



MHPSS Romania

Meeting Minutes

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Members

WHO, UNICEF, MDM, Save the Children, Estuar Foundation, World Vision International, FRC.



Updates & Achievements

- **WHO** spoke about the proposed OUG for granting Licence Waiver to Ukrainian psychologists who can be employed as psychologists to provide psychological services to Ukrainians. The conditions for granting this licence are that the psychologist is employed by an International Organisation or NGO for a fixed period of time. It is necessary that at the same time that the College of Psychologists issues some documents that Ukrainian citizens must present. This legislative proposal is currently on Madalina Turza's desk for consideration.
- **WHO** discussed bilateral meetings with several international NGOs to prepare the 2023 strategy, which discussed the need for MHPSS services in the coming period. Also different donors are assessing national NGOs and to what extent they are suitable to develop projects in 2023.
- **WHO** mentioned the opening of the Galati Integrated Center, which is a joined UN effort.
- **ESTUAR** explained the transition of Ukrainian refugees and their move from centres to apartments, where they are harder to find to receive MHPSS services. But the need for services is growing, Estuar said, as more Ukrainian refugees are being referred with more serious psychiatric conditions. Estuar also raised the issue of many Ukrainians navigating the Romanian health system, saying that more and more people are turning to the RomExpo Centre. Estuar mentions that it has changed its approach to targeting services, increasingly going to the community, where people do not have access to such services.
- **UNICEF** plans to focus their MHPSS efforts within the Protection and Education sector in 2023 and mentions that in their strategy it is important to shift from service delivery to system strengthening.
- **WVI** presented their work in the last two weeks mentioning that they started with some sessions of psychoeducation in addition to some of the MHPS activities that they have been doing already.
- **Save the Children** raised the issue of logos and the need for them in Suceava. Save The Children will also open a new MHPSS centre in Bucharest for Ukrainian refugees. The centre will open on 28 November.
- <https://www.stiri.org/anunturi-ale-organizatiilor/angajari/organizatia-salvati-copiii-angajeaza-manager-de-proiect-program-sanatate-emotionala>

Challenges

- There is a need for speech therapists that cannot be filled by Romanian specialists.
- Need for resources and training for MHPSS specialists for level 3.



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Action Points

- Olena Koval will try to find out via Telegram and other media that Ukrainians communicate about speech therapy specialists.
- Estuar Foundation sharing the supervision groups link (<https://www.facebook.com/Fundatia-Estuar-332024717001234>).
- WHO will try to develop an interface where different MHPSS job vacancies and translator needs issues can be posted in 2023.
- **Next meeting on 9th of December 2022.**