

## Bulgaria Inter-Agency Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	7 February 2023	<b>Location</b>	Hybrid – in person at UNHCR premises and online on Teams
<b>Chair &amp; Co chair</b>	UNHCR	<b>Note taking / minutes</b>	Aleksandra Vicheva-UNHCR
<b>Participating organizations and members</b>	<b>UNHCR</b> (Hayoung Kim, Sophia Casas, Aleksandar Naskov, Anastasia Ilieva, Radoslava Mechkyurova, Boris Cheshirkov; Rukiya Abdul Aziz; Lea Kraitem; Mariya Shisheva; Yana Dodnikova); <b>UNICEF</b> (Carole Vignaud, Lora Voynova, Lyuba Batenbergska); <b>IOM</b> (Maria Samuilova); <b>BRC</b> (Dr. Sofia Stoimenova, Nela Vamporova); <b>FAR</b> (Rositsa Atanasova), <b>USRF</b> (Natalia Ellis); <b>Reachout Foundation</b> (Nikol Karapeeva); <b>AKNO</b> (Johannes Muller); <b>Aid for Ukraine</b> ; <b>CRW</b> (Nina Charles); <b>State Agency for Refugees</b> ; <b>Global Metrix</b> (Radostina Angelova, Alexey Pamporov); <b>Situation Centre Open Doors</b> (Ioana Bestuic);		
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Multi-Sector Needs Assessment key findings</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• AOB</li> </ul>		
<b>Agenda Point</b>	<b>Description of Activities/Challenge</b>	<b>Agreed Decisions / Follow-Up Actions</b>	
<b>Presentation of Multi-Sector Needs Assessment key findings</b>	<p>Presentation was delivered by Global Metrix/ Radostina and Alexey, summarizing the key findings of the MSNA.</p> <p><i>Presentation is attached to the email for dissemination of minutes.</i></p>		
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<p>BRC/Nela inquired more details on the outreach to the 267 surveyed Ukrainians who live in private accommodations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Metrix/Radostina and Alexey explained that the data sampling of those in private accommodation was from Ukrainians who visited the Blue dots as well as those who were surveyed in shops, streets and other public places. A snowball technique was used to collect this data.</li> </ul> <p>UNICEF/Carole commented that the inter-agency working group should work together on the gaps identified in the survey (e.g. lack of access to information on social services, psycho-social support needs, bullying at schools, lack of access to child friendly spaces, violence or physical assault). It would be useful to identify topics to be discussed further on at the inter-agency level.</p> <p>USRF/Nata informed that USRF made a survey in Plovdiv on bullying and violence at schools. She raised the concern that the material on how to work with UKR refugee children, designed by UNHCR, has not reached many teachers. USRF is reaching out to the regional education department in Plovdiv and school headmasters for wider</p>		

## Bulgaria Inter-Agency Meeting Minutes

	dissemination; however, there should be more effort in this regard in order for this material to reach a big number of teachers throughout Bulgaria.	
<b>AOB</b>	Reachout Foundation/Nikol informed about the publishing of a Bulgarian language textbook aimed at supporting refugees in their effort to learn Bulgarian language. The textbook is illustrated by an Ukrainian artist and published with the support of UNHCR. The presentation of the textbook will be on 17 February 2023. An invitation will be circulated. Training for teachers who work with the refugee children is also going to take place soon.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> 28 February 2023 – education sector discussion <b>Location:</b> UNHCR Office 1 <sup>st</sup> floor conference room and online on teams – hybrid <b>Time:</b> 10.00-11.00 hrs.	