 beneficiaries were trained under the project. Accomplishments: bringing the best HR specialists in Odesa on board, cooperation with business, possibility to provide individual guidance to each beneficiary. Challenges:

- ✓ Psychological state of the candidates – willing to find a job but lack motivation, fear of conscription for men.
- ✓ Changes in the labour market: most of the project participants are “white collars”, it is difficult to find such workers as welders. Middle-aged candidates who were successful in their previous jobs are not interested in reskilling.
- ✓ The idea of finding jobs for the frontline areas residents and their subsequent move to safer areas was not well received. People tend to stay in their homes and refuse to leave even when living under the threat of daily shellings.
- ✓ Small human resource of the team consisting of seven people.
- ✓ Lack of communication from the local authorities. Often local authorities continue distributing food kits in the areas which need other modalities.

The representative of Caritas Odesa asked the speaker several questions:

1. What are the criteria for selecting IDP beneficiaries to participate in the project? – The project is open to all interested participants, there are no special criteria. IDPs, local residents and returnees can participate in the employment project.

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2. What is the geography of your project and do you involve beneficiaries from hromadas? – The project is implemented in Odesa raion. Hromadas residents showed a low level of interest. After outreach conducted at the hromada level, only 5 IDPs from collective centers contacted the project coordinators.

A question from a representative of NGO Women's Space: at which facility do you conduct trainings and how do you support the beneficiaries during their training? – Vocational trainings are held at the Employment Center facility, during the training period the beneficiaries receive food kits.

The representative of the Blue Crescent Charitable Fund spoke in more detail about the fund's work in the south of Ukraine, noting that the fund signed 19 memorandums with local organizations in Mykolaiv. Starting from January 2024, it is planned to increase the amount of bread distributed in Khersonska oblast by 2-3 times. It was decided to hold an additional meeting with WFP to deduplicate bread programs in Khersonska oblast.

The representative of NGO I Am Mariupol requested food kits for the most vulnerable IDPs from Mariupol living in Odesa city. All participants of the meeting agreed that Odeska oblast needs the shift from in-kind food assistance to livelihood programs but certain categories – people with disabilities, people of a very advanced age, etc. need to be supported with food kits.

The coordination focal point for Odeska oblast informed the participants about the opening of a shelter/collective center for IDPs in Odesa and provided more detailed information to interested partners (ACTED, Caritas).

While discussing the FSLC plans for 2024, the attendees suggested having meetings with donors, as well as trainings on how to write project proposals, use Excel and on wellness (prevention of burnout syndrome).

It is recommended for all the FSLC partners to complete the trainings (links below) and share their certificates with the Cluster:

- Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA): <https://agora.unicef.org/course/info.php?id=30625>
- Child Safeguarding Training: <https://agora.unicef.org/course/info.php?id=29324>

The next meeting for Odeska oblast is scheduled mid-January. The exact date will be determined later.

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