



Inter-Agency Refugee Education Working Group (IREWG)

Meeting Details	
Date	26 January 2023
Time	13:00-14:30
Chair	Dr. Ivan Duminica, Head of the Policy Service for Interethnic Relations, Ministry of Education and Research (MER), Co-Chairs: Loujine Khoury, Education Specialist, UNICEF Katie Lampe, Child Protection Officer, UNHCR
Email	Lkhoury@unicef.org ; lampe@unhcr.org ; ivan.duminica@mec.gov.md
Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MER updates regarding:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The enrollment numbers of Ukrainian children for the school year 2023/2024 in preschools and general education disaggregated by school level, sex, and directorate.• MER updated Instructions on November 2023 for the children arriving from “countries at war” and enrollment in formal education in Moldova.2. Presentation for the MSNA – Education Results3. Updates on the draft concept note developed with the Roma Task Force for the inclusion of Roma Refugee Children in education.4. REWG Workplan for 2024 and updated TOR5. Partners Presentation6. AoB (Updates on the Conflict Sensitive Education Training and Cash Assistance program updates)	
Information collection and relevant links	
Activity Info Platform: https://www.activityinfo.org	
Participants	



- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| - Katherine Lampe - UNHCR | - Dr.Ivan Duminica – MER | - Martin Kunze - Judge Ein Welt |
| - Fadia Jbara - UNHCR | - Joanna Filopoulos - REACH | - Maher Daboul – NRC |
| - Loujine Khoury – UNICEF | - Vera Gurievschi – World Vision | - Cristina Savin - NRC |
| - Mihail Platida – UNICEF | - Nina Cusnir - Tarna Rom | - Diana Alexei- Chisinau Municipality |
| - Marcel Stranton – Lumos International. | - Olga Moroza - Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation | - Natalia Balta - Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation |
| - Miahi Cotorobai - PIN | - Baris Altindag – IRC | |
| - Guillermo Llinas - PIN | - Valentina Ghenciu/Lumos | |
| - Iuliana Romanenco - PIN | - Normand Levseque – BSF | |
| - Ion Duminica - Coalition Roma Voice | - Zinaida Adam - UNDP | |
| - Lucy Strickland – Plan International | | |

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
Welcome Endorsement of the previous meeting minutes Agenda	Loujine Khoury, UNICEF welcomed meeting attendees in her role as co-chair and presented the meeting agenda.	Agenda agreed.
1. MER updates	MER provided updated school enrollment statistics. As of 23 January, 717 children (369 girls and 348 boys) were enrolled in 200 preschools, while 1,603 (800 girls and 803 boys) were enrolled in primary and secondary schools. Of those enrolled in primary and secondary schools, 174 are studying in Romanian, and 1,429 are studying in Russian. 7 Roma Refugee children are recorded by MER as being enrolled in schools in Moldova, and 89 Ukrainian children are studying the Ukrainian curriculum online from EduTech Labs within schools. MER noted that the main reasons for the low enrollment of Ukrainian children remains the general preference of caregivers for their children to continue online learning and the language barrier. They	



	<p>also noted that some children who were enrolled at the beginning of the school year have since been disenrolled, as their families moved out of Moldova.</p> <p>Questions were raised from partners regarding the recognition of certificates issued in the Republic of Moldovan by the Ministry of Education in Ukraine. MER noted that, the certificates are recognized.</p>	
2. Presentation for the MSNA – Education Results	<p>REACH presented the results of the education section of the Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA). Please see the attached presentation for more details.</p>	<p>Presentation to be shared with EWG members.</p>
3. Updates on the draft concept note developed with the Roma Task Force for the inclusion of Roma Refugee Children in education.	<p>The Education WG co-chairs gave an update about the recent meeting between the Education WG and the Roma Task Force (TF). The WG and TF aim to develop a joint concept note on how they can work together toward improved educational inclusion of Roma children including Roma Refugees. As a first step, a joint meeting is proposed with MER on the topic. Additionally, the EWG will be reaching out to partners working on Roma children’s educational inclusion, to organize a meeting and ensure that activities are well coordinated.</p> <p>The draft concept note will focus on education but will also cover cross-sectoral interventions including child protection, social behavioral changes and community engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EWG and Roma TF to meet with MER. - EWG partners working on the topic of Roma children’s educational inclusion to reach out to EWG co-chairs.
4. REWG Workplan for 2024 and updated TOR	<p>The co-chairs mentioned that the REWG workplan has been updated for 2024 and will be shared with WG partners for comments and feedback. The Refugee Education WG ToR will be soon also updated and shared with the partners as well.</p>	<p>Co-chairs to share updated workplan with partners for comments.</p>
5. Partners Presentation	<p>People in Need gave a presentation on their recent activities. Please see attached presentation for more details.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation will be shared with EWG partners. - EWG co-chairs to reach out to PiN in order to facilitate tracking the number of children



		connecting online in their learning centers by MER.
6. AoB (Updates on the Conflict Sensitive Education Training and Cash Assistance program updates)	<p>UNICEF co-chair provided an update on the upcoming Conflict Sensitive Education training on 7 February.</p> <p>UNHCR co-chair shared an update that UNHCR's cash assistance program requirements will be changing, and refugees will soon be required to have legal status in order to benefit from cash assistance.</p>	