

Subnational Cluster Meeting in Kharkivska oblast

Minutes | 20 February, 2024



Venue : 93, Klochkivska str., Kharkiv

Chaired by: Katherina Lavrenko, FSLC Coordinator in Kharkivska oblast

Co-presenters Vitalii Razzhyvin, Coordination and Information Management Officer for East Ukraine,

- Agenda:**
1. Introduction of participants
 2. Update on the emergency response in Kharkiv
 3. Presentation of NGO Kharkiv (Shelter Kolomak and Direct Help app)
 4. Providing assistance to households for the spring sowing 2024
 5. Partners' Update
 6. AOB

Participants: Crisis Relief Team (CRTG), CF Direct Help (NGO Kharkiv), CO CF Kharkiv City Boxing Club, Relief Coordination Center (RCC), CO CF Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, CO Caritas Kharkiv, CO CF Blahorob, NGO Spilna sprava liudey, Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS), NGO Kharkiv Regional Centre of Advice, YOD HELP, NGO Food for Kharkiv Residents, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), REACH, NGO Strong Family - Free Ukraine, BF Prostolyts, JERU, NGO I am Saved, БФ Kharkiv soul – Roksana and Team

Introduction of the partners.

The meeting was attended by 26 representatives of 19 organizations operating in the Kharkivska oblast. We thank all our partners for their presence and participation in the discussion.

Update on Emergency Response in Kharkiv

The RCC representative spoke about the creation of the Rapid Response Team (RRT). Thanks to the coordinated cooperation of more than 50 organizations, the RRT was created. The RCC receives information from the SES about the missile attack and, together with the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SES), arrives at the site of the missile arrival.

At the 1st stage, all coordination takes place with the SES. The hotline receives calls from the SES control room with information about arrivals and mobilizes the first group of the RRT

Stage 1 is the emergency team, which provides first aid, psychological assistance, and equipment (tents and spotlights, etc.). Stage 2 is operational conservation. Our priority is to respond quickly, to preserve the building within 2 days. We provide physical strength and means for conservation and rubble removal, hot lunches for workers at the location, transportation and evacuation of people, and a pre-medical and psychosocial assistance team on duty at the location.

A tent is set up, a monitoring group arrives to ensure redirection of the needs of the affected people, the needs for conservation are collected and the conservation itself is carried out.

We thank to our partners World Central Kitchen (WCK), Frunze to Be Kind, Soul of Kharkiv - Roxanne and team, Strong Family - Free Ukraine for their assistance in the form of hot meals at the locations.

Presentation of NGO Kharkiv (Shelter Kolomak and Direct Help app)

A representative of the Charitable Foundation Direct Assistance, whose organization is a member of the Kharkiv Volunteer Association, presented the shelter project in Kolomak. The following conditions are offered: free accommodation for up to 5 years, utilities to be paid, new renovation (2nd floor), a dormitory with 8 rooms (can accommodate 20 people), each block of 4 rooms has a bathroom and shower (boiler), a shared kitchen (2 refrigerators, 2 stoves, 2 microwaves, 2 kettles, 2 sinks and a boiler), separate electric meters (common rooms

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have their own meters), regular delivery of food packages (once a week), subscription to the DIRECT HELP project (fin. assistance). The shelter is designed to accommodate the elderly and mothers with babies or small children and is not adapted for people with disabilities. For more details about the shelter, see the presentation attached to the meeting minutes.

At the meeting, the partners raised the question of the ownership of the building where the shelter is located.

After that, the Direct Financial Assistance Project was presented, namely the Direct Help application. Both the recipient and the donator can register in the application. When registering for assistance, you need to upload identity documents. The app moderators check the validity of these documents, but do not control what the recipient uses the money for. In the app, the ambassador can choose any beneficiary, and each one describes their story. The maximum assistance to a beneficiary is USD 100 per month. The minimum contribution from an ambassador is USD10. The beneficiary receives the aid once a month to reduce the transfer fee. For more details about the application, please see the presentation attached to the meeting minutes.

Providing Assistance to household for the spring sowing 2024

Cluster Coordinator Kateryna Lavrenko informed the partners of the following information:

- DRC is already implementing its activities in the Shevchenkivska community to help households for the spring planting season 2024.

- ACTED is implementing the Emergency livelihoods program in the Velykoburlutska and Pechenizka communities. The assistance is provided in cash. UAH 22,500-28,000 in the Velykoburlutska community, namely the settlements of Shypuvate, Hnylytsia, Zelenyi Hai, Chervona Khvylya, Pidseredneve - a total of 116 households. By the end of March, the program will be implemented in the Pechenizka community, with assistance in the amount of UAH 24,000-33,000. A total of 200 households will receive such assistance. The funds are transferred to individuals' personal accounts and can be used to purchase livestock, seeds, plants, repair household facilities, and restore the economy.

- FAO, in cooperation with the NGO Kharkiv Regional Advisory Center, is planning to provide assistance in this area in the form of seeds for open ground and potatoes for farms and households. Needs are currently being monitored and communities are being prioritized for this type of assistance.

The URCS representative reported on the launch of agro-support activities in Izyum district, namely in the Kamianka starostat - the settlements of Kamianka, Sukha Kamianka, Synycheno. The aid will be provided in the form of drip irrigation, greenhouses, seeds and financial assistance. It is planned to provide assistance to all residents of the starostat.

A representative of the Kharkiv City Boxing Club noted that they are planning to operate in the Vovchansk community and are currently looking for partners.

Partners' Update

At the beginning of this issue, the Cluster coordinator Kateryna Lavrenko noted the importance of entering planned activities into the Activity info platform, as well as reporting on already implemented projects.

The CRTG representative presented the mobile kitchens project. There is equipment in the form of 3 mobile kitchens, CRTG is looking for 30 volunteers and aims to find enough resources.

to implement the project. A representative of the NGO Food for Kharkiv showed interest in this project and asked about the possibility of using this equipment as a food truck. They have a resource in the form of products and human resources.

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AOB

The Cluster coordinator Kateryna Lavrenko voiced a request for food aid for the residents of the ICC in Kharkiv. Some dormitories have not received this type of assistance since November 2023. There is a proposal to meet these needs with carpets every 2 months.

There was also a request for food packages for the list of recipients of assistance under the HelpAge project. All of these people are IDPs. Elderly people, some of them have disabilities. All of them are in the HelpAge project, but the organization does not distribute this resource. According to the beneficiaries, they have not received such assistance from other organizations for more than 3 months. The beneficiaries live in Kharkiv, Eskhar, Pervomaiska and Liubotyn communities. There are 569 beneficiaries in total.

The partners agreed to have the next meeting after March 20, 2023, at Centre for Civil Society Development on 93, Klochkivska str., Kharkiv. Approved agenda for the next Oblast coordination meeting will be shared shortly prior to meeting. Partners from this meeting are encouraged to join to [join WhatsApp Group for Kharkivska oblastFSLC East Group](#) and [join WhatsApp Group for Kharkivska oblast](#).

Photos from the Meeting may be found by the [link](#)