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**Note for the file**  
**Inter-agency coordination meeting 18 March 2022**  
**UN House**

**Agencies present:** UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, IOM, WFP, Romanian National Council for Refugees, Terre des Hommes, World Vision, Team Lauda, Core Response, Project Hope, Action Contre la Faim, Plan International, War Child, JRS, Catholic Relief Service, FONS, Mercy Corps, Danish Council for Refugees, Care International, Romanian Youth Council, Action Aid,

**Main topics discussed:**

**Tour de table and introductory remarks**

- UNHCR Representative – Pablo Zapata- gives a brief presentation of the meetings held at governmental level to establish coordination mechanisms between all stakeholders (local NGOs, international NGOs, international organizations and Romanian authorities)
  - A light coordination structure is recommended, not all sectors need to be launched, just the ones that complement the government's efforts
  - Provided insight on existing governmental coordination structures that were set up and adapted from the Covid-19 Task force
  - Foreseen Romanian cooperation with the EUAA for transposition and application of the Temporary Protection Directive
  - Raises the need for all stakeholders to find a way to plug in / integrate within the governmental structures and not create parallel structures
  - Assessment needed on where and how coordination structures can come together to support in a sustainable long-term way

**Q&A session:**

- **MHPSS working groups**
  - To be integrated under the Protection working group
  - Working model done in Hungary: MHPSS is under both the health and protection working groups. They are mapping actors and the launch meeting will be held next week.
  - A task force to be created that will report to both protection and health groups: solution proposed and accepted
- **Assistance delivered on the Ukrainian territory**
  - EU Logistics hubs are opening in Romania for prepositioned items to be sent to Ukraine via corridors created by the Romanian government
- **Cash assistance**
  - Government representatives like the concept
  - More organizations want to deliver it (e.g. Red Cross), coordination is needed
  - Clear eligibility criteria are needed

- Transability concerns
  - UNHCR will share once guidelines for programming are developed
- Creation of a GBV working group due to the specificity of the profile (protection needs of women)
  - At the moment GBV is included in the Protection WG; and
  - Child Protection thematic area will be a separate sub-working group
- Organigram issues
  - It is still a living document, changes may incur
  - UNHCR will share final proposed version for consultation
  - Needs to reflect a feedback/complaint mechanism
  - Need for a coleader position pathway in the organigram proposed by Mercy Corps
- Plan on CSO co leadership roles?
  - International NGOs have a great advocate (UNHCR colleague Stella, IA Coordinator on mission)
  - Strong need for local NGOs to also be represented
  - Will look at how all can integrate and be represented
- Child Protection
  - UNICEF: Confirmed presence at the borders, together with DGASPC, and the established two Blue Dots “one-stop-shop” for protection services. Did note the need to ensure greater visibility for the Blue Dots and effective response. Reported to have data on children/UASC arrivals and departures from ANPDCA and will share. Affirmed support of the CP SWG as co-lead along with ANPDCA, noting it should be integrated into current government-led structures.
- People with disability
  - Ukraine has a lot of institutionalized people (80,000-100,000) what will soon start to be evacuated and Romania does not have the capacity or infrastructure to take over
  - Disability issues will not be organized as a subgroup but will be a standing agenda issue for the Protection Group that will be discussed in every meeting
- Education
  - Sub working group on education (integration of pupils and students, language barriers and procedures for enrolment) under the Protection group
  - UNICEF is in support, but stresses need to collaborate with the government, especially with the Ministry of Education so that we compliment and assist national mechanisms and frameworks
  - Youth Association willing to offer support and compliment efforts with non-formal education and cultural interventions
- Support to Moldova
  - Moldova has reached reception capacity
  - EU offers support for relocation, SOPs in place or being drafted, eligibility criteria for relocation
  - UNHCR-IOM organize busses to transport POCs from Palaca to Husi with support of Romanian and Moldovan authorities

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#### UNHCR presents plans for initial meeting of the Child Protection sub-working group

- Proposed date: Tuesday, 22/03, 11AM – Meeting invite will be sent out once confirmed. Focus will be on mapping of current needs and locations, organizations' presence and services to help move forward on planning for establishment of Blue Dots.

#### UNHCR presents plans for initial meeting on the PSEA task force

- Given the profile and context, PSEA risks are high – it will thus be important to establish coordinated systems of prevention and response
- The PSEA Task Force sits independently from the Protection Working Group as measures should be mainstreamed and crosscutting, however the work must of course be closely linked with that of the PWG, CP sub-WG, GBV and AAP activities
- Will shortly send a request for the name of PSEA Focal Points within each agency
- Focal points will then be invited to the first meeting of the TF on Thursday, 24 March

#### UNHCR presents plans for Cash based intervention

- Informal discussions on CBI to be had in a meeting Tuesday/ Wednesday next week
- Main conclusions so far can be consulted in the RRP
- More information and feedback to come after today's meeting with the government
- Invites will be shared by UNHCR

#### UNHCR presents plans for the basic needs working group

- Working group will convene next week, tbd
- Short lists of partners identified on the 5Ws

#### UNHCR present IM products

- Need to agree on terminology used for presenting data and to make sure data is accurate
- UNHCR is building a database via SharePoint to which all are invited to contribute
- UNHCR is preparing a newsletter with statistical data to be shared with all those interested
- Joint effort from agencies is needed to push for data from the BP
- Harmonized voice through dopomoha.ro, all invited to collaborate for accurate, reliable and the same information in order not to repeat the mistakes of the Covid-19 campaigns and discourage the creation of parallel platforms
- Dopomoha digital solutions for donors needs to create a mechanism that helps/ provides for reporting
- UNHCR presents data portal and plans for Romanian web data portal
- IM working group to meet next week, tbd

#### Needs assessments

- To be shared by those who have done them in their respective working groups

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Crosscutting topics:

- Draft schedule of all meetings to be shared by UNHCR
- Focus will be on meeting in working groups/ Task forces and we'll be meeting in plenary format once a month
- All meetings will also have the possibility to be attended online