

UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Youth & Adolescents Sub-Working Group meeting

13 July 2023, 11:00 – 12:30

Venue- Hybrid (UN House/Teams)

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Next steps on Telegram channel @amongteensRo
3. IMPACT Initiative Needs Assessment
4. Sector Updates

Participants: Eliberare, IMPACT Initiatives, Duke of Edinburgh International Award Foundation, Save Children, JRS, Code for Romania, UNHCR, UNICEF

2. Next steps on Telegram channel @amongteensRo

- 200 subscribers reached so far - <https://t.me/amongteensRo>
- Its aim is to centralize all information relevant to adolescents anywhere in Romania – common effort of organizations
- Information can be sent to lunona (amavlea@unicef.org) and Yuliia (ysova@unicef.org) by email or can be added on the information centralizer:
https://unhcr365.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/teams/EMERG-IARCHR/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B6A860BB5-3B19-4D34-B3D8-CA64F18A3BD0%7D&file=Info%20collector_YAD.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true
- UNICEF started promoting it in several cities (Bucharest, Sibiu, Constanta Galati) and will continue to promote it during July to Iasi, Suceava, Baia Mare, Sighetu Marmatiei
- Any organization which wants to promote it can contact lunona to coordinate or to send materials (posters, QR stickers)

3. IMPACT Initiative Needs Assessment

Components of the methodology – Quantitative data collection

- 92.5 % of respondents were female
- The majority has higher education; from families with children
- Age distribution in the households – 18 to 64 years old
- 47% of households with single caregivers
- The highest number of respondents are from Bucharest and Suceava

Child protecting findings:

- big majority is being worried for the future, having health concerns and worried about family situation,
- 12-17 years old – less often worried about violence

Protective factors:

- Police and volunteer/community organisations– the most common protective factor

Most reported protective factors by children and adolescents during consultations:

- Family and friends

Most significant risks – psychosocial risks: not having friends, discrimination and xenophobia

Access to services:

- Access to healthcare - significant improvement identified: more people got access to healthcare since previous survey

Main needs:

- Better access to health services (particulaly GP), extracurricular activities (sports), in-person education.

Main barriers to services in Romania:

- Health services
- language barrier
- mismatch between Ukrainian and Romanian curriculum

Q&A - What influences the number of attendances of the activities?

The survey was not focused on this, but it showed that a bigger variety of the activities influences attendance, while discussing with children what they would like to do is also important - Sports is an important topic. Children are often tired after school and don't want to have other activities.

The Award also shared their findings from "Buddy up" program implementation – theatre workshop and games are useful to connect and communicate with Ukrainian adolescents. Art and sports are important. Adolescents prefer activities to be prepared by the professional coaches and trainers.

Relevant links:

✓ Adolescent-friendly brief: [REG2025 ROU Child-friendly-Brief 13-17y ENG.pdf \(impact-initiatives.org\)](#)

✓ Romania Child Protection Brief: https://bit.ly/rou_ukr_refugee_cp_brief_june23

✓ Dashboard: bit.ly/ukr_refugee_cp_cash_dashboard_june23

4. Sector updates

- Ileana Corina Negrutiu – shared the opportunity on the Casa Paleologu – an English speaking Summer School for Ukrainians and Romanians in the age from 18 to 25: <https://paleologu.com/curs/summer-school>
- UNICEF Romania started promoting U-Report Europe platform, which is a platform promoting participation of Ukrainian young people currently residing anywhere in Europe. IT can be used for easily-made needs assessments – all YAD SWG members can coordinate with UNICEF to launch surveys. However, UNICEF is now focusing on promotion/gathering more u-reporters on the platform.

! Next meeting – 3rd of August, 11.00 (hybrid format).

! Don't forget to send the monthly reports to lunona Mavlea to the 25th of July.