


UKRAINE REFUGEE RESPONSE
Regional Sub-Working Group on Child Protection
Meeting Minutes

Time & location:	20 June 2022, at 15:00-16:15, online
Participants:	British Red Cross, Child Helpline International, Eurochild, ICRC, IOM, Plan International, Save the Children, TDH, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction (UNICEF) 2. Presentation by Patrick Krens, Exec. Dir. of Child Helpline International 3. Other CP Updates 4. AOB
AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION
1. Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour de table
2. Presentation by Patrick Krens, Exec. Dir. of Child Helpline International	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CHI Ukraine Crisis Response - presentati</p> </div> <p>Child Helpline International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network organisation of child helplines; 168 members in 140 countries and territories. 43 members in Europe. • Three work pillars: core standards, data collection and research for evidence-based advocacy, awareness raising and campaigning. Increasingly involved in emergency situations • 116 111 - harmonised child helpline number for Europe, used by many members of the network. • Started work in the region two months ago. Signed a new 12-month project with UNICEF. Active in first-line countries neighbouring Ukraine and in Ukraine itself. • Key intervention areas: expand operation of child helplines, create more learning opportunities, joint advocacy actions in Europe (with UNICEF), maintain efficient reporting mechanisms including for PSEA. • Key project activities: Working with UNICEF to develop child protection messages, data collection (including for advocacy at the regional level), etc. Proceeding with bringing new staff on board and developing workplans per country and will then engage in field visits inside and outside of Ukraine. • Back in April, performed a major needs assessment of member organisations. • Bringing on board more Ukrainian-speaking counsellors, data- and information-responsible staff. Offering counselling, referrals and other key CP statutory services.

3. Other CP Updates	<p>UNICEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing in Ukraine-neighbouring countries with investing, at municipal levels, into inclusive CP services, e.g. local alternative care systems, additional numbers of social workers, etc. Expecting increase in investments in the coming weeks. • Issuing sitreps on UNICEF’s work in the neighbouring countries, linked to the RRP. • Working closely with the Ukrainian government in their efforts concerning the well-being of children in the neighbouring countries. <p>Save the Children (STC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 60,000 registered refugee children in Lithuania; majority of them originate from eastern Ukraine, so their number may increase with intensified fighting. National NGOs have very strong coordination (seven NGO forums currently supporting the government). <p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (In answer to a question from STC) No intention as yet to include second-line countries into the Regional CP SWG’s scope. <p>UNICEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (In answer to a question from STC) Food for thought on how to expand the regional CP SWG forum. <p>Eurochild:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also observed the need for counsellors and social workers speaking Ukrainian (pointed out by Eurochild member organisations from Sweden) and for training in war trauma. <p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Hungary and Slovakia, concerns about the phenomenon of sports federations who have brought in a large number of young Ukrainian athletes, in addition to issues of guardianship and temporary care. <p>UNICEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned with private initiatives on evacuations of children from Ukraine. <p>Eurochild:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ukraine emergency has elucidated the inequalities and gaps of all CP systems in Europe dating from before the war, so this is a momentum to be seized by all CP NGOs.
4. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Regional CP SWG meeting will take place on 18 July 2022 at 3 PM.

No.	Action	Who	Status
1.	Place the discussion on UNICEF’s work with the Govt of Ukraine on the agenda of next meeting	Co-Chairs	pending
2.	Place the discussion on MH PSS on the agenda of next meeting	Co-Chairs	pending

3.	Place the issue of education of Ukrainian children on the agenda of one of the upcoming meetings	Co-Chairs	pending
3.	Put STC in touch with UNHCR in Stockholm (covering Lithuania) and in CO Lithuania.	UNHCR	pending