



Inter-Sector Working Group meeting minutes

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1. Welcome and introductions
2. Discussion on the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment questions

Introductory comments: Overarching objective is localisation. In the past the MSNA was done by Reach with little local input. This year we would like to see a more “inter-agency” product incorporating lessons learnt from last year. The inputs were not quite as desired, and the assessment took longer than expected to deliver. This year we will encourage contributions by all sectors. We want to establish common advocacy objectives. We want to make sure that the analysis is good and that the questions are good. This year CNRR will assist with data collection (in addition to IOM and CSCM).

Agenda:

- Overview of the MSNA 2024 process and ToRs.
 - Group work – sector questions review
 - Debriefing in plenary
3. Overview of the MSNA 2024 process and ToRs.
 - It is a regional MSNA – we need to respect the regional structure but there is some room for local input – the deadline for Romania input is 17 April. In terms of implementation, training for enumerators is planned for last week April or first week of May. Final assessment report to be delivered in October in time to inform planning for 2025 (RRP and the programming of partners). The number of counties covered is still to be determined. The survey methodology is not settled – refugees registered with UNHCR for cash assistance is the largest database currently available to us, though there is scope to explore other options.
 - See: [PowerPoint presentation](#)

- It would be good to roll the MSNA out to other refugee populations in the future.
 - The current methodology using UNHCR's cash assistance database only captures people that are actively seeking assistance – not the entire refugee population. It might be worth seeing whether other databases can be used to expand reach and not miss populations. For example, the UNHCR cash database contains few single men.
 - GII could be approached to see whether they would be willing to provide access to the Temporary Protection database as this is the only database that covers the entire population – though it seems unlikely that they will give permission due to data protection issues. Furthermore, the TP database may lead to biases. It is known that some TP holders are not present in Romania.
 - A request should be made to GII to facilitate data sharing in the course of the TP renewal process – though this will be too late for the current MSNA.
 - It might be better to use a database that is more focused on integration needs.
 - One solution to the lack of single men in the UNHCR database would be to give weight to the data.
 - It might be advantageous to establish a control group.
 - Findings could be validated by comparing them to other surveys.
 - IOM collects data continuously – with more than two years of data there are some trends. Data could also be gathered from other NGOs.
 - It might be possible to combine databases if they are compatible.
 - There is not enough time to develop a database from scratch – this may also lead to convenience sampling.
 - It is possible that this will be the last MSNA. We have resources but do we want to experiment?
 - We need to have the same questions as the region – we can only make changes with justification. It would be easier to add questions – but there are already a lot of questions.
 - The data should be good enough to be used for future programmes.
4. Group work – sector questions review
- Groups made comments on the [MSNA questions](#)
5. Debriefing in plenary
- Sector leads briefed on key findings.
 - Sector leads will be able to make comments on the questions until CoB 16 April.
 - The reviewed questions with comments will be submitted to the region on 17 April.
 - The sampling methodology will be finalised during the week of 22 April.
 - The data collection survey will be implemented during the last two weeks of April.
 - The data collection pilot will be finalised by the end of April.
 - Enumerators will be trained during the last week of April and the first week of May.
 - Data collection will commence the week of 13 May and run for nine weeks.