

National Refugee Coordination Forum meeting

Sofia, 14 May 2024



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation

Agenda

- Update on regional Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS)
- Sector Lead updates
 - Education
 - MHPSS
 - Protection and Inclusion
 - PSEA
 - Cash
- AOB



Regional Socio-Economic Insights Survey

Tentative
Timeline:

- **Week of 13 May:** Finalization of sampling methodology
- **Week of 20 May:** Discussions with National Statistical Institute & Government
- **Week of 27 May:** Training of enumerators
- **3 – 28 June:** Data collection
- **End-July:** Preliminary analysis & joint interpretation of findings

- ❖ Inter-Agency Coordination team will be reaching out to RRP/inter-agency partners on use of centres/offices for data collection.



Sector Lead updates

Education

MHPSS

Protection
& Inclusion

PSEA

Cash



Education Working Group

- Ministry of Education & Sciences (MoES) data as of March 2024:

	International protection	Temporary protection	Total
Kindergarten	16	1,323	1,339
Schools	228	3,582	3,810
Total	244	4,905	5,148

- Amendments have been proposed to the law on tertiary education for simplified procedures: [Държавен вестник \(parliament.bg\)](http://parliament.bg): Education Working Group is collecting data on estimate demands/figures.
- Enrolment information at the [website of MoES](#). Ministry will also be publishing language guidelines for grades 5-7.



Discussion points

- **Information material on school enrolment:** Inter-agency partners are using social media to disseminate information to refugee communities.
 - ❖ Education Sector Leads/UNICEF will collect and share available information material from the Working Group for dissemination with inter-agency partners.
- **Vaccination awareness** (vaccination is prerequisite for school enrolment): Education Working Group has provided contacts of partner organizations where Ministry of Health (MoH) can provide support on vaccination awareness sessions.
 - ❖ Organizations who would like MoH support for awareness raising sessions, can reach out to Education Sector Leads for contact.



MHPSS Technical Working Group

- [MHPSS 2024 Q1 service mapping: Microsoft Power BI](#)
- [MHPSS Minimum Service Package \(interagencystandingcommittee.org\)](#)



Protection & Inclusion Working Group

PSEA network

- Protection & Inclusion:
 - Current government humanitarian program for refugees from UKR, extended another three months until end-July.
 - Next working group meeting (28 May): focus on Protection.
 - Final terms of Reference will be shared.
- PSEA network:
 - Q1: RRP partners have trained total 86 staff on PSEA.
 - Q2: Work plan and Terms of Reference have been reviewed, capacity building for government planned.



Cash Working Group

- Final Post Distribution Monitoring report can be found here: [Document - Bulgaria - Post-distribution monitoring main findings of cash assistance \(unhcr.org\)](#)
- **2024 cash programs:** If there are RRP partners planning cash programs in the year, please let Cash Working Group/UNHCR know. Updates on UNHCR's cash programming for 2024 will be shared.

