



sRomania - Child Protection Sub-Working Group Minutes

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Agenda

CP Updates and developments

Programme Criticality Survey – focus on CP findings

Theme presentation: Case Management (Facilitator – Save the Children) Presentation on best practices in Case Management (CM) for Child Protection Discussion on challenges faced in implementing effective CM strategies. Sharing of experiences and lessons learned among member organizations Q&A

CP Updates & developments

UNHCR

Emergency Ordinance updates:



- Developments on unaccompanied and separated children - definition and recognition of the legal representative
- Larger residential facilities for Ukrainian children can still accommodate children
- TP holders can become foster parents

ANPDCA

- Few unaccompanied and separated children remain in local care, and authorities are still managing those who arrived at the beginning of the war
- Regarding unaccompanied and separated children, cooperation with the DGASPCs and the Ukrainian Embassy continues, with Ukraine remaining the sole deciding authority for these children.
- Regarding the provision allowing TP holders to become foster parents, ANPDCA confirmed that the same procedures applied to Romanian citizens will be followed. This includes assessing moral and material conditions, with ongoing monitoring by DGASPC.

World Vision

FONEO – RLO that has great resources available

Save the Children

- Sessions in Suceava and Iasi with DGASPCs on abuse identification and reporting mechanisms.
- Need: Teacher training methodology for kindergarten, safeguarding against teacher abuse.
- Emergency preparedness: Disaster management training for colleagues
- Activities to continue until year-end; future plans unknown

TdH

- MHPSS and child protection activities continued
- Started implementing PM+ (training non-psychologist professionals to respond to psychological needs).
- UASC: Addressing main issues, enhancing cooperation, and organizing a national UASC event.



UNICEF

- Encouraging better coordination between CPSWG members and coordination on similar activities (e.g., MHPSS)
- Started a project training 200 professionals (social workers, teachers).

Inter-Agency Theme presentation on Program Criticality Survey

TdH – presentation on the Workplan

Child Protection System mapping

- Is in the rafting stage, needing ANPDCA's review and final approval
- Included all the institutions related to children
- Presentation will be sent for review

Referral mechanisms

- Official document on types of services

Save the Children presentation on Case Management

- *Identification ->> Initial Evaluation ->> internal / external referral ->> case planning (map of internal services available) ->> implementing the case plan ->> follow up and review (every 3 months) ->> case closure.*
- Beneficiaries – each beneficiary has a file for intervention.
- Relationships focus: social worker – beneficiary – cultural mediator.
- Supervision of the social workers (related to administrative processes)
- Intervisitation not implemented
- Cash (scoring based interventions) - mostly vouchers are linked to CM, with some exceptions
- High demand for specialized services for children with autism
- High caseloads: 70 children per location in 18 months (standard is 25 children per caseworker)

WV implemented similar case management for children with disabilities, working with DGASPC for financial support assessment.



Follow up

- TdH to share the presentation on the mapping of institutions related to children for input and review.
- Save the Children to share the presentation on CM
- WV to connect the group with FONEO
- Ad-hoc meeting in September to review the Workplan in light of RRP 2025.