



MHPSS Romania

Meeting Minutes

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Members

WHO, Estuar Foundation, ACF, HIAS, Good Neighbours UK, IFRC, Project Hope, World Vision, IOM, Cod 4 Romania, Patrir, UNICEF (19 persons).



Updates & Achievements

- **WHO** discussed the launch of the Capacity Building and Needs Assessment questionnaire and the importance of planning a training calendar to be distributed to partners based on the results of the questionnaire.
- **WHO** discussed the SPHERE assessment of the MHPSS sector and the need to identify steps towards increasing the capacity of the national health system so that projects in the Ukraine crisis response can be replicated in terms of MHPSS services.
- **WHO** and the Cultural Mediator in Cluj raised the increasingly common issue of the need to have services in schools for Ukrainian children who face difficulties and need specialized mental health services. At the moment there are children who are diagnosed by psychiatrists using google translate, so the language barrier remains present in the provision of services. Due the change in the 20-50 regulation and with the raise in the numbers of children beeing enrolled in schools.
- **Estuar Foundation** presented the project it is carrying out in collaboration with UNHCR through which they provided psychological support in the centres of sector 2 and sector 6. They also completed a cycle of PSEA trainings in collaboration with Project HopeDGASPC urls in sector 2, followed by a series of trainings for DGASPC sector 6.
- **IFRC** presented the new projects of the centres to be opened in several cities such as Constanta, Iasi, Satu Mare and Brasov. Also IFRC services will be community services and will be accessible to Romanians and not only Ukrainians.

Challenges

- The need for MHPSS services in Russian or Ukrainian still appears to be very great.
- WV raised the issue of the availability of resources to make referrals for individual and group counselling in Ukrainian and Russian in Constanta County.



Useful Links



Action Points

- [Members List](#)
- [Service Mapping](#)
- [MHPSS TF SharedFolder](#)

- Obtain updates on the pool of translators to be formulated by UNHCR.
- IOM Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and Displacement | International Organization for Migration
<https://www.iom.int/mhpsed>
- **Next meeting on 2nd June 2022.**