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Regional IM Working Group – Meeting minutes

Present: UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, Lumos

Location: UNHCR, Geneva

General updates

1. The [published last meeting minutes \(18 June 2019\)](#)
2. For the most recent updates, see the [Mediterranean response data portal](#) and [IOM's Flow Monitoring site for Europe](#).
3. UNHCR are developing the latest update to Desperate Journeys, for planned publication in October. This release will have a focus on children on the move.
4. UNICEF are analysing information on UASC refugee and migrant girls in Europe.

WIMA and RIMWG November 2018 Workshop – follow up

A workshop on information management and analysis (WIMA) took place in early July, organised by UNHCR, with participation from IOM, UNICEF, IFRC and UNHCR colleagues, primarily from countries in southern Europe and the Balkans. It successfully took a practical approach to identifying key messages, applying analytical frameworks and understanding useful tools for joint analysis.

Follow-up activities include:

- a. **IM strategies** – support country offices in the development of strategies that include relevant inter-agency activities. Producing the strategies will also help to understand opportunities for additional publications.
- b. **Government capacity building** - Supporting government capacity building initiatives at country level. Examples include supporting the Bosnia government to develop joint dashboards and improving the available data on refugee and migrant children in Spain.
- c. **Broader audience** - Increase engagement with policy makers and donors to maximise the use of the existing published information and identify new opportunities.
- d. **Integration** - Harmonisation of integration terminology in Greece and identify common IM activities on integration in Italy.
- e. **Development of common indicators** for activities in Greece, taking forward the current collaboration between UNICEF and IOM.
- f. **Site profiling in the Balkans** – UNHCR to share the latest version of the questionnaire. Compare and incorporate where possible the child protection checklists from Greece.
- g. **Senior management engagement on IM** – develop a “10 tips and tricks” style document to show clearly and simply how to apply IM with the maximum impact.

Inter-agency factsheets

Education brief – The brief on education in Europe is now finalised. A joint press release will be drafted to support the launch in September.

Factsheet on refugee and migrant children – the final draft of the mid-year update will be finalised in early September and published during September.

Inter-agency research project on care arrangements for children

Feedback on the latest version of the report will be provided by all three organisations by the 26 August, based on which Lumos will revise accordingly.

For the final stage of review, the report will need to undergo an external quality assurance review, which UNICEF will support. Additionally, the report will need to be cleared by UNICEF and UNHCR senior management, as well as IOM research department. It is anticipated that the report will be finalised during the last quarter of 2019.

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IOM focal points for Europe – Kristina Uzelac is starting a new role with IOM in South Sudan later in August. Kristina has been instrumental in ensuring smooth coordination between agencies over the last couple of years and the RIMWG wish her well in her new role. Ivona Zakoska remains the IOM focal point for the RIMWG in Europe.

IM Workshop – January 2020 – IOM have funding to organise a workshop to help operations in Europe identify how to become more adept with managing information to support policy makers and donors. The intention would be to invite donors, as well as colleagues from neighbouring regions to ensure an inter-regional perspective. A concept note will be developed for discussion during the fall.

Follow up actions

1. All IMs are welcome join the [Europe Information Management group on Humanitarian ID](#).
2. *WIMA* – UNHCR to draft the presentation on joint analysis for Europe and share with the RIMWG for comments.
3. *Education brief* – IOM, UNICEF and UNHCR to draft the press release and finalise the launch date.
4. *Care arrangements project*:
 - a. IOM, UNICEF and UNHCR to provide feedback on the latest version of the report to Lumos by the 26 August.
 - b. All organisations to identify relevant first-person stories.

Next meeting

26 September 2019 (1100 to 1230) at UNICEF in Geneva