
Minutes

Protection Working Group meeting - 10 May 2022

Teams online

Agencies present: UNHCR, IOM, ANES, IFRC, Norwegian Council for Refugees, , Action Aid, ICAR Foundation, Oxfam, Action contre la faim, Plan International, Care International, World Vision, Alternative Sociale, DRC, AidRom, Sensiblu Foundation, Romanian Peace Institute, Save the Children, eLiberare (Protect Network), Project DoLittle, Ecumenical Association, ASSOC, FONSS, JRS

Main topics discussed:

- [Tour de table, introductory remarks and agenda points presentation](#)
- [Antitrafficking taskforce presentation by IOM](#)
 - Short presentation on IOM mandate, role and presence in Romania
 - Creation of a crisis response counter trafficking taskforce alongside the ProTect Network and ANITP based on and feeding into the existing National Mechanism
 - Date of the first meeting of the taskforce to be announced within the next two weeks
 - Referral Pathways for victims of trafficking are in place at national level though governmental authorities, currently undergoing a process of updating and simplification of procedures.
 - The police have all procedures in place
 - Referral for potential/ presumed/ identified victims not contingent on filing complaints to the police
 - NGO - eLiberare NGO gave short briefing on mandate and activities of the organization as well as on the Protect Network
- [Accountability to affected people](#)
 - UNHCR gave short reminder on aspects related to AAP previously presented in the WG
 - Mapping of initiatives and identification of gaps are needed
 - In this sense a template was proposed by UNHCR to be filled by members of the WG
 - Template to be shared for information sharing by protection WG members
- [GBV referral pathways](#)
 - UNHCR presented updated matrix of GBV service providers
 - The document will be used by all PWG members for referrals
 - It is a living document; to be updated on a monthly basis/as required
 - Organizations who are providing cash assistance are kindly requested to provide relevant information for inclusion in referral pathways document
 - Proposed to have a more simplified document that will be sharable externally and more widely
 - A need for a minimum information / training package including do's and don'ts for newly recruited staff on GBV referrals was observed
 - JRS referenced own referral mechanism and good cooperation with MoH and DS

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- UNHCR presents the Regional Sub Working Group for the Ukraine situation
 - All countries neighboring Ukraine
 - Invitation extended to the members to designate a FP if they want to participate
 - UNHCR shares that Call for Expression of Interest deadline extended for 13th May
 - **Other topics raised**
 - Care international shares quick takeaways from the Rapid Gender Analysis conducted with the help of Plan International
 - 3 areas to focus on: access to information and services, safety and protection risks
 - Assessment revealed that there is not enough clarity on TP procedures and benefits on the ground as well as insufficient information on actors providing cash assistance
 - Other questions raised through the Assessment were related to assistance provided in Ukraine and cross border referral mechanisms
 - Report to be shared in near future
 - **Next steps**
 - **Next PWG meeting scheduled on 24th May, 10:30-12:00 hrs.**