



Inter-Agency
Coordination
Türkiye

National Protection Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Time & Location: Thursday, 18 January 2024, 10:00 – 12:30 hrs / Zoom

Chairs: Lara Özügergin – 3RP National Protection Sector Coordinator (UNHCR)

Participants: AAR Japan, AHCSA, ARSA, BONYAN, DRC, DDD, EL-BIR, Erguvan Association for Integration of Migrants, Genç Hayat Vakfı, GIZ, GOAL Global, Hayata Anlam Katanlar Derneği, HRDF, IDA, ILO, IOM, KAOS GL, MAAN, MESEDER, MSYDD, MUDEM, Relief International, RET International, RRT, SGDD – ASAM, SistersLab, SRP, TRC, Uluslararası Göçmen Kadınlar Dayanışma Derneği, WFP, UN Women, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UOSSM, Violet, WALD, WATAN, Yeryüzü Çocukları Derneği

Meeting Presentation: [English](#) and [Turkish](#)

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome & Updates
- II. Roll-Out of National Protection Working Group Orientation Package
- III. PSEA Network Updates and Roll-Out of Inter-Agency PSEA Incident Reporting & Referral Mechanism
- IV. 3RP Protection Sector Appeal Overview
- V. Presentation of National Protection Working Group Annual Plan for 2024
- VI. AoB & Closure

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Updates

- Per feedback from members, National Protection Working Group (NPWG) meetings will now be conducted in Turkish. The majority of NPWG members are either employees of local NGOs or are Turkish citizens working for international NGOs. Therefore, it has been decided that conducting meetings in Turkish would be more efficient as of this year.
- NPWG Terms of Reference has been reviewed and shared with partners for feedback. The final version revised in light of partners' feedback will be shared with sector partners as soon as possible and will be incorporated into the National Protection Working Group Orientation Package.



- Monthly sector reporting (for December / 2023) was completed on January 19. Sector Monitoring & Evaluation training for 2024 reporting will likely be organized in February. An announcement regarding this training will be shared with partners soon.
- With contributions from the Aging and Disability Inclusion Task Team (ADITT), the Inter-Agency Referral Form (IARF) was revised based on disability considerations, while highlighting the importance of obtaining consent from Persons with Disabilities. Partners are expected to use the latest revised versions. The latest versions of the IARF Form Package (available in [English](#) and [Turkish](#)) and IARF ([English](#), [Turkish](#), [Arabic](#) and [Farsi](#)) can be accessed through the links. Training sessions, with a focus on the use of the revised forms, are currently in the planning phase.
- Under the 3RP Coordination, with contributions from the ADITT and various organizations/colleagues with disability expertise, various practical checklists promoting disability inclusion and mainstreaming were prepared last year. Recently, these checklists have been audited and revised again. These checklists can be reached through the below links:
 - Accessibility Checklist [English ([Word](#), [PDF](#)), Turkish ([Word](#), [PDF](#))]
 - Accessible Audiovisual Content [English ([Word](#), [PDF](#)), Turkish ([Word](#), [PDF](#))]
 - Accessible Word, PowerPoint and Excel Documents [English ([Word](#), [PDF](#)), Turkish ([Word](#), [PDF](#))]
 - Hosting Accessible Online Meetings [English ([Word](#), [PDF](#)), Turkish ([Word](#), [PDF](#))]
- **Inter-Agency Capacity Development Training on Addiction and Substance Use:** 3RP Protection & Health Sectors and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support sub-Sector, organized a training series under the leadership of the Green Crescent (Yeşilay). The training series consisted of six modules and focused on the approach to addiction and persons with addictions, addiction and stigma, alcohol-substance, gambling addiction, internet addiction and tobacco addiction. NPWG is in contact with Yeşilay regarding the dissemination of training records.

Agenda Item #2: Roll-Out of National Protection Working Group Orientation Package

- National Protection Working Group Orientation Package aims to compile documents, guidance notes, and other relevant tools that have been prepared and introduced so far under the coordination of the NPWG. The orientation package was briefly introduced during the NPWG meeting.



- The National Protection Working Group Orientation Package can be accessed through these links ([English](#) and [Turkish](#)).

