

Slovakia Information Management Working Group

Meeting Minutes | 03rd April 2024 | Online and in-person meeting

Agenda

1. *Review of minutes of last meeting and actions points*
2. *Short presentations; planned / ongoing assessments [WHO, IOM, UNICEF and UNHCR]*
3. *RRP Activity and Funding Q1 report*
4. *2024 IMWG Workplan discussion*
5. *AoB*

1. **Review of minutes of last meeting and actions points**

- Activity reporting
 - IMWG members to identify a focal point per organization to be responsible for the RRP reporting; and inform UNHCR focal point to provide them access to the Platform2024 RRP Framework - ONGOING
- Assessment Registry Update
 - IMWG members to identify a focal point per organization to be responsible for updating the Assessment Registry – and inform the IMWG co-chairs with the contact details of the focal points. - ONGOING
 - Focal points will update the assessment registry with the planned/ongoing assessments for 2024 before end of the year – ONGOING

2. **Short presentations; planned / ongoing assessments.**

IMWG co-chairs reminded the importance of data collection coordination and assessments. In this regard, the [assessment registry](#) developed in the group at the beginning of this year, aims to record all data collection activities to inform refugee response. This tool contains all assessments recorded in one place, to facilitate accessibility to the information, as well to efficiency and coordination to avoid gaps and duplications.

Organizations that reported planned / ongoing assessments for this year were asked to provide more details on those initiatives;

- **WHO** is planning to implement two assessments in 2024, under the EU-Funded Project “Improving access to healthcare for refugees and people displaced from Ukraine benefitting of temporary protection in Member States” in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and IOM. One of the assessments aims to obtain information through social listening and focus-group discussions with displaced Ukrainian healthcare workers at national level. This will enable them to raise their concerns and barriers they are facing during their professional integration to the Slovak healthcare system. As the result, the summary report will be produced. The second one is focused on a case study on mapping of institutional lessons learned by medical care service providers, on the integration of Ukrainian health workforce into the national healthcare system to identify positive examples of integration presentable at the inter-country learning event on the integration of displaced health workers from UKR. Also, the objective is to support exchange of information and communication between national medical service providers and medical workers from Ukraine, enabling them to share experience, opportunities for professional growth and further integration. Both assessments will be conducted until October, 2024. The final results, reports and deliverables will be ready by December, 2024.

- **IOM** informed on the ongoing MINAS initiative (Migrants Integration and Needs Assessment Survey). This data collection exercise aims to obtain information on basic needs, intentions, displacement patterns, integration and employment, at national level through individual interviews, at national level through phone interviews. Data collection is planned to be finalized by end of April, and results released by May/June. In addition, IOM is continuing their current assessment on “Crossings back to Ukraine”.
- **UNICEF** informed on several data collection initiatives; results of the 2023 Executive Summary in English and Slovak of the Monitoring of integration of Ukrainian children in Slovak schools will be released soon. This survey was conducted in collaboration with NIVAM, through desk research, individual data collection and focus group discussions. On child protection, UNICEF has been collaborating with Comenius University in 2023 on a Capacity assessment of social service workforce under the Migration Office; results are available upon request. Also, regarding Child Protection, UNICEF is currently working on an overview of humanitarian child protection case management volume and associated information management systems used by the government and CSO partners in Slovakia, in the context of the humanitarian response; in close collaboration with the Child Protection sub-Working Group. UNICEF has also an initiative at Municipality level in partnership with CVEK on the strategy and inclusion of Ukrainian refugee children and families.
- **UNHCR** will continue conducting the Regional Protection Profiling and Monitoring in partnership with Mareena, PIP, SHC and HRL; This continues data collection tool strength and promote an evidence-based protection response; obtaining updated data on the profile, protection risks and needs of refugees from Ukraine, and monitor changes over time; results are shared in a quarterly basis [LINK](#). In addition, UNHCR will also conduct in 2024 the Regional intention survey, an in-depth analysis of the factors and drivers behind their decisions, and key insights into enabling factors of refugees’ intentions, with the goal of informing advocacy, programming and decision-making of all stakeholders; results will be shared in a quarterly basis [LINK](#).
- **INTERAGENCY:**
 - o **Multisector Needs Assessment;** this annual interagency initiative conducted at regional level and implemented in Slovakia by UNHCR, IOM, WHO and UNICEF, aims to identify the most pressing needs of refugees across various sectors such as protection, health, education, shelter, livelihoods, food security, and others. Obtain comprehensive and accurate data that can guide the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and interventions aimed at addressing those needs; 2024 process already started, data collection is planned for this summer, and preliminary results will be available by August.
 - o **Site Mapping and Monitoring;** this joint initiative of UNHCR and IOM, started in 2022, ensures an adequate and timely understanding of the situation of the accommodation sites in Slovakia, to better inform response programmes and in particular by adapting prevention, advocacy, assistance and policy interventions tailored to the needs of accommodation sites hosting refugees. In 2024 three rounds of data collection are planned; first results will be shared by end of April.
 - o **In-Depth Cash assistance analysis;** analysis on the impact and effects of the Cash assistance UNHCR & UNICEF program in Slovakia. This joint initiative looks for the positive / negative and neutral impacts of the assistance in the refugee population after these years of emergency. Results will be ready and presented in May.

Actions Points;

IMWG members are requested to support this initiative by providing updated information on their planned, ongoing and completed assessments.

3. RRP Activity and Funding Q1 report

IMWG cochairs remind members the deadline for the Q1 RRP report is in two weeks. RRP partners are requested to identify their focal points of each organization, therefore each organization should send an email to UNHCR focal point with the information of the Reporting focal point.

UNHCR focal point also informed on the conformation of the Country Guidance note; this document is a consolidation of the Regional guidance to provide more information on what and how to report under each indicator, as well as step by step description on the use of the platform; and the two additional step by step short summaries in English and Slovak; to facilitate the reporting exercise.

First reporting deadline for First Quarter (Activity and Funding) was agreed for the 12 April; in the meantime, UNHCR focal point remain available to provide bilateral support throughout the year, and start working in the Dashboard to visualize all reported information.

Action Points:

- RRP partners report their implemented activities and funds received for the first quarter in Activity Info, as per the guidance shared.
- UNHCR focal point remains available for any requested support.

4. 2024 IMWG Workplan discussion

IMWG co-chairs presented the draft version of the Workplan for 2024; focused on Management and coordination, Capacity Building, Analysis and Assessments and Monitoring and Reporting.

Additional items were included in the discussion, obtained from the suggested topics reported in the Feedback survey, such as, collaboration with sectoral WGs, joint identification of information gaps and overlaps, and reinforcement of members IM capacities and skills.

IMWG members are invited to share their ideas and suggestions by email with the co-chairs of the IMWG, while they start preparing a draft version of the 2024 workplan based on the discussions. This draft will be shared for the next meeting, for members' revision and inputs.

Action Points:

- IMWG members to share ideas and suggestion of topics to focus IMWG workplan for 2024
- IMWG co-chairs to start the Mapping of IM Capacity and skills

5. A.O.B. No additional points

Next meeting: May 2024