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LOCATION: Zoom

DATE: March 4, 2022 (15:00-17:00 GMT+2)

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AGENDA:

1. Overview
2. Partners' update on current presence and response
3. Partners' update on assessments conducted and/or planned
4. Update on Flash Appeal, CERF + 2nd Reserve Allocation
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1. Overview

58 (fifty-eight) participants representing 39 institutions attended the FSLC coordination meeting. The institutions include local government and NGOs, international organizations (including UN agencies and the Red Cross movement).

Overview of the situation:

- Humanitarian needs are growing and spreading rapidly as military operations also intensify.
- Access challenges and a rapidly deteriorating security environment are hindering response efforts.
- Significant damage to crucial infrastructure continues.
- Access to vital services is becoming more and more restrictive.
- In hardest-hit areas critical supplies, including food, medicine and basic hygiene items are becoming more and more scarce.
- Markets are functioning and accessible. Yet, people's ability to purchase basic goods have been impacted by the decrease in cash reserves, empty ATMs and suspended money transfers.

The most affected by conflict:

- Kyiv – Central
- Kharkiv – East
- Kherson – South
- Mariupol – East-South
- Volnovakha – East-South
- and small villages along the “contact line” in the eastern Ukraine

Where IPDs are heading (movement across the country but most are moving towards)

- Western Ukraine: Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi and Zakarpattia oblasts

Partners inputs:

- **ECHO** suggested to add Chernihiv, and small cities named Ichnia and Pryluky in Chernihiv oblast (North Ukraine), to the most affected areas. ECHO stressed that the supplies cannot treat small towns and rural areas, the food and basic commodities are still available but running more and more dry. Also, ECHO noted that Russian troops do not occupy the entire regions, but there are some roots taken by Russian occupational forces.

- **Together International (TI)** sent a Humanitarian Mission to establish a DRC camp close to the border, in the Polish side. The mission has two phases:
 - F1: Deployment of TI Rapid Response Team (RRT)
 - Deployment of a rapid response team from ANAFS to start a DRC (Displaced Response Centre);
 - Deployment of Health workers team to work in the DRC (3 doctors, 2 nurses, 1 surgeon);
 - Sending of a health equipment convoy to supply the above-mentioned DRC (medicines, wheelchairs, stretchers).
 - F2: Arrival of TI Solidarity Caravan that will depart from Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands with trucks and vans with supplies for the DRC camp, to arrive the weekend Friday 11-Sunday 13 March (medicines, food, sanitary products and winter clothes).
- **ECHO** also suggested to take into account the number of people that are crossing the border when organizations plan to set up new offices near the Ukrainian border. The needs in the border might be less than in the first days of war, but the situation changes on daily basis and might be different.
- **NRC** noted that the profile of the people crossing the borders, in particular in Romania and Moldova, in the first days of war was different than now. It used to be people with better incomes, and now people with less access to money cross the border. NRC deployed an emergency response team for assessment and will share the information about the profile of the refugees.
- **URC** suggested to add Vinnytsia, and cities in Vinnytsia oblast, such as Nemyriv, Haysyn, to the cities where IDPs are heading. Officially 500-1000 people, or non-officially almost 3 000 people, daily cross Vinnytsia, stay and move to the more western parts.
- **NRC** added that the "contract line" is getting pretty dire, and if the discussion of the potential humanitarian corridors continues, partners should be able to point those locations as a very high priority.
- **PIN** informed that there are new territories of NGCA. For example, Shchastia, Stanytsia Luhanska, are without access now and food security situation there is critical.

