

GBV sub-WG meeting - Romania

26 April 2023, 11.00 – 12.00 (held online only – date changed exceptionally due to Easter holidays)

Participants: UNHCR, CNRR, Sensiblu Suceava, Anais, EEIRH, StC, ALEG, PATRIR, ADIZMC, Project Hope, Plan International, WHO

Introduction of new members and updates by the members

- EEIRH is organizing a training on CMR for health professionals in May.
- ANAIS with UNICEF funding is organizing a training on Empowerment Through Self Defense (ESD) for Ukrainian youth.
- PSEA ToT will be facilitated by PSEA network on May 4.
- ANAIS organized a training for teenagers and their mothers on gender equality and GBV, emphasizing on risks in the digital environment.
- CMRIPV training is planned to be cofacilitated by UNFPA, WHO, UNHCR from 15-19 May
- MHPSS survey by WHO on training needs shared with the members.
- Reminder for monthly reporting and Activity Info.

Endorsement of updated GBV referral pathways for Bucharest and the new GBV referral pathway for Cluj

The latest changes on the GBV referral pathways for Bucharest and Cluj were shared with the members and the final versions of both documents were endorsed. The documents will be endorsed and disseminated through the PWG and other fora. Discussion during the revision on Cluj, included the lack of PEP nor emergency contraception in UPU, thence cases are referred to the Gynecologist. In addition, Pro bono legal professionals are limited in the area. For the revision of Bucharest referral pathways, challenges on response to LGBTIQ+ community can be foreseen as difficulty to secure funding to respond to the needs.

Discussion on the way forward for the remaining referral pathways

SF has been working on the referral pathways for Suceava. The co-leads can share the latest version for Iasi and for Suceava for the members to provide their inputs. Constanta will follow.

Presentation of their key findings of their Gender Equality and Conflict Sensitivity Analysis by Save the Children

This agenda item was re-scheduled due to time constraints

Presentation by ALEG of their psycho-social assistance program for refugees from Ukraine in Sibiu

ALEG briefly presented their [research and advocacy workstreams](#) regarding harassment in the workplace. In 2022, a national study demonstrated the limitations of the national legal framework compared to the ILO convention to eliminate harassment at workplace. As Romania is changing from a primarily country of origin for emigration pre-pandemic to a country that is receiving over 100,000 refugees from Ukraine and 30,000 migrant workers in 2022.

Another component of ALEG's work is working directly with refugees from Ukraine in Sibiu. According to the Ministry of labor 5% are already employed. However, there are no disaggregated data by the National Employment Agency. Refugees work primarily in the hospitality industry, where there is heightened risk or harassment, including by third parties, a form of harassment that is not recognized by the national legal framework. They are also often employed in the textile industry, where verbal abuse is often reportedly happening, as well as construction and manufacturing where there are labor-intensive and male dominated industries.

[Discussion on GBV risks associated with the transition from the 50-20 program and risk mitigation](#)

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[Next steps](#)

Pending agenda items will be re-scheduled for the coming meeting, which will take place on its regular date and time.

Suceava referral pathway will be revised once the first draft is circulated.