

Inter-Sector Working Group - Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time	Hybrid, Friday, 31 May 2023, from 11:00 to 12:30
Facilitator	Sebastiaan Der Kinderen
Participants	Basic Needs/ Kylie Alcoba Wright (UNHCR), Cash/ Ahmad Zia (UNHCR), Cristina Adam (Save the Children), Education/ Jean Benoit Manhes, Mathias Lansard, Tetyana Nikitina (UNICEF), Livelihood/ Christian Renson, Victoria Moren (UNHCR), Protection/ Jorunn Brandvoll (UNHCR), Anti-Trafficking / Mark Earl Ebling, Simona Boanca (IOM), PSEA/ Konstantina Loupeidou (UNHCR), Elena Cofaru (TdH), Youth/ Ana-Iunona Mavlea (UNICEF), IA/ Sebastiaan Der Kinderen, Facundo Palermo, Ali Sonia Mohamed, Rozita Roghani (UNHCR), Guests: Raluca Zaharia (UNICEF)/ Alberto Bolzan, Gabriela Leu, Ju Young Kim (UNHCR)
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated figures • Social Cohesion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview - Social Cohesion Survey/Report – UNICEF (Raluca Zaharia) - Social Cohesion Campaign – UNHCR - Discussion • Advocacy Messages for the RRP (based upon the PWG exercise) • Sector updates • AoB/Reminder
Main Topic	Main Discussion and Action Points in Blue
Updated figures and announcements	<p>Figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94,160 refugees from Ukraine in Romania, decrease from last meeting on 5 May by 4,000. 133,975 people have obtained Temporary Protection (TP), 1,328 UA minors. • TP obtained in Romania can be used in other EU countries.
Social Cohesion	<p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of objectives of the 2023 RRP is to support social cohesion between refugee and host communities through targeted interventions. • There are no great indicators to track either the social coherence situation or how RRP partners are supporting social cohesion. There is only one related indicator which shows how many people attended events to improve social cohesion and inclusion. Based on ActivityInfo, 9,000 people (both refugees and host communities) benefited from the joint events (nationalities are not known). <p>Social Cohesion Survey/Report:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF presented the objectives, methodology and main findings of a survey regarding social cohesion in the context of Ukrainian crisis ((the presentation is part of the ISWG presentation available on the Inter-Agency SharePoint). The survey was done end of February 2023 while the 50/20 programme was still implemented. The Survey is not representative of the target population. Some potential tension lines and solutions were also presented. • It is important to have a second round of the survey especially due to the changes in conditions for protection measures. • Based on the survey, only half of the Romanians believe that Ukrainian should have same access to medical services. It is suggested that WHO to look into the reasons behind this feedback. • Inter-Agency (Rozita) will share a template on the IA SharePoint for maintaining a repository on different surveys. Sector Leads are requested to inform/update the file when hear about any kind of survey especially related to social cohesion. • More language courses are needed for adults and children. Education WG is working on organizing language classes over the summer. Suggested to consider inter-agency cooperation to create a national campaign for language courses during summer for adults and children. • <p><u>Social Cohesion Campaign:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR External Relations Unit presented their Awareness and Advocacy Campaign on Inclusion and Social Cohesion between Refugees and Host Communities in Romania (the presentation is part of the ISWG presentation available on the Inter-Agency SharePoint). The campaign which will be launched later during the year. • UNICEF’s idea for inter-agency collaboration in this campaign was welcomed. UNICEF will share their campaign with UNHCR ER. • UNHCR ER will informally share messages with experienced colleagues to check the sensitivities.
<p>Advocacy Messages for the RRP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the existing desire to create some common advocacy messages for the RRP across different sectors and for different audiences, Protection WG started opting for a wide variety of messages (15 pages) • Document will be shared next week and the plan is to make the package ready by the end of June.
<p>Sectoral updates (targeted, action-oriented, activities / gaps)</p>	<p><u>PSEA Network:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSEA Network organised a Training of Trainers (ToT) on PSEA in Bucharest with participation of 21 staff of its members. The ToT was co-facilitated by UNHCR and UNICEF. • Romania’s National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Men and Women (ANES), East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EEIRH) and UNFPA co-organised a training on Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) which benefited 28 medical professionals and other frontline service providers. <p><u>CASH WG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR plans to target 35,000 vulnerable refugees for One-time MPCA top up to enable refugees to meet their accommodation needs during the 50/20 transition period. The assistance will be delivered to those most in need based on vulnerability and transfer value is RON 568 per person as agreed with CASH working group members in Romania. UNHCR assisted around 7,700 refugees so far and the cash assistance for around 15,000 more refugees is in the pipeline. • WG’s ToR will be circulated for feedback.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WG is working on the vulnerability assessment tools for cash assistance regionally. There will be another workshop in Brasov to validate the score cards. The date will be announced.
AoB/Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final feedback on IA report for the month of May should be shared with Rozita by noon 1 June 2023. Activity Info reporting on 6 June 2023.
Next meeting Date: Friday, 16 June 2023 from 11:00 to 12:30 Place: UN House Meeting Room, Teams link available	