Action points:

- FSLC – to add Chernihiv, and small cities named Ichnia and Pryluky in Chernihiv oblast (North Ukraine), to the list of most affected areas.
- FSLC – to add Vinnytsia, and cities in Vinnytsia oblast, such as Nemyriv, Haysyn, to the list of cities where IDPs are heading

2. Partners' and observers' update on current presence and response

- **HIA-Hungary** informed that they are facing some challenges in getting valid information regarding the food availability from big cities, such as Kherson and Dnipro. HIA-Hungary sent ten trucks and almost 200 tons of food are on the way. But they experienced some limitations for the bigger procurement, and this can affect all the neighboring European countries. Besides the aid organizations, many private donors and people are buying and delivering food to the border and to Western Ukraine. From Western Ukraine, some logistics lines were established. Partners should need a clear picture two-three weeks ahead how to set up supply channels from Western Europe and how to procure a bigger amount of food. HIA-Hungary

highlighted that it is needed to map partners' presence to avoid focusing on those areas where everyone's going to.

- **ECHO** also doesn't have a good understanding of the actual situation in big cities. ECHO highlighted that partners need to understand that the regular supply chains have been very much disrupted and if some items are available, they may be drying out of stocks. The support from different EU countries mostly go to the Ukrainian border and western Ukraine, but there are displaced population, that still have some financial resources. But the cities like Bucha (Kyiv oblast) are completely blocked and don't have a possibility to buy any kind of food. The disproportional assistance should be avoided.
- **DRC** relocated their office to Chernivtsi, a small team of experts remaining for emergency response program. The team is now looking at two directions: 1) to provide with cash transfers local NGOs, private companies and individuals, that are currently responding with their own limited resources, for them to continue what they are doing and even upscale their activities; 2) to start multi-purpose cash assistance to those areas where banking system is operational and where people can get cash and buy things they need. DRC is also foreseeing expanding the program with legal assistance, individual protection assistance.
- **ECHO** also added that there are some local NGOs that were engaged in other kind of activities, and now are deploying the humanitarian response, and asked what would be the best way to contact them with FSLC and partners. ECHO asked someone from partners to take a lead in contacting local authorities from all regions and ask for list of NGOs. ECHO suggested to map all the local activists and share the list with the partners. This would help to divide geographical locations not to overload the same actors in same areas.
- **HelpAge International** remains having the office in Sloviansk. Through the network of volunteers, they try to identify the urgent needs of elder people and people with disabilities. HelpAge got a lot of requests from regional authorities, from people in Volnovakha to provide food, and from IDPs camping in Sviatohirsk. They continue provide PSS for elder men and women, and doing rapid needs assessment.
- **Ukrainian Red Cross (URC) (observer)** has a hub and big warehouses in Vinnytsya and can deliver the support by 5-10-20 cargos trucks to Dnipro, Zaporizhzhya, Chernihiv and other cities from central Ukraine. This will help to support the centers in Lviv or Uzhgorod, or in the border with Hungary and Poland. In big cities like Dnipro and Zaporizhzhya, a humanitarian catastrophe is brewing: shops and local markets are closed, and people do not have money to buy the essential goods. The voucher programme is also important and will start later on or at the same time as in-kind food kits delivery. Prices in Vinnytsya increased 2-3 times, voucher programme may be needed in those places, where IDPs get temporary accommodation. Zhytomyr's population are under heavy hits, markets are closed, and people also need in-kind assistance.
- **People in Need (PIN)** is relocated to Lviv, around 15 experts are working now to support the team in Sloviansk, and support operational capacities in NGCA. PIN tries to organize access to new NGCA territories, such as Schastie and Stanytsia Luhanska with in-kind support. PIN changed a modality of support: vouchers are not relevant anymore; the organization try to provide in-kind support. On GCA PIN operates in Lviv and will soon support ATCs with vulnerable groups in the oblast. They also facilitate the opening of green corridors for eastern Ukraine. In-kind support will be probably delivered from Poland, because it's impossible to buy in Ukraine goods in big amounts. We also have a strategy to provide small-grants support, around 5 000 – 7 000 USD each, for the immediate response. We already identified NGOs and volunteers' groups, who have physical access in heavy-hit locations. For NGCA we plan to



immediately target 2 000 people; for GCA – 10 000 – 20 000 people. For in-kind support PIN requested 20 000 – 30 000 food kits.

