UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Youth & Adolescents Task Force meeting

7 September 2023, 11:00 – 12.30 am

Venue: Hybrid (UN House/MS Teams)

Agenda:

i. Introductions
ii. Data on refugee flows & education
iii. Telegram channel
iv. Sector updates


ii. Data on refugee flows & education system

The dynamics started around July-23 is continued, with higher rate of border crossings Ukraine->Romania and to Romania->Ukraine than earlier in the year. Second visible trends show increased flows Moldova->Romania and Romania->Bulgaria (also since around July-23).

The discussion on enrolment of refugee students into the education system is still in progress. Given feedback from different stakeholders that many adolescents are not intending to actually participate in classes, solutions are still awaited.

So far, education hubs are agreed as complementary/viable solution by the Ministry of Education for the current school year.

Cultural mediators are not yet a confirmed solution for integrating refugee students into schools.

Steps for full refugee student enrollment into schools:

1. Student enrollment as audient by parents with the County Inspectorate
2. Inception language training finalized with certificate so that audient passes to full enrolled student.

By enrolling their child as audient into the Romanian school system, parents can have access to the state subsidy (the new “50/20”).
iii. Telegram channel

Among Us Teens: знання, можливості, спілкування в Румунії – Telegram can post news from all organizations members of the YAD TF - kind requirement to share it with local communities of Ukrainian young people and share news to be posted on the channel.

iv. Sector Updates

PATRIR shared that language classes are organized 3 times a week. More and more focus is invested in anti-radicalization programmes, socio-emotional skills building, as well as GBV, PSEA. They are now in no-cost extension with UNICEF and hope to be able to continue the programmes even after the current project is over.

Terre des Hommes (TdH) shared that they continue activities in centers in several cities. They are having more enrollments recently and they require participation in initial survey and sustainable activities.

UNCHR (Christian Renson) asked about incentives in engaging young people in activities at the centers, especially language classes as well as engaging parents in the process. TdH confirmed that they are involving parents in language classes.

- For further info on the Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group (First Thursday of the month at 13.00), please contact: Renson@unhcr.org

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UNCHR (Sean Moore) shared that the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024 preparations are in process. On the 18th of September there will be an Information Session about it, at which all organizations are invited.

- The Inter-Agency Coordination team will be planning a kick-off session for potential RRP partners around 18 September. We will share more information with you shortly, but in the meantime if you have any questions regarding the RRP, please contact moores@unhcr.org

Conclusions:

- Send the monthly reports to amavlea@unicef.org by 25 of September.
• Share with us posts to be shared on Telegram channel – on email to amavlea@unicef.org or directly in the info collector.

Next meeting: 28 September, 11:00 am, online (MS Teams).