Agenda Item #3: PSEA Network Updates and Roll-Out of Inter-Agency PSEA Incident Reporting & Referral Mechanism

- On behalf of the Türkiye PSEA Network, National Protection Working Group Coordinator provided information about the Network and shared various announcements. Information summarizing the Türkiye PSEA Network and its activities can be accessed through the presentation. (Slides 7 – 10)
- PSEA Network expanded its membership structure beyond UN agencies to include I/NGOs and organizations operating in Türkiye across the humanitarian, recovery and development response. Membership requirements for the Network are outlined in the presentation. (Slide 8).
- Information was provided regarding the recently established reporting and referral mechanism on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) allegations. Relevant tools and documents prepared within the scope of this mechanism can be accessed from the relevant links (Slides 11 – 17):
 - [PSEA Focal Point Mapping \(ActivityInfo\) & PSEA Focal Point Mapping \(PowerBI Dashboard\)](#)
 - [Inter-Agency Referral Form for SEA Complaints](#)
 - [Sample Consent Form for SEA Reporting and Referrals](#)
 - [Guidance on Use of Inter-Agency Referral Form for SEA Complaints](#)

Agenda Item #4: 3RP Protection Sector Appeal Overview

- UNHCR Information Management Unit presented a comparative analysis for the evaluation of 3RP 2024 – 2025 Protection Sector appeals. The purpose of this analysis is to understand the changes and assess them contextually, by focusing on the 2023 and 2024 3RP appeals and Protection sector priorities.
- This analysis examined the scope of activities and interventions, changes in partners and targets, and geographical scope. In the thematic areas, sector commitments for 2024 were evaluated based on the identified needs and gaps. Identified needs mainly reflect the outcome of the Inter-Agency Protection Sector Needs Assessment (IAPNA) Round 7 ([English](#) and [Turkish](#)).



- Generally, the geographical scope of appeals has narrowed this year. Despite this, the region where refugees live most densely and the provinces affected by the EQ still remain within the scope of the partners' programming. Compared to 2023, there has been a decrease in programming that targets non-Syrian refugees and are cross-cutting/intersectoral in nature. However, a significant increase in programmes targeting/mainstreaming persons with disabilities is noted. (Slide 20)
- As part of the analysis, changes in information dissemination, social cohesion, community mobilization, mental health and psychosocial support, legal assistance and counseling, cash for protection, persons with specific needs, trainings/technical capacity development, institutional support, gender-based violence, child protection, feedback, complaints and response mechanisms thematic areas were examined. (Slides 21 – 32)
 - **Action Point:** Given the context, there was a discussion on whether it would be more effective and impactful to prioritize coordination of social cohesion activities at the inter-sectoral level. Considering the current challenges in implementing social cohesion interventions, feedback is expected from partners on whether social cohesion should be removed from the Protection Sector work plan or should remain as a sector priority.
 - **Action Point:** In response to the request of the participants, a more detailed discussion session regarding the analysis of 3RP 2024 - 2025 Protection Sector appeals may be organized in coming weeks. An announcement regarding this will be shared with partners soon.

Agenda Item #5: Presentation of National Protection Working Group Annual Plan for 2024

- The National Protection Working Group Work Plan for 2024 has been recently revised. The Work Plan was revised based on the outcomes of discussions of the Joint 3RP Protection Sector Workshop held in August 2023, the 3RP Protection Sector Strategy, progress against sector M&E framework/identified challenges and gaps and IAPNA Round 7.
- Thematic areas determined within the scope of the Work Plan are as follows: Refugees with Disabilities, Access to International Protection, Advocacy, Social Cohesion, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), Data Collection and Analysis, 3RP Protection Sector Planning, Implementation and M&E Processes.
 - **Action Point:** The Work Plan has been shared with sector partners for feedback by January 29th. When providing feedback, partners are asked to specify the activities

they can lead or contribute to. Additionally, partners are expected to share feedback on whether the thematic area of social cohesion should be included in the work plan or not.

Agenda Item #6: AoB & Closure

- Partners agreed on a bi-monthly schedule for NPWG Meetings. However, additional meetings may be requested and held depending on contextual developments and needs.
- The next NPWG meeting is planned for March 28th, between 10:00 – 12:00.

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