

UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Youth & Adolescents Sub-Working Group meeting

7 November 2022, 10:00 – 11.30 am

Venue- Online (Zoom)

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Main takeaways from last ISWGs
3. Intervention presentation: WHO and UNICEF participation guidelines/framework
4. Sector updates
5. AOB

1. Welcome and introductions

- ✚ Development of the ToR and workplan

Consultation process (ActionAid + National Youth Foundation)

The consultation it had been done with young Ukrainians (between 18-35 years old, majority women) involved in the intervention not directly beneficiaries, tomorrow we'll have the final report from that meeting, but they are three big concerns that we must address it:

- Involvement of young Romanians in the activities, not to have activities just for Ukrainians
- Safe space for young people where they can gather, express
- Lacking the involvement of youth Romanian NGOs in the process

2. Main takeaways from last ISWGs

- ✚ Ukrainian refugees in Romania: 87K + (increasing)
- ✚ Meeting between sector leads & government- 10th November
- ✚ Narrative for RRP- 15th November
- ✚ Next ISWG: Friday 11th of November

3. Intervention presentation: WHO and UNICEF

WHO- Sexual and reproductive health (focus on adolescents)

Issues with adolescent SRH Ukraine Crisis in Romania:

- ✚ High background teenage pregnancy rate in Ukraine
- ✚ High background HIV Rate
- ✚ Vulnerabilities due to conflict situation

- ✚ Vulnerabilities due to movement
- ✚ Vulnerabilities due to TP
- ✚ Language barrier- difficult to see alone
- ✚ Lack of trust in Romanian system
- ✚ Barriers to access health system
- ✚ Not always in educated system/educated online

Issues with ASRH in Romania:

- ✚ High teenage pregnancy rate
- ✚ Contraceptives not available free of charge
- ✚ Family doctors/FP doctors de-skilled
- ✚ GBV services training needs identified/not well publicized
- ✚ No clear guidance on limits of confidentiality
- ✚ No CSE
- ✚ No adolescent friendly services
- ✚ Vulnerable groups-LGBT/Disabilities/PLWH/ethnic minority groups

UNHCR wants to reach the minimum initial service package for sexual and reproductive health, developed by inter-agency. It has 6 pillars:

1. Ensure the health sector/cluster identifies an organization to lead implementation of the MISP, the lead SRH organization
2. Prevent sexual violence
3. Prevent the transmission of and reduce morbidity and mortality due to HIV
4. Prevent excess maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality
5. Prevent unintended pregnancies
6. Plan for comprehensive SRH services, integrated into primary health care as soon as possible
 - The goal is to prevent mortality, morbidity, and disability in crisis affected populations.

Principles of Adolescent-Friendly Services:

- Acceptable
- Accessible
- Appropriate
- Effective
- Equitable

Progress on MISP:

- SRH WG
- Mapping services
- Procured RH kits-contraception, condoms
- Propose training of family doctors including adolescent friendly services
- Working with GBV WG to coordinate training of GBV centers
- Health talks to YP

Involving adolescents in all project design, potential areas of work:

Translated materials in written and online forms, use social media, expand health talks including Romexpo, condom distribution schemes, safe spaces/youth spaces, peer educators, train all

actors in adolescent friendly approaches and referral pathways, including from refugee population, early PT/referral abortion/translators

Work towards comprehensive ASRH

- Contraceptives available free of charge
- Education to family doctors and doctors AFS
- Agree pathway for GBV with GBV WG/MoH including safeguarding and adolescent friendly
- Postnatal and postabortion contraception services
- Advocate for CSE- 'Healthy schools' certification'
- Educate and supports parents in value of sex education
- All LARCS available
- Confidentiality defined and supported by law
- Support young parents

Q: Do you have partners to implement interventions in the country?

A: We worked with Eastern European Institute of Reproductive Health (they have a lot of training materials), if you know other institutions, we are open to collaboration.

UNICEF participation guidelines/framework

- More details in the next meeting
- EU reports platform that allows us to consult the people registering in an anonymous way (it is in Romanian for the moment, soon in Ukrainian too)

4. Sector updates

- Is the 2022 strategy still valid; what are new emerging needs?

ToRs still being reviewed, to provide with some ideas/points by the end of the week

- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

Coordination with Ministry of Education (the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Family and Youth, Madalina Turza – coordinator for the emergency response)

- ✚ To have some young people from Ukraine and to involve them (youth ngos are not involved and they are not considered)

Next meeting: 21 November 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, online (Zoom)

