

Inter-Sector Working Group meeting minutes

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1. Discussion on Funding Status of the RRP

- 36 out of the 42 RRP partners are currently active – not all are reporting on their activities.
- 11 partners are implementing partners of other RRP organisations.
- 1 partner – HIAS – has suspended operations entirely.
- 22 partners have not received any funding to date against their appeal.
- 1 partner has an unknown status.
 - The appropriate sector leads might be able to check in with the organization.
- This year we are seeing a decrease in funding from the private sector.
- Not an entirely negative outlook – there have been success stories (2 organizations fully funded against their appeal).

Key results of Q2 funding:

- Despite the fact that we only received around 20 per cent of the funding we reached some 52,000 people, which is a good result.
- Direct service delivery is on track – and if compared to the refugee population is good. Border counties are well represented in terms of activities.
- Some indicators have unrealistically high targeting– such as GBV, and MHPSS - partially due to a funding gap. MHPSS had programmes ready, but the funding evaporated. Fundraising has continued, but donors are least interested in GBV and MHPSS. It would be good if we could look at addressing the targets.
 - The needs remain even if the funding is reduced.
 - These are regional indicators which are difficult to adapt – this will be looked into.
 - This needs to be flagged in monthly reporting/newsletter.

2. Updates on Dashboards and Targets

- Direct service delivery is reaching high numbers of people – across all sectors. Preferred method of delivery seems “community based” – with high reach in CBP,

community awareness raising (health access, protection access, SEA awareness).

- Livelihoods – facing the impact of funding cuts: substantially lower numbers benefiting from languages and overall livelihoods support. Good to see funding being allocated towards some of the RRP priorities: support to refugees accessing social protection services and “entrepreneurship”.
- Through surveys, support for language courses remains one of the most requested needs by refugees - this should be communicated in the newsletter.
 - Need to quantify how much money is available for language training.
 - On language courses, we should look for different options – EBRD funded courses, but some participants gave up – it would be good to have a more accurate idea of beneficiaries. It would also be good to know the status of the National Plan of Measures.
 - Jobs and languages are connected – as well as equivalating diplomas. Romanian is essential – English is not widely spoken in Ukraine. Lack of language skills leads to discrimination and inequality with wider impacts.
- System strengthening: Training of authorities in most sectors is very low compared to targets.
 - Funding has fallen away for in-person training (see e.g training on SRH for health workers).
 - Sector leads need to discuss with partners to ensure that activities are reported.
 - Capacity strengthening for service providers remains extremely important for the RRP and needs to be emphasized to donor community
- Partner factsheets launched at the end of Q1 to support funding and advocacy efforts – endorsed by the RRP. The factsheets are updated and issued to partners each month.

3. SEIS 2025: the Latest

- There will be 2 questionnaires – for Ukrainian refugees, targeting 600 households and for beneficiaries of international protection – 300 households.
- SEIS and protection monitoring have been combined.
- The questionnaires have been simplified to allow for phone and online interviews.
- Sections will stay the same as last year – at present there are 296 questions. We want to keep the data compatible with other countries and previous year’s questionnaires. There is the possibility to add local-specific questions.
- Timeline: July – review questionnaire; August – enumerator training; September-October – data collection; November – data analysis and reporting; December – publication of report.

- IMWG SEIS practical session for sector leads will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, 25 July to review the questionnaire (Ukrainian sample)

4. Civil Society Strengthening

- Gala Civil Society:
 - Hope Away from Home Prize was won by Save the Children Romania for childcare support for the integration of families in Ukraine into the labour market.
 - The Social and Economic Development prize was won by Jobs4Ukraine for Project Voyager.
- We are actively seeking engagement with religious leaders. RRP partners willing to support in the development of a training package to contact IS leads (Sebastiaan and Simina).
- We have partnered with Roaba de Cultură for the “Music in the Park” event taking place on 27 July.
 - RRP partners should contact the Inter-Agency coordination team if they would like to set up a stand at the event.

5. AoB

- IMWG has set up a network of academics, people working in institutions, and NGOs working with refugees – the REMAP network. The platform is set up and will be launched in September. The initiative will run in parallel with the IMWG and is intended to continue beyond the RRP.
- Representatives of the Protection Working Group will meet with the Border Police to follow up on advocacy document relating to implementation of the EU migration pact.
- RRP 2026 – the idea from the Region is that we will update the RRP as it stands. We will not update the entire narrative; we will be able to update context or sector narratives should the situation (or legislation/policies) has changed substantially. The Inter-Agency coordination team will reach out to the RRP partners to update financial appeal, activities and targets. It will also be possible for partners to leave the RRP or new organizations to join. Time-line will be shared as soon as it becomes available.