

Child Protection Sub-Working Group
27.02.2020 Minutes of Meeting

Date:	Thursday, 27th February 2020 at 09.45 a.m., Conference Room 1	
Participants:	Arsis, Caritas Hellas, DRC, Ecumenical Refugee Programme (KSPM-ERP), Elix, European Expression, GAS/Dublin Unit, GCR, Hellenic Red Cross, ICRC, IOM, IRC, Metadrasi, NCR, PRAKSIS, Safe Passage, Solidarity Now, The Home Project, The Smile of the Child, UNHCR Attica Team, UNHCR CO, UNICEF, Velos, Zeuxis	
Chair:	UNHCR: Theodora D. Tsovili (tsovili@unhcr.org)	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Impact of the transition guardianship's program discontinuation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ As regards the family reunion procedures (Dublin Unit, GAS) ✚ Metadrasi – agency piloting guardianship law will provide information how they will continue support UAC across Greece (Metadrasi) ✚ Challenges observed in the RICs according to input received by UNHCR Field Offices (UNHCR) ➤ Update on the initiation of five new safe zones in sites of the mainland (IOM) 	
Impact of the transition guardianship's program discontinuation (Dublin Unit/GAS, Metadrasi, UNHCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Dublin Unit/ GAS outlined in brief the challenges the Unit is facing due to the absence of the guardian/legal representative as regards the family reunion cases procedures under Dublin: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Challenges to properly identify/trace the exact location of the unaccompanied children in the RIC (i.e. living in Moria Olive Grove, Samos jungle); Interim solution in RICs: Dublin Unit contacts RIS – RIS identifies the UAC and refers cases to CP actors for the necessary follow ups; 2) Germany is strict and the deadlines count from the date the willingness to apply for asylum is recorded. Subsequently, delays on the registration of the claim has impact in the procedures. Cases are rejected on the grounds of overdue deadlines; 3) Transfer of UAC to Agios Andreas summer camp who were not registered before the AS prior the transfer. AS/Dublin Unit explored ways to identify empty slots in RAOs in Attica region for the UAC to lodge their claim; 4) Lack of proper documentation: Dublin unit case workers contact focal persons (when applicable) to provide assistance to complete the UAC's file; 5) BIA tool: challenges identified since summer (July 2019) with no BIAs drafted by the guardians who were already overloaded with cases; 	Action Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to share the presentations of Metadrasi and UNHCR

	<p>✚ Metadrasi provided a brief presentation on the way they will continue to support UAC across Greece. Metadrasi is operating under its own resources with 20 focal points on the islands, mainland and Evros region who used to be Authorized Representatives. Given the limited staff, Metadrasi's focal points are following up the most vulnerable UAC: homeless, in protective custody, in RICs (old cases), in SIL, foster care and Agios Andreas summer camp. Please see the presentation attached for detailed information.</p> <p>✚ UNHCR outlined in brief the challenges observed in the RICs according to input received by UNHCR Field Offices. Please see the presentation attached for detailed information.</p>	
<p>Update on the initiation of five new safe zones in sites of the mainland (IOM)</p>	<p>✚ Update on new SZs in the mainland:</p> <p>As introduced in the National Strategy plan by MoL, IOM will proceed with the initiation of five Safe Zones (SZs) in the following open accommodation facilities: Malakasa, Skaramagas, Vagiochori, Veria and Filipiada. The SZs in Malakasa, Skaramagas and Veria will be operational in April. The rest will follow – no further information shared on this regard.</p> <p>The Minimum Standards for the operation of the SZs (procuded by the CPsWG and endorsed by MoL) will be maintained. The capacity of the SZs will be 30 UAC/SZ, with multidisciplinary teams present 24 hours/7 days. UAC will be provided with NFIs and food and they will get access to psychosocial and medical services.</p> <p>Given the fact that UAC are living in the SZs for more than 3 months despite that SZs should be interim solutions, IOM is working in improving the living conditions in the SZs, i.e. providing activities, creation of common areas.</p> <p>✚ Update on the Safe Areas in the RICs:</p> <p>By the end of March all containers will be replaced apart from the ones in Samos and partially for Moria (capacity will reach 88 UAC) – the living conditions will be significantly improved.</p>	<p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to share the Minimum Standards for the operation of the SZs (endorsed by MoL)
<p>AOB</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Action points: N/A</p>