CPSWG Meeting

Date: 10 February 2026
Location: UN House & online
Chaired by: Anca Costei (UNHCR) & Gheorghe Trofin (UNICEF)

Agenda:

1. Sharing partners' plans, priorities, and available child protection services for 2026
2. Presentation by World Vision on the closure of the 2025 World Vision–UNHCR Child Protection Project: key achievements, lessons learned, and recommendations for 2026
3. Strengthening coordination and referral pathways among child protection actors supporting refugee children
4. Agreement on the frequency, format, and thematic focus of CPSWG meetings for 2026
5. Update on draft legislation related to the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

Participants:

- **World Vision:** Florina Drăgulin, Mihaela Vintilă
- **UNHCR:** Anca Costei, Pedro Munoz Alonso, Yuliya Feschchenko
- **UNICEF:** Gheorghe Trofin
- **ANPDCA:** Izabella Popa
- **Red Cross:** Cătălina Grecu, Florenta Teodorescu
- **JRS:** Diana Haidemak
- **TdH:** Rodica Novac
- **Save the Children:** Roxana Andrei

Discussion points and decisions:

1. Introduction, Anca Costei & Gheorghe Trofin
2. World Vision presentation (PPT attached). Discussions held about the challenges on obtaining the disability certificate, allowances, etc. with the decision to send from the CPSWG side letters to the relevant authorities for improving the situation.
3. Members presentation of the 2026 plans:
   - World Vision – continue service provision, children's board, educational programme. On child trafficking through the implementation of the CPC. On bullying and cyberbullying a pilot project in Bucharest, Vaslui and Dolj, and will

target Ukrainian children as well. Accredited centres on the support to families and children in 4 locations that will provide services to refugees upon request.

- Salvați Copiii – will reduce slightly the activity, and will close centres in the country, remaining only in Bucharest with activity by summer, with an exit plan to providing support from the asylum centres. Continue services of social support and accompanying to services both to Ukrainian and Gaza refugees, counselling and MHPSS.
- Red Cross – RC activities in Health Centres do not necessarily target Ukrainian refugees being available to all vulnerable categories, including refugees. In 2026 continue the activities in 7 counties, including Bucharest, accessible to refugees. Other activities are: social stores, border support and counselling centres in few locations. They are planning to develop some referral guidance as there is need for such.
- TdH – is also reducing the activity, with only one project by July, with social support, psycho-social support, ability development and access to labour market, translation, access to medical and education services, after-school, and other.
- The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS):
    - Presence in 3 locations: Galati, Constanta, Bucharest
    - Support to Ukrainian refugees
    - Educational activities for children and adults (3-17 years old)
    - Courses of Romanian and English languages
    - Soft MHPSS component
    - Non formal (vocational) education
    - Some activities are partly funded by refugees
- UNICEF
    - Continues providing technical support to authorities hosting refugee children
    - Continues to advance the development of the Guide on the Assessment and Determination of the Best Interests of the Child
    - Continues supporting the consolidation of the child protection system, prioritizing the prevention of violence against children.
- UNHCR
    - Will focus on advocacy interventions, including the implementation of the Pact.
    - Continues working with local child protection authorities to facilitate access to services and social benefits, ensuring the inclusion of refugee children and their caregivers.

    - Facilitates community engagement activities at Romexpo.
- ANPDCA
    - Suggestion to the group members to share all concerns related to disability certification with ANPDCA, including recommendations. Then ANPDCA can formulate instructions/ recommendations to DGASPCs.
    - Mentioned that the Law No. 448/2006 on the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities has been modified and child protection commission has new responsibilities and implementing norms are required. ANPDCA will revise GD no. 502/2017.

4. Agreement on CP Sub-Working Group modalities for 2026
    - The group agreed to hold quarterly meetings, with a primary focus on sharing updates and discussing potential referral opportunities.
5. Discussion related to Draft law aimed at aligning national legislation (across multiple laws) with the instruments of the Pact on Migration and Asylum
    - UNHCR raised key child protection concerns, which were echoed by partners, including issues related to detention, age assessment procedures, access to education and the representation of unaccompanied and separated children. ANPDCA advised organizations to submit proposals separately instead of consolidating them into a single submission.

Action points:

1. Consider sharing a letter with ANPDCA summarizing challenges in disability certificate and suggest recommendations for improvement
2. UNHCR to follow-up with partners to update the Services Advisor and share with all participants for information on services available at national level.
3. UNHCR to provide an information session in the next CPSWG on the Services Advisor
4. UNHCR to create a WhatsApp group for referrals and enable easier, more direct communication among members.