

Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) in Poland

6 April 2022



Welcome! Today's Agenda:

- 1.Coordination updates
- 2.Blue Dot Roll-Out
- 3.RRP narrative and indicators
- 4.Rapid round of introductions
- 5.Presentation on the Special Act and its provisions for children (Ada Tyminska-Helsinki Foundation)
- 6.AOB



Blue Dot Roll-out



Refugee Response Plan – narrative and outlined activities

- Major protection risks for children: separation from parents or other relatives, witnessing violence, disruptions of social and community structures, school dropouts
- UASC at heightened risk of violence, abuse and exploitation, including GBV and trafficking
- Absence of systematic registration or verification of refugee children upon arrival and crossing the border
- Need for coordination structures and referral pathway
- Limited information about services
- National systems (Child protection and others, such as alternative care or guardianship arrangements) under intense pressure
- Volunteers without specialized training on child safeguarding, PSEA, best interest procedures, GBV; limited vetting or screening
- High levels of distress requiring MHPSS services for children and caregivers

Refugee Response Plan – narrative and outlined activities

Focus on the strengthening of national systems at the core of the response:

- Identification, registration and data management of UASC and other children at risk; enhancing their access to specialized services.
- Enhancing existing best interest procedures to ensure decisions on family tracing and reunification, placement in alternative care and onward movement are in line with regional and global standards.
- Supporting national case management systems, including the establishment of tracking and referral mechanisms between law enforcement institutions and service providers.
- Building the capacity of local and other relevant service providers on child protection including tracing and family reunification, alternative care, child safeguarding, prevention and response to GBV and others.
- Providing technical support to frontline service providers to ensure that procedures and services are child-friendly and enhance their capacity on communicating with children.

Refugee Response Plan – narrative and outlined activities

- Ensure **community-based protection mechanisms** and programs are in place to support the protection of children through awareness programs, identification and training of child protection outreach volunteers
- Disseminating **child-friendly, accessible messages** on preventing family separation and child rights in line with national child protection framework and the CRC.
- Provision of **child- and adolescent-friendly MHPSS support**, including promoting age, gender- and disability appropriate group activities in the Blue Dot facilities, school settings, mobile teams, targeted outreach and combined with psychosocial support to parents.
- **Mainstream child protection in the different sectoral work plans** and activities to ensure that responses take into account the needs of children of different ages and sex as well as other child-specific risks and needs.
- Ensure **feedback mechanisms** are available to caregivers, children and adolescents in a format which is child-friendly, and accessible
- Develop **longer-term inclusion and integration strategies and programs**; building peer relations and **fostering social cohesion**, while engaging with and creating opportunities for children and adolescents for participation.

Refugee Response Plan – Indicators

of Safe Spaces/hubs established, including Blue Dots

of children at risk (including UASC) identified and referred to specialized services

of children at heightened risk, and their care givers, benefitted from cash assistance

of children and caregivers engaged in community-based and MHPSS activities

of service providers, including government stakeholders, NGOs, INGOs and volunteers and other community members trained on child protection

Key guidelines



TECHNICAL GUIDANCE
**CHILD-FRIENDLY
PROCEDURES**



ALTERNATIVE CARE
IN EMERGENCIES
TOOLKIT



**CORE COMMITMENTS
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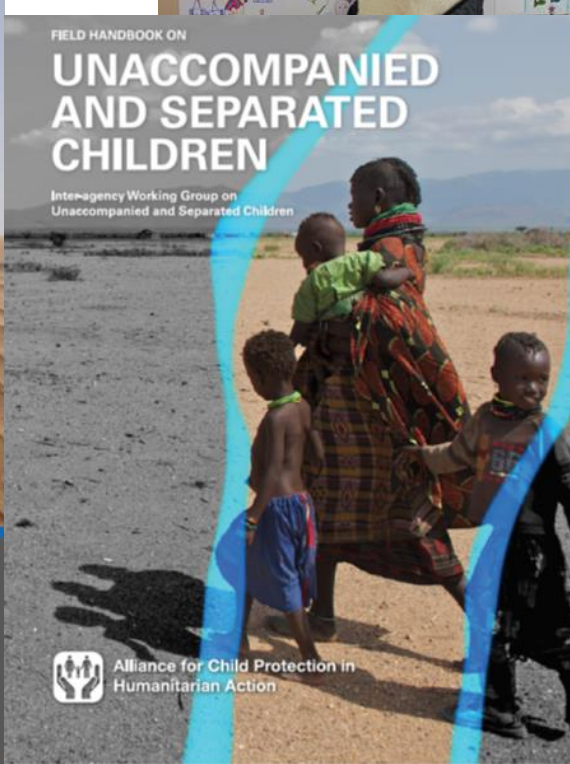
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PROCEDURE GUIDELINES:
**ASSESSING AND
DETERMINING THE BEST
INTERESTS OF THE CHILD**

Getting to know the CP SWG – rapid introductions

Please introduce yourself/ team on the call (1 person per organization)

60 second intro on:

- ✓ Your organisation's mission
- ✓ Are you international/ national
- ✓ Core activities
- ✓ Where you are working

Please also remember to fill in the mapping tool – deadline Friday