

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

Venue: UN House and online on Zoom

Agenda

1. Action points from the previous meeting
2. Endorsement of the terms of reference for the education sub-working group
3. Endorsement of the workplan for the education sub-working group
4. Indicators
5. Tour de table / Updates from RRP partners
6. AOB
7. 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). **Completed and updates provided.** Amd Rasho/NRC to provide a written update to be included in the minutes. **Pending from last meeting.**
- Have a technical meeting on needs assessment – to coordinate and share information.
- Monthly updates for June to be provided by 29 June by each RRP partner to the sub-group coordinator in a concise manner and focused on indicators and impact as much as possible.

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

The final terms of reference for the education sub-working group were presented briefly, highlighting the fact that all comments/inputs have been addressed/integrated and adopted by members present in the meeting. The final version is available [here](#).

Action point:

- The terms of reference to be revised at the end of the year (December 2022).

3. *Workplan for the education sub-working group*

An update was provided on the process that took place and the adjustments made. The most up-to-date version is uploaded [here](#) as endorsed by the sub-group.

Action point:

- Monitor its implementation on monthly basis.

4. Indicators

Details have been provided on the methodology for selecting the RRP indicators – including the link to the regional RRP, the definitions for each indicators and adjustments made to allow to reflect the wide range of education activities implemented by all RRP partners etc.

UNICEF informed that the Regional Office also works across all relevant countries on re-defining the indicators in order to avoid both confusion and possible double counting (e.g., refugee children benefiting from national education system). Guidance and clarification are expected in the coming weeks.

NRC suggested adding one or a few indicators reflecting the quality of education for refugees.

There was also a suggesting to change “children” to “learners” to be able to include older cohorts of children (up to 18 years old) and young people (over 18 years old). Although there are pro and cons for this approach and the group acknowledge the need to reflect the access to education for older children, the decision was to maintain the regional definition and – to the maximum extent possible – disaggregate the figures by age, sex etc.

Action point:

- A smaller group to meet and finalize the indicators
- Share the final version of education indicators.

5. Tour de table

Training for Ukrainian teachers.

STC continues to identify schools where they provide support to Ukrainian children – Bucharest, Galati, Tulcea, Maramures, Iasi and Suceava. Training o trainers on MHPSS; to be cascaded soon through STC network and teachers. Summer activities – expanding to new schools.

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).

NRC and UNICEF opening event for Youth Hub the National Library. 160 youth enrolled for various activities, including Romanian language, PSS etc. NRC will expand such hubs to other locations – Tulcea and another one in Bucharest.

Action points:

- STC and other partners to share training materials with the sub-group.

6. Any other business

- MOE updates
- 5Ws – dashboard
- Local level coordination – Operational
- MOE Ukraine – offline; link up with Ukraine – standing agenda item

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

Next meeting: 29 June 2022, 10.00 – 11.30 am, UN House and online (Zoom)