

UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA
Education Sub-Working Group meeting
1 June 2022, 10:00 – 11.30 am

Venue: UN House and online on Zoom

Agenda

1. Action points from the previous meeting
2. Terms of reference for the education sub-working group
3. Workplan for the education sub-working group
4. Tour de table / Updates from RRP partners
 - a. Government – Plan Conference on Education and Child Protection
5. May RRP updates (deadline 6 June 2022)
6. Updates from the Education operational meeting
7. AOB
8. Next meeting – UN House and Zoom

Minutes

1. *Action points from the previous meeting*

The group went through the pending action points and agreed on further follow up.

Action points:

- World Vision to share the methodology and tools for the mapping and take the lead on organizing a joint meeting between key humanitarian actors (World Vision, Save the Children, UNICEF etc.) and the School Inspectorate of Bucharest Municipality. At the same time, involve the operational group that was established by the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption to agree on ways to identify Ukrainian children in various communities. [Pending from last meeting.](#)
- Humanitarian actors to put forward requests to MOE/ISJs for Romanian language acquisition for children (to double check with MOE). [Pending from last meeting.](#)
- Youth Task Team – to be convened, share the minutes of the meetings and update the Education sub-working group (Amd/NRC). [Pending from last meeting.](#)

2. *Terms of reference for the education sub-working group*

The draft terms of reference for the education sub-working group were presented briefly and uploaded in the inter-agency sharepoint [here](#).

Action point:

- Feedback to be provided by Education SWG members by 8 June 2022 and have the terms of reference to be endorsed during the next meeting on 15 June 2022.

3. *Workplan*

Each working group is requested to have a workplan until 2022. A first draft was presented and uploaded [here](#). It was highlighted that the workplan is aligned with the Government's National Action Plan. The small partners' group (who drafted the plan) was assigned to continue to receive feedback from other members, finalize it and have it ready for endorsement for the next meeting.

Action points:

- Education SWG members to provide feedback by COB Wednesday, 8 June 2022.
- The final version of the workplan to be endorsed in the next meeting, 16 June 2022

4. *Tour de table*

Although Plan International colleagues did not attend the meeting, various Education SWG members provided updates and main take away messages from the 1-day Conference on Education and Child Protection. The need for an inclusive approach and for integration of refugee children in the education system was highlighted. Another issue mentioned was the challenge to ensure that teachers have the capacity to support learning for refugee children despite the language issues. Lastly, the most vulnerable group have to benefit from the education system, particularly keeping in mind the mobility of such group. A report will be issued soon and shared with a wider audience.

WVI provided more details about their field trip, during which they met with education authorities. The issue of Romanian language came up very often, authorities indicating some of the challenges – e.g., limited number of qualified teachers to teach Romanian as a second language, teachers not willing to work during the summer, ability to track progress (especially for behavior change etc.). WVI will also conduct a needs assessment in Brasov.

Save the Children also mentioned their planned activities for summer. In general, Save the Children has a good experience in working with teachers during summertime and will continue to support such activities for vulnerable children (both Romanian and refugees).

UNICEF and other partners highlighted the need to support the MoE to identify the refugee children. This should be done in partnership with the National Child Protection Authority (ANDPCA).

Action points:

- Education SWG members to share any needs assessments conducted so far and/or information about upcoming ones.

5. *May RRP Updates*

The process for providing updates was shared with all Education SWG members.

Action point:

- Paula/UNICEF to circulate the template for May updates by the end of the day (1 June);
- RRP education partners to provide inputs by 5 June, so UNICEF can collate and share the updates with UNHCR by 6 June

6. *Updates from the Education operational meeting*

No meeting took place. Jessica/Save the Children and Mina/WVI to follow up with a call for a meeting.

Action points:

- Jessica/Save the Children and Mina/WVI to follow up with a call for a meeting (with logistic support from UNICEF)

7. *Any other business*

No other businesses.

The education sub-working group meeting will continue to take place every two weeks, Wednesday, 10.00 to 11.30 am.

Next meeting: 16 June 2022, 10.00 – 11.30 am, UN House and online (Zoom)