



## Inter-Agency Refugee Education Working Group (IREWG)

### IREWG Monthly Meeting – 23 February 2023

Meeting Details: Education Working Group Monthly Meeting	
Date	23 February 2023
Time	13:00-14:30
Chair	Loujine Khoury and Larisa Virtosu – UNICEF
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. MER updates</li><li>2. Presentation on Temporary Protection (UNHCR)</li><li>3. Snapshot of 2022 education activities on ActivityInfo (UNHCR)</li><li>4. Education Working Group ToR, 2023 Work Plan and Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) (UNICEF)</li><li>5. Capacity building trainings for partners</li><li>6. Back to School Campaign (UNICEF)</li><li>7. Partners presentations</li><li>8. Any other Business (AoB)</li></ol>	
Information collection and relevant links	
ActivityInfo Platform: <a href="https://www.activityinfo.org/">https://www.activityinfo.org/</a>	
Participants	



Katherine Lampe, UNHCR	Larisa Virtosu, UNICEF	Fadia Jbara, UNHCR
Loujine Khoury, UNICEF	Carolina Scifos, UNHCR	Mihai Cotorobai, PIN
Gabriela Miranda, World Vision	Adriana Cazacu – MER	Valentin Crudu – MER
Rei Doi, PW	Lamis Al Hasan – NRC	Ludmila Pavlov – MER
Cristina Sirbu– INTERSOS	Tommaso Portogalli – INTERSOS	Yurii Arnatov – UNHCR
	Olga Gordila - Bobeico, UNFPA	Monica Vazquez – UNHCR

### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Actions Points
<b>1. MER updates</b>	<p>The MER gave a quick update on the number of enrolled refugee children officially in schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 40 more refugee children enrolled in schools in the last week.</li> <li>- A total of 1,184 children enrolled in schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Grades 1 to 4 - 644 children,</li> <li>o Grades 5 to 9 - 510 children and</li> <li>o 30 children in high school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- In preschools – 714 children were enrolled (356 girls and 359 boys)</li> <li>- There are currently 157 children studying Romanian language</li> </ul> <p>Regarding Temporary Protection Measures, the MER noted that there is not a big change for the MER in terms of regulations for enrolling children in schools. If the child has the required documentations and has obtained the Temporary Protection status, the child can be officially enrolled as full students in the Moldovan schools.</p> <p>A question from the partners was raised regarding the Romanian language and whether the students must take language test to be enrolled in schools or to continue their studies in Romanian. The MER noted that currently there are no language tests carried out for the refugee children to be enrolled in the Moldovan schools. Romanian language, however, is a subject that is taught in schools and students must take exams in that test just like any other subject.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MER to update their website regarding the instructions for the enrollment of refugee children as well as the number of refugee children enrolled in Moldovan schools.</li> </ul>



<b>2. Presentation on Temporary Protection</b>	Monica Vazquez – UNHCR presented to the Education Working Partners the Temporary Protection Measures and the main steps to take for refugees to apply for it. Monica also explained the main eligibility criteria as well as the rights and obligations for refugees once the Temporary Protection is granted.	- Monica to share the presentation and the Q&A document with the Education Working Group partners.
<b>3. Snapshot of 2022 education activities on ActivityInfo (UNHCR)</b>	<p>Yurii Arnatov -IM team of the Inter-Agency Coordination gave a presentation on the ActivityInfo platform, and the education data compiled on the system by the partners for 2022. The dashboard can be accessible publicly by all partners on the link here: <a href="https://statics.teams.cdn.office.net/evergreen-assets/safelinks/1/atp-safelinks.html">https://statics.teams.cdn.office.net/evergreen-assets/safelinks/1/atp-safelinks.html</a></p> <p>Yurii noted that the date for officially reporting on 2023 activities will be shared with the partners soon. ActivityInfo is replacing the 5Ws old Matrix and will be used as a main source of data for reporting.</p> <p>Yurii and UNICEF reiterated the importance of reporting on ActivityInfo to coordinate the response in education and ensure that there is no duplication in the interventions of partners.</p>	- Reporting dates for 2023 on ActivityInfo to be shared with partners in the coming weeks.
<b>4. IREWG – TOR, Workplan 2023 and Strategic Advisory Group</b>	<p>UNCIEF reverted to the MER for their feedback on the ToR and 2023 Workplan for the WG shared back in January for final feedback and endorsement.</p> <p>MER noted that they have reviewed the Workplan for 2023 and noted that there needs to be further clarification on certain propositions including having a Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and on the possibility of adding indicators to the workplan.</p> <p>UNICEF explained the objective/purpose of having a SAG for the group but noted the need to set a separate internal meeting with the MER to discuss their feedback before finalizing and validating the ToR and workplan 2023.</p>	- UNICEF and UNHCR to have a separate meeting with MER to discuss and finalize the updated ToR and Workplan for 2023.
<b>5. Capacity building trainings for partners</b>	UNCIEF and UNHCR proposed to have a series of capacity building sessions for partners on various topics related to Education in Emergencies (EiE) in the coming months. In order to do so, we will conduct a mapping for the trainings that can be provided by the partners and the topics that the partners would like to receive trainings on.	- Coordination team to circulate an Excel sheet for mapping the partners capacities in providing trainings and the topics that they are interested in.



<b>6. Back to School Campaign (UNICEF)</b>	<p>Larisa Virtosu – UNICEF gave an update on the "Back to School Campaign" that will be organized as part of an umbrella campaign organized by the Presidency Office. The purpose of the campaign is to streamline key messages regarding the importance of enrolling refugee children within Moldovan schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNICEF is working closely with MER regarding Back-to-School campaign</li><li>• Implementation period for the campaign will be between March and September 2023</li><li>• Together with UNICEF Social Behavioral Change (SBC) colleagues, key messages reaching out different target groups are being developed</li></ul>	<p>- Updates will be shared with the partners regarding the different key messages.</p>
<b>7. Partners Presentation</b>	<p>Partners (UNFPA, Plan International and Peace Winds) gave a quick update on the main education activities that they are conducting and planning to implement this year.</p>	
<b>8. AoB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Inter-Agency Contingency Plan for 2023 is currently being updated. The contingency plan has 3 different scenarios and sectors have to develop or revisit their sector plans to ensure preparedness. This exercise will be taking place in the coming weeks. The IREWG coordination team will review the sector plan and share back with the partners for their feedback. If needed, there might be an ad-hoc meeting to discuss the contingency plan and follow up on the rest of the action points.</li><li>- Next monthly IREWG meeting will take place on the 30 March.</li></ul>	