

Technical Working Group (TWIG) on Shelter & NFIs monetization

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Participants: ADRA, Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Luxembourg Red Cross, UN OCHA Cash coordinator, PCPM, Protection Cluster Coordinator, Shelter/NFI Cluster Coordinator, IOM, UNHCR

Agenda of the meeting

1. Introduction, 5 min - Igor
2. Update from previous meetings, 5 min - Igor
3. Presentations of PCPM, IOM and DRC on methodological considerations, 15 min
4. Presentation of rent and income data from Shelter Assessment, 10 min - Igor
5. Brainstorming on main issues: calculation methodology, modalities, selection etc.
6. Wrap up and summary
7. AOB

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Introduction

All the participants have briefly introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Update from previous meetings

Cluster coordinator has briefed all on results of two previous meetings. Summary table of discussions of the second meeting was reviewed again and is as follows:

1. Trigger (breakdown by type of accommodation): protection based approach (vulnerable groups with shelter needs); CC decommissioning; integration and access to livelihoods (given profiling differences); over occupancy; (if eviction is related to money); absence of minimal facilities
2. Outreach to beneficiaries: CC visits, MoSP/SES/hotline relaying information, spontaneous contact with agencies, through protection monitoring/individual protection assistance, network of local NGO;
3. Critical modalities of operation: harmonizing with other types of assistance; visits of premises (accompanying vulnerable beneficiaries), checking standards and living conditions. Idea of potential caseload handled by an experienced team (# HH / months)

Point 3 remains a question to be decided at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Presentations of PCPM, IOM and DRC on methodological considerations

IOM: To date there are currently 2,450 displaced HHs verified for cash for rent program in Kharkiv, out of which:

- 30% are elderly people (+75);
- 26% are people with disability (type 1,2, children);

- 80% of households have 3 and more children.

HH average size is 2.8. IDP household income increase with number of members of HH, however, the majority of IDPs report to live in 1 or 2 room accommodation¹, even with 4-5 family members, which means people experience lack of privacy.

Also, round 40% people that received cash grant from IOM last winter are no longer in Kharkiv (as phone survey shows), they have either moved into secondary displacement or returned home.

PCPM: The agency already started implementation of cash for rent program, covering suburbs of Kharkiv, Chuhuiv, Balakliya, Iziurm in Kharkiv region and Pavlograd in Dnipropetrovsk region. Modality: ATM cards with 78 or 62 USD (78 USD intended for caseload living in Romashka Collective Center for them to move out).

Amount covers 50-100% rent, depending on the location (more in remote rural areas where it is less expensive to rent). The first round of monitoring is still on-going (thus figures may change in the final report):

- 65% beneficiaries are single women with children;
- 15% are multi-generation families;
- 15% are elderly;
- 90% rent a flat or a house;
- 8% was living in a Collective Center;
- 2% was living with friend or family;
- Almost 80% recipients have owned accommodation before, only 5% were renting.

Cash WG is now working on multipurpose cash grant vulnerability criteria, which further can be coordinated together with Protection Cluster and cash for rent.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Presentation of rent and income data from Shelter Assessment **The previous draft matrix of cash has been briefly presented again**

Short summary (Presentation attached to the meeting notes):

- The majority of urban population stay in one room accommodation while those in rural areas – have more available space at their disposal: 2-3 rooms in their majority.
- The majority of the population in rural areas rent for 250-1000 UAH per month, while only minor and negligible share are paying more than 2000 UAH.
- As for URBAN prices: they vary from city to city, which makes regionalization of cost a trend. Some cities, like Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia and Pavlohrad drastically differ from others having extremely high rent prices.
- In rural area shelter conditions are moderately adequate for the majority of caseload (families with 1-4 members), slowly worsening with number of persons per family.
- In urban area shelter conditions worsen with family members number increase, even more drastically than in rural areas.
- In rural area the more the price, the better shelter conditions are, however, the overall situation for the majority of caseload (250-1000 UAH) there is no serious difference, which means that shelter conditions in rural areas are less dependent on price.

¹ Here 1 room apartment is an apartment with separate space for kitchen and bathroom.

- In urban area the more the price, the better shelter conditions are, majority of caseload are in 1,000-2,000 UAH price brackets.
- In rural context family size does not substantially influence rent price: share of families is more or less the same in different price categories.

As practice has shown one team of 3-4 people can conduct 9-10 home visits a day. PCPM to communicate average cost for monitoring per beneficiary.

PCPM conducts less than 1 visit per months per home, which is justifiable in the given context: more often visited are ‘suspicious’ cases: those who have just moved into a new accommodation or were identified by interviewer as such.

Based on information from Shelter assessment and after consultations the following decisions have been taken:

- Cash for rent amount for rural districts fixed at flat rate, with no breakdown per number of rooms in accommodation.
- Urban cities to be grouped and merged according to price category. Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk districts to be included into urban category, as price variation is significant there.
- Family size to be reflected in the recommended amount through indication of number of rooms per accommodation;
- Average amount for programming purposes to be developed (with low, medium and high breakdown) with weighted average for each category.

ACTION POINTS:

- PCPM to share final report on cash for rent program when finished;
- Cluster team to prepare draft minutes and Recommendations according to all discussions and share Wednesday next week for comments;
- Minutes and Recommendations for cash for rent to be presented at the next Cluster meeting for endorsement.