

## POLAND PROTECTION SECTOR MEETING

Meeting Minutes – 27 April 2023, 2 PM

<b>Meeting subject:</b>	Monthly Protection Sector Meeting
<b>Time &amp; location:</b>	2pm, hybrid meeting
<b>Chaired by:</b>	UNHCR
<b>Minutes prepared by:</b>	UNHCR
<b>Participants:</b>	Fundacja Koalicja dla Młodych, Towards Dialogue, Halina Niec Legal Aid Centre, WHO, Fundacja Q, Fundacja dla Migrantów „Dobry Start”, REACH, PAH, SIP, Oxfam, Safe Passage, CARE, Roma Council, Voice, FDDS, IRC, ICRC, PUI, IMC, DRC, Project HOPE, Faros Elpidas, Action Against Hunger, Americares, NCM, Plan International, CLEAR Global, Jaw Dikh Foundation and Centre of Migration Research, IOM, UNICEF, La Strada, Faros Elpidas, Loop, Clear Global, HIAS, Lutheran World Federation, A2, Polish Red Cross, HIACV, Save the Children, Mercy Corps, Habitat, PCK, Support to Life, Corus International, Soletterre, Two Birds, Caritas, Happy Kids, IFRC, University of Warsaw, Unbreakable Ukraine Foundation, ELIL, Ovum Association, RET International, PSAR, Project Hope, Avesa
<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Introduction and updates – 10 min</li><li>ii. Presentation from Coalition for Youth – activities and services (Fundacja Koalicja dla Młodych) – 15 min</li><li>iii. MHPSS service mapping – 15 min</li><li>iv. AOB</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA POINT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Introductions and Overview</b>	Participants were welcomed to the twenty-ninth Protection Sector meeting for the Refugee Response on Poland. The agenda was presented.
<b>Agenda point 1</b>	UNHCR presented the proposed extension of the period of legal stay of Ukrainian citizens covered by temporary protection. After the entry into force of the new regulations, the period of legal stay of Ukrainian citizens will be extended until March 4, 2024, in accordance with the extension of the temporary protection under the TPD. The period of legal stay will be extended until August 21, 2024 for i) persons who on March 4, 2024 will benefit from pre-school education, will fulfill the school obligation or the obligation to learn, and for

	<p>their parents or guardians; ii) persons who on March 4, 2024 will be educated in a kindergarten or school functioning in the Ukrainian education system using distance learning methods and techniques, and for their parents or guardians; iii) persons who, no later than in the 2022/2023 school year, started their education in a 2nd degree vocational school, post-secondary school or school for adults, and for their parents and guardians. The period of legal stay will be extended until September 30, 2024 for persons who take the matriculation examination, and for their parents and guardians.</p>
<p><b>Agenda point 2</b></p>	<p>The Fundacja Koalicja dla Młodych, founded in 2004, has been actively supporting refugees from Ukraine since the war started in 2022. The Foundation's primary initiative, "Pomarańczowa Energia" (Orange Energy), aims to combat domestic violence. In addition to this, the Foundation organizes volunteering programs, engaging 150 young volunteers who provide assistance to elderly individuals with specific needs. These youth volunteers have the opportunity to develop their skills through micro-grant projects facilitated by the foundation, as well as a scholarship program.</p> <p>Recognizing the evolving needs and challenges faced by refugees since the onset of the war, the Foundation has continually adapted its activities to address these requirements. Among the services provided are a warehouse with essential non-food items (NFIs), support for shelter and accommodation, Polish language classes, food supplies, and collaborations with schools to conduct workshops for Polish and Ukrainian children. Psychological support and childcare assistance are also available to those in need.</p> <p>The Orange Energy program, an annual initiative lasting from September 19 to October 23, is dedicated to the theme of stopping domestic violence. Throughout the program, the foundation aims to mobilize as many individuals and companies as possible to contribute their efforts. The program kicks off with Orange Energy Month and culminates in the Grand Finale, which celebrates the energy collected and spurs action. Three key areas of support have been identified: 1. Education in schools to raise awareness about violence among children and youth; 2. Training psychologists, educators, and schoolteachers on discussing and addressing violence within educational settings; 3. Providing assistance and healthcare services to victims, along with psychotherapy for survivors of domestic violence, all while promoting awareness of the issue. Over the next 12 months, the foundation has outlined a plan to enhance its efforts. This plan includes launching three psychotherapy programs at different times, creating educational materials for three distinct age groups, conducting workshops for 300 children, collaborating with 15 schools and 8 social services centers, training 80 teachers, and implementing a social campaign focusing on the topic of domestic violence. In the long term, the Fundacja Koalicja dla Młodych aims to implement seven psychotherapy programs to further support victims of violence.</p>
<p><b>Agenda point 3</b></p>	<p>Two different initiatives launched withing the MHPSS TWG were presented: 1. Suicide response and prevention workshops designed for targeted field colleagues (for call center/helpline operators); 2. Scalable intervention training. As for the MHPSS Service Mapping, there are currently 24 organisations included. A total of 176 services have been recorded, a separate sheet has been created for call centres.and helplines.</p>