- **Help Ukraine** is closely working in searching local partners to provide the fast and rapid assistance. Their priority would be to provide cash assistance in western Ukraine, but also support eastern Ukraine with in-kind food assistance, hygiene kits, relocation of people. Help Ukraine is facing challenges in delivering cargos to the border, they are looking for contacts of those who can assist in delivering goods at least to the border.
- **Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Deutschland (ASB)** is temporary no operational in eastern Ukraine at the moment. ASB also search a local partner who will help with distributions of food and hygiene kits. The organization is trying to reach most affected areas, but also western Ukrainian regions where there are a lot of displaced populations. In case of food assistance ASB is considering to have two types of assistance: 1) a longer term for three months; 2) short term for people who stay in the western Ukraine for several days and going to cross the border. Cash assistance is not considering due to food shortages even in western Ukraine, ASB is considering the supply from abroad, and noted that these might be more expensive.
- **FAO's** ongoing efforts are to ensure the safety of the colleagues and establish an operational hub in Lviv. As for the response, FAO is finalizing the rapid response plan for the next three months, which is intended to be aligned with the recently launched FAO flash appeal. The goal under is to target about 240 000 of the most vulnerable small farming households with cash transfers through the MPCs to address immediate and multi sectoral needs and then emergency agricultural inputs, through the short cycle vegetable seeds and livestock fodder. Target regions are still the subject for discussion: Donetsk, Luhansk, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy and Zhytomyr. FAO is also reaching out to local partners to assess the distribution options. For the agricultural input packages FAO is assessing procurement and distribution options, which remains a substantial challenge, and is reaching out to suppliers to understand the capacity.
- **ACTED** still has their offices in Mariupol, Sloviansk, Donetsk and Kyiv, and setting the new offices in Lviv and Chernivtsi. In Lviv oblast ACTED provides IDPs with hot meals on cross points, namely Shehyni, Krakovets, Hrebenne, and on train stations. The organization is planning to provide IDPs with food kits and vouchers. The most challenging now are supply chains disruption and logistic issues.
- **OCHA** is mapping new capacity and partners engaged or plan to engage in the ongoing response. The simple form is available in English, Ukrainian and Russian) and take only a few minutes to complete. <https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/QfhmdKcf>
- Partners are advised to contact Logistics Cluster in terms of delivering cargos from Ukraine's cross points. Email: ukraine-logs@logcluster.org
- FSLC shared the indormation regarding border cross points for cargos: Hrebenne/Rava Ruska and Korchova/Krakovets. Contact details of lawyer from Lviv regional administration - +380676911260, Taras Vengrin.

Other updates:

- **ICRC** priority is to focus on those locations that are the most affected and heavily impacted. ICRC team from Luhansk managed to distribute food and non-food items in Shchastia. The offices continue to operate in Mariupol, Sloviansk, Luhansk, Donetsk, Sievierodonetsk, they have already provided assistance with food and non-food items to IDPs collective centers in Mariupol, NFI assistance will be distributed to the IDPs center in Sviatohirsk; cash-assistance

was provided to Red Cross for Donetska GCA. ICRC is also planning to provide cash-assistance as much as possible when it is available.

Action points:

- FSLC to highlight in future composition of food basket and CBT the issue of the modality and placement. For example, people in eastern Ukraine cannot get cash but can receive in-kind assistance, but in western Ukraine banks are functional and is possible to use cash.
- FSLC partners are asked to inform FSLC about potential new partners that are working in different areas, to link them with others.
- Partners are asked to shift the approach in humanitarian response taking into account the invasion of GCA and NGCA.
- FSLC to collect the contacts of local NGOs in every oblast.
- FSLC to develop a map of partners' presence to avoid focusing on the same areas.

