

POLAND NATIONAL PROTECTION SECTOR MEETING

Meeting Minutes – 17 March 2022

Meeting subject:	Weekly National Protection Sector Meeting
Time & location:	2pm, online meeting
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Agenda:	Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Coordination updates2) Updates from the Protection Sub-sectors and other relevant coordination groups:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Protection Sub-Sector• Gender-based Violence Sub-sector• MHPSS Working Group• CWC Working Group• PSEA Network3) Joint inter-agency initiatives:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Mapping of urban reception and transit centres2) Mapping of national services and humanitarian service providers for protection4) AOB

AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION
Introductions and Overview	Participants were welcomed to the second weekly Protection Sector meeting for the Refugee Response on Poland. The agenda was presented.
Agenda point 1	<p>Several coordination updates were shared and discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The draft TORs of the Protection Sector will be circulated to all members for their review, before finalization next week. 2) The identification of a national co-lead for the Protection Sector is in progress. 3) A number of new coordination mechanisms were established, which are very relevant for protection actors. It includes the Working Group on Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and the Network for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. Where relevant, field-level protection coordination mechanisms will be established to facilitate operational coordination. 4) Protection actors have highlighted several priority response areas where a coordinated approach would prevent duplication and promote synergies. Two immediate priorities were emphasized: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Capacity building of volunteers and newly recruited protection staff: Joint online and in-person trainings were proposed. PAH reported that the Government of Poland is also developing a new system for volunteers which involve screening and vetting, an ID card with an organization logo as well as a minimum protection training component. Protection Sector members expressed interest to contribute to the development of this training component. An ad hoc meeting will be convened early next week to explore opportunities for coordination among interested partners. b) Mapping of reception centres and national services for refugees were also identified as priorities (and were discussed in more details under agenda item 3). 5) Sector members were invited to share recommendations about ways the Protection Sector coordination can best support them during the initial phase of the response, through a Teams Poll and a Jamboard. Preliminary suggestions included information-sharing including findings of needs assessments, coordination with the authorities, and linkages with other actors as possible areas of support.

<p>Agenda point 2</p>	<p>Updates from the Protection Sub-sectors and other relevant coordination groups were shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Sub-Sector Interested partners can reach out to Daniela Knoppik (dknoppik@unicef.org) to be added to the Child Protection collaboration space and meeting invitations. The next meeting on 23 March (2:00pm-3:30pm) we will focus on unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), covering, among others, the legal framework and proposed taskforce. The meeting will also be the opportunity to discuss cash assistance and UASC, with the participation of Cash Working Group partners. Meeting will be slightly longer (2:00 PM - 3:30) to allow sufficient time for both topics. ▪ Gender-based Violence (GBV) Sub-Sector The GBV Sub-Sector convened its 2nd meeting on 15 March. The following 3 priorities were identified during consultations with members: 1) strengthening existing national response systems on GBV, 2) strengthening sexual & reproductive health services and 3) focusing on GBV prevention and response including trafficking in persons for the purposes of sexual exploitation and abuse. Efforts are ongoing to facilitate coordination on preventing and responding to human trafficking. Lorett M. Jesudoss (jesudoss@unhcr.org) from UNHCR is the new GBV SS Coordinator. ▪ Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Technical Working Group MHPSS TWG held its 3rd meeting on 17 March 2022, 40+ agencies participating actively. Anna Goloktionova has been deployed by Dutch Surge Support as MHPSS expert arrived in Poland, will be hosted by UNHCR to co-lead the group. WHO conducted and shared Rapid MHPSS Situation Analysis Report in Poland. Poland Ministry of Health MHPSS focal points became members in the group, will be providing information session on Poland mental health care system next week. Interested organizations can send email to mhpsstwg.poland@gmail.com to become member. The next meeting will take place on 24 March at 11 am Warsaw time (link to access the meeting). ▪ Accountability to Affected People (AAP) Working Group The AAP Working Group will meet every Friday at 10am. Interested partners are free to contact Tamar Joanian JOANIAN@unhcr.org to be added to the mailing list. The Working Group will also cover issues related to communication with communities. ▪ PSEA Network The PSEA Network will meet every Friday at 2pm. Interested partners are free to contact Nadia Abu Amr (ABUAMR@unhcr.org) to be added to the mailing list.
<p>Agenda point 3</p>	<p>To facilitate the interventions of all protection actors, UNHCR is facilitating two joint inter-agency initiatives:</p>

	<p>1) Mapping of urban reception and transit centres: UNHCR is developing a tool to map urban and reception transit centres receiving refugees across Poland. The tool will be made accessible to partners to share site assessments and access the information collected by all partners for all sites.</p> <p>2) Mapping of national services and humanitarian service providers for protection: To support referrals of individual cases to specialized services, a mapping of services was identified as a priority by protection partners. To prevent duplication, UNHCR with the support of UNICEF, WHO and other partners is supporting the development of one tool to collectively map such services. The tool will include a Kobo form to enter information and an IM platform where partners can filter by location and type of services to identify relevant focal points. The tool will be launched on 25 March after a 5-day trial period during which partners are asked to provide feedback. The link to the draft tool for feedback is the following: https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/cefiEI22</p>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNHCR is starting enrollment for its cash program. Protection partners can refer cases for assistance. ▪ The next weekly protection sector meeting will take place on 24 March at 2pm.

ACTION POINTS SUMMARY				
No.	Action	Responsible	Deadline	Status
1.	Review and provide feedback, as necessary, to the draft TORs for the Protection Sector	All protection partners	23 March	Pending
2.	An ad hoc meeting to exchange on opportunities to coordinate training initiatives for volunteers and newly recruited staffs will be convened on Monday at 3pm. Interested partners should reach out to kernin@unhcr.org and dknoppik@unicef.org	Interested partners	21 March, before noon	Pending
3.	Provide feedback to the draft mapping tool for national services for refugees.	All protection partners	23 March	Pending
4.	Provide information about targeting criteria and enrollment centres for UNHCR cash assistance program	UNHCR	23 March	Pending