SECTOR: Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CP SWG)

### Meeting Details

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### Agenda

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6. Visualization of child protection activities in ActivityInfo
7. Education sector update
8. AOB:
   a. Contingency planning

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### Participants
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### 1. Introductions & Attendance/ New/All Participants

The co-chair and newly arrived participants were introduced. The meeting's agenda was presented for approval. Participants were also requested to mark their attendance and the new participants introduced themselves.

### 2. Update from MLSP

MLSP presented the recent data and trends:

- Statistic data on UASC who entered Moldova for the period 28 December 2022 - 07 April 2023 according to the information presented by local asocial assistance structures:
  - 73 unaccompanied children
  - 161 separated children
  - 124 acts issued by guardianship authorities to authorize the border crossing by UASC for leaving Moldova.
  - When a child is identified by border police, a rapid evaluation will be done by LGA. In most cases, the legal representatives are coming. Sometimes these children are placed in some types of alternatives care, in the same conditions as local children.

- During the period 29 March 2022 – 07 April 2023 were registered:
  - 0 unaccompanied children
  - 15 separated children
  - 11 acts issued by guardianship authorities to authorize the border crossing by UASC for leaving Moldova.

- 121 children were accommodated in RACs together with their parents

- For 6 children, the custody has been established

- 65 transited the Republic of Moldova

- To date:
  - 2 unaccompanied children placed in the specialized foster developed by UNICEF
  - 14 separated children, for most of the custody has been established
  - 3 children in guardianship

- Total 82 custodies were established for children that enter Republic of Moldova with parents.
The representative of MLSPS also mentioned about the draft Regulation on UASC that were in public consultations.

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<td>UNHCR gave an update in the training recently organized by MLSP in collaboration with UNHCR, UNICEF and Ave Copiii. 78 social workers and child protection specialists (73 women) from the territorial guardianship authorities throughout Moldova have been trained on child protection, including on the UASC registration to temporary protection. The second session will take place beginning of May.</td>
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<td>An update on the temporary registration was provided:</td>
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<td>MLSP and IGM had meetings and it was agreed that any child not accompanied by their parent or legal guardian should be registered for temporary protection by the Guardianship Authority. For children not already known to the Guardianship Authority, they (their caregiver) should approach their local department of social assistance to register with them. In terms of documents needed, they are the same as would be needed by any other child (ex: birth certificate, proof of residence, etc).</td>
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<td>In Chisinau, there have so far not been any cases of UASC registering for TP.</td>
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<td>➢ Some questions were raised on the gaps/needs for UASC and the actors working to support the UASC.</td>
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<td>The chair and co-chair mentioned that UASC are benefiting from protection assistance and referral services, including temporary accommodation, placement in foster families, family tracing and reunification. In addition, child protection actors like UNICEF, Ave Copiii support</td>
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### 3. Update Municipality of Chisinau

**Representative of Municipality** provided an update on the current work and services focused on refugee children with disabilities. A mobile team has been deployed since the beginning of the crisis to reach the most vulnerable refugees including children with disabilities.

A question was raised on the needs/gaps for children with disabilities: there is a need to improve awareness regarding the services available for children and families with disabilities and to support the registration to temporary protection. Chisinau Municipality requested data sharing from IGM to facilitate the registration process.

Issues around accessibility / difficulties for accessing schools have been also raised as an important need.

### 4 Updates and trends from Blue Dots

Update from Blue Dot Palanca (P4C):
- In Feb 2023 600 children benefitted from assistance + 400 adults
- March 2023, 500 children + 400 adults

Update from Otaci will provided for the next CPSWG meeting.
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<th>5. Visualization of child protection activities in ActivityInfo</th>
<th>A very limited number of Child Protection actors provided update on ActivityInfo. It is possible to update ActivityInfo for 2023.</th>
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<td>6. Education sector update</td>
<td>UNHCR as co-chair of the Education Working Group provided an update on the situation of the education sector and current priorities. To ensure the access and continuity of learning for the Ukrainian children in a safe, protective learning environment while promoting social cohesion and integration within the Moldovan communities, the Ministry of Education with the support of education actors are establishing Techlabs inside the Moldovan schools to facilitate the access and continuity of digital learning for the Ukrainian children. The Techlabs will be facilitated by Ukrainian refugee teachers who will be receiving trainings along with the Moldovan schools’ teachers on online class management to ensure better support for children while continuing their online education. The Techlabs will not only be used as digital labs for Ukrainian refugee children to continue their online education. These labs will be also a safe learning space for Ukrainian refugee children and adolescents who would like to be integrated in the Moldovan Education system and benefit from bridging Romanian languages classes and catch-up classes on math, science, and other subjects. Municipality Chisinau requested some support to rehabilitate kindergarten, child care, and pre-schools.</td>
<td>All child protection actors need to promote children enrollment to schools and kindergarten and adapt the schedules/hours of child friendly spaces/learning spaces to after school class hours. CPSWG and EWG need to share the list/location of techlabs.</td>
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<td>AOB</td>
<td>Chair of CPSWG provided an update on the Contingency plan that is in the process to be updated in coordination with the Protection Working Group.</td>
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<td>- The Blue Dots at the border points will continue with their services, and their capacity would be enhanced in the case of an influx. If there is a need for additional partners to support with CP activities around border points, this would be coordinated through the CP SWG, to avoid having lots of organizations show up at the border in an uncoordinated way.</td>
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<td>- For the identification and assessment of cases of UASC, the number of staffs from guardianship authorities can be increased with the support of Blue Staffs. However and in case the influx is very large, the border can be completely open, in which case the identification and referral would need to happen once people are already in Moldova. The Blue Dots remain a good entry point for that but it means additional human resources including through support of the Child Protection actors/CSOs referral.</td>
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<td>- Additional CP actors deployed in the RACS can support the identification and referral to guardianship authorities/CSOs working on UASC assistance.</td>
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<td>- There is a need to maximize the use of community resources and avoid concentrating too many resources in RACs and ensure coverage in host communities. For services outside of RACs, we would continue to utilize existing community resources and referral pathways, with a strong emphasis on mobile teams.</td>
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<td>Contingency Plan to be shared with CPSWG members with finalized</td>
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