3. Partners' update on assessments conducted and/or planned

- **HIA-Hungary** is doing the assessment on markets availability, where people come, access to money and food, what are the needs and what the intensions are. The assessment has to be ready in coming day or two, and then HIA will start planning the ways to operate.
- **FSLC** presented an assessment tool of 4W and asked to share partners plans and already conducted assessments that are related to food security in Ukraine. The aim of the data collection is to coordinate efforts of partners in conducted assessments in order to eliminate gaps and to minimize overlapping in assessment, to be more efficient.
 - WHO: Agency name and contact details of focal point for the assessment
 - WHERE: Locations for assessment
 - WHEN: Status of the survey, dates of data collections, date of findings
 - WHAT: Type of assessment, data collection technique, sampling type, indicators
- **WFP** is planning to launch an assessment inside the country and in the neighbouring countries. The organization is planning to deploy a team in the coming days to the five countries surrounding Ukraine, and also, there is a plan to do remote assessment for Ukraine that will be also launched it in the coming few days.

Action points:

- FSLC to discuss the possibility to triangulate the information from the assessment.
- FSLC to publish the collected assessment information on the website and present it to the partners.

4. Update on Flash Appeal, CERF + 2nd Reserve Allocation

Ukraine Flash Appeal:

With the scale and direction of the ongoing military operation, 18 million people are projected to become affected, including up to 6.7 million people projected to be newly internally displaced. Of the affected population, 12 million people are expected to need humanitarian assistance, and 6 million with the most urgent humanitarian needs will be assisted with the resources required under this Flash Appeal, including 2.1 million IDPs covering the initial period of three months. The Flash Appeal 2022



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supersedes the 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), as of 1 March. A revision of the 2022 HRP is envisaged in the coming months.

**Update on Ukraine Flash Appeal:
PEOPLE TARGETED 1.5 M
REQUIREMENTS (US\$) 183.5 M**

Priority activities

1. Conduct rapid food security assessment.
2. Mobilize and distribute food security assistance to the people in urgent need across areas affected in the country.
3. Distribute emergency food kits, mainly for those recently displaced.
4. Distribute the regular recommended food basket for those displaced and host communities who have access to appropriate food utilization.
5. Distribute agricultural inputs to ensure farmers continue to produce, such as vegetable/ home gardening seeds, tools and support to farm animals for smallholder farmers to increase household production and nutrition.

Update on the Financial Tracking System

Cluster/Sector	Required (US\$m)	Funded (US\$m)	Coverage (%)
Coordination Services	2.0	0.3	13.5%
Education	25.1	0.0	0.0%
Emergency Telecommunications	1.6	0.5	31.3%
Food Security & Livelihoods	183.5	2.6	1.4%
Health & Nutrition	89.0	4.0	4.5%
Logistics	6.8	0.6	9.3%
Multi-purpose Cash	288.6	5.7	2.0%
Protection	218.0	2.2	1.0%
Shelter & Non-Food Items	242.3	3.3	1.3%
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	83.0	0.0	0.0%
Not specified	n/a	5.7	n/a
Multiple clusters/sectors (shared)	n/a	35.4	n/a

UN Central Emergency Response Fund

CERF grant allocations are made for two reasons:

1. To ensure a rapid response to sudden-onset emergencies or to rapidly deteriorating conditions in an existing emergency.

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2. To support humanitarian response activities within an underfunded emergency.

CERF Allocation for Ukraine – US\$18.5 M

FSLC received 0.5 million (2.7%) of the total envelop was allocated to the cluster.

UHF 2nd Reserved Allocation

Deadline: **Sunday March 6 at 11:45 Kyiv time**

The priority for this allocation will be given to the following areas:

1. Provide timely lifesaving multisectoral assistance to displaced and non-displaced persons, who are affected by the escalation of hostilities – US\$ 8 million
2. Protect conflict-affected people and civilian infrastructure regarding international humanitarian law, norms, and standards – US\$ 2 million
3. Support provision of basic services in areas impacted by the escalation of hostilities – US\$ 8 million

Partners' inputs

- WFP clarified that part of allocation flash appeal funds are also for the projects out of Ukraine, and are allocated to IOM and UNHCR (0.5M USD and 1M USD), rest of the money are for Ukraine inside. ECHO has also launched the HIP in the amount of 70M USD for inside and outside Ukraine.

Action points:

- WFP to share the link on ECHO HIP

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