

Romania - Child Protection Sub-Working Group
20 September 2023, 10:00-12:00 (hybrid - Salvati Copiii – Sector 3 counselling hub)

Participants: 12 representatives from ADRA, Plan International, Salvati Copiii, UNHCR, UNICEF, and World Vision.

Agenda and discussions:

- 1. Welcome and Presentation on services developed as part of Ukraine response** - Alina Lazar, Salvati Copiii
 - ✓ Overview of Salvati Copiii's activities, services and activities across locations in Romania – at border crossing camps, asylum centers, transit areas, daycare centers, counselling hubs and schools. Support with access to information, including counseling on available rights and services, accessing education system, health services, employment (Jobs4Ukraine) and Romanian language classes. *PPT available in CPSWG Sharepoint.*
 - i. Through CPSWG, seek to coordinate and collaborate more closely on child protection trainings for a joint approach to seek to fill the gaps, strengthen/empower the community, and provide authorities with the necessary child protection tools to help mitigate and respond. *CPSWG co-leads to organize a separate discussion with interested partners.*
 - ii. CPSWG to also dedicate discussions on non-Ukrainian refugees/asylum-seekers in Romania and see to better understand needs, available programs, etc., and seek to incorporate focus on these groups through the coordination forum.
- 2. Update from Interagency working group** – Danielle Beasley, UNHCR
 - ✓ Brief update on next steps of RRP 2024 for CP partners and review of the slightly amended national indicators for next year.
- 3. Voluntary Return to Ukraine of Refugee Children without Parental Care to Ukraine ([UNHCR Position](#))** – Danielle Beasley, UNHCR
 - ✓ Brief overview of UNHCR's recently published position
 - i. Also, referred to a regional project that UNHCR is carrying out to map the Best Interests Procedures in countries to which children without parental care have been evacuated from Ukraine. Romania has been included in the research under this project, as the country has received several categories of children without parental care since the onset of the displacement from Ukraine and can present some best practices in this regard.
 - ii. UNICEF has hired two consultants to look at the child protection legal framework in Romania with an aim to have a draft available by end of year followed by small event early next to highlight the results and policy recommendations.
- 4. Mapping of social services for the most vulnerable population** – Voica Tomus, UNICEF
 - ✓ Overview of methodology of mapping of services: Target counties: Iasi and Vaslui; and preliminary conclusions and recommendations. *PPT available in CPSWG Sharepoint.*
- 5. Update on Back-to-School campaign** – Laura Fragiacomio, UNICEF
 - ✓ Overview on recent developments – will circulate MoM from 6 September Education meeting.
- 6. AOB**
 - ✓ Next CPSWG meeting on Thursday, 26 October at 11am.
- 7. Tour of Salvati Copiii Counseling Center**