

Poland: Information Management Working Group

Meeting notes

Date: 25 April 2024

Present: UNHCR, IRC, WHO, UNICEF, IOM, PAH, NRC, SCI

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. MSNA 2024 Update
3. IOM update on "Women in Humanitarian Data and Research: By Women, For Women" conference
4. Protection monitoring - joint data collection
5. IMWG members updates
6. AOB

1. Introduction & Tour de table

Quick introduction of all the partners online and in person and overview of agenda.

2. MSNA 2024 Update

The MSNA is an essential interagency tool for planning and prioritization, decision making and needs-based program designing. The main purpose of the MSNAs is to enable planning among key humanitarian actors through the provision of updated information on multi-sectoral needs and priorities of refugees from Ukraine. For the 2024 Regional MSNA, the UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Europe and Inter-Agency partners will aim for further harmonization of core components of the MSNA by using one questionnaire for all countries. This is to allow better comparison across countries, without losing the trend comparison with 2023.

The key objectives of the regional MSNA are:

- To provide a multisectoral and comparable overview/update of the needs, capacities, and vulnerability situation of refugees from Ukraine.
- To ensure that the changing needs and vulnerabilities of different refugee groups are understood.
- To understand the driver and severity of needs of the refugees from sector-specific and inter-sectoral perspectives.
- To ensure that the perspectives and preferences of refugees from Ukraine are reflected.
- To enhance targeting for the provision of assistance.
- To improve the accuracy and completeness of comparable socio-economic indicators of refugees.

The assessment will have a country-wide geographical coverage, with specific sub-national sampling methodology based on the dissemination of PESEL "UKR" status places of registration and Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) beneficiaries with "UKR" status locations.

Starting from March 26 Information Management Working Group launched discussion and shared feedbacks on questionnaire along with Sector Coordinators. Regional Bureau for Europe Data, Identity Management and Analysis unit will be responsible for compiling final version of the questionnaire taking into consideration feedbacks and comments provided by all countries involved: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

MSNA 2024 data collection in Poland is going to start on May 16 with support of 21 enumerators from UNHCR and 11 enumerators from IOM covering entire country in accordance with sampling plan.

3. IOM Poland Conference: Women in Humanitarian Data and Research

IOM invites to join the event spotlighting the crucial role of women in humanitarian research in the context of Poland and its neighboring regions implementing services for migrants and refugees under the [Regional Refugee Response Plan for Ukraine](#). Under the overarching theme of "By Women, For Women," the event

aims to highlight the unique perspectives, challenges, and contributions of women researchers in the humanitarian sector. Importantly, the event seeks to underscore the pivotal role of women researchers in addressing the needs of vulnerable populations and driving solutions to displacement.

Objectives of the conference:

- To use this conference as a platform to showcase women-led research.
- To create networking opportunities and mentoring pathways.
- To identifying challenges for women-led research and utilize the workshop for means to mitigate and overcome these.
- To showcase and share good practices and recommendations.

4. Protection monitoring – joint data collection

The main purpose of a joint data collection is to have an aligned approach on tracking protection access and potential incidents. Such activity when completed with inter-agency capacity may improve geographical coverage and let actors relocate saved organizational resources leading to increasing effectiveness of response to needs of Refugees.

Aligned data protection tool is agreed to be jointly implemented in the field by UNHCR and IOM as a pilot project in Podkarpackie in May 2024.

Actors interested in joining efforts are highly encouraged to reach out to UNHCR IM team who will provide more details, including presentation of tools, methodology and data collection know-how.

5. IMWG members updates

IRC:

Child Protection monitoring report (2nd edition) is going to be shared asap.

WHO:

WHO conducted a 2nd round of survey on health needs of refugees in cooperation with GUS (Polish Statistical Office). There are also 2 surveys on health professionals planned, possibly with GUS.

UNHCR:

- 2024 RRP Activity and Funding tracking Q1 reporting has been closed, new dashboard on monitoring results will be available soon.
- [Helping Hands - The Role of Housing Support and Employment Facilitation in Economic Vulnerability of Refugees from Ukraine](#) report has been published. This analysis represents a collaborative analytical effort conducted at the Inter-Agency level, involving participation from multiple stakeholders, as acknowledged in the report. The foundation of this analysis relied on the consolidated data derived from the multi-sectoral needs assessments (MSNAs) conducted across the seven countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia), along with their respective published reports.
- [Refugee Funding Tracker](#) was updated with Regional Refugee Response Plan 2024 for Ukraine Refugee Situation financial requirements and gaps.

UNICEF: UNICEF may contribute to MSNA by supporting the data analysis and reporting phase together with technical engagement of UNICEF PMR and sectoral teams.