



UKRAINE REFUGEE RESPONSE
Regional Sub-Working Group on Gender-Based Violence (SWG GBV)
Meeting Minutes – 16 May 2022

Meeting objective:	Discuss the pertinent gender-based violence (GBV) issues at the regional level and the work of GBV coordination structures established at the field level in Hungary, Moldova Poland, Romania and Slovakia.
Time & location:	Every second Monday, starting 16 May, at 15:00-16:15, online
Participants:	<p>Caroline Dulin Brass, UNHCR (Chair)</p> <p>Carina Hickling, WHO</p> <p>Julian Herrera, UNHCR</p> <p>Olga Vorontsova-Mykhailova, UNHCR</p> <p>Sandra Harlass, UNHCR</p> <p>Irene Quizon, WHO</p> <p>Lindsay Forslund, UN</p> <p>Kenza Yamouni, INTERPOL (Soteria)</p> <p>Erin Geneva Macdonald, WHO</p> <p>Rachele Morgante, Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Loise Dai Rocheteau, ICVA</p> <p>Suzanne Hoff, La Strada International</p> <p>Siobhán Foran, CARE Intl.</p> <p>Ina Verzivolli, UNICEF</p> <p>Vera Dragovic-O'Donnell, UNHCR</p> <p>Leah Hoctor, Centre for Reproductive Rights</p> <p>Manuela Moy, UNHCR</p> <p>Gabriela Alvarez Minte, UNFPA</p> <p>Desiree Bartosiak, Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Lorett Jesudoss, UNHCR</p> <p>Alisar Elias, UNHCR</p> <p>Marina Berbiec, UNFPA</p> <p>Sharifa Abdulaziz, Voice Amplified</p> <p>June Munala, UNHCR</p> <p>Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, EBRD</p>

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Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Overview: GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response in Ukraine emergency 3. GBV Health Referral Pathways 4. Terms of Reference for the Regional GBV SWG 5. AOB
AGENDA POINT	DISCUSSION
1) Introduction	<p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBV SWG is being established under RCM and is focusing on countries neighbouring Ukraine. • GBV is one of the highest risks and a clear priority, having in mind the profile of the refugees. • GBV SWGs have already been established in most of the country operations, therefore the establishment of the regional GBV SWG is timely; synergies with the regional Anti-Trafficking Task Force (TF) and the regional Gender TF. • Will be sharing the ToRs after this meeting for inputs. <p>Tour de table</p>
2) Overview: GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response in Ukraine emergency	<p>UNHCR:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>UNHCR%20GBV%20presentation%20-%20G</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ukrainian crisis is a very “gendered” one. In addition to women and girls, other groups at risk are people with disabilities, LGBTI persons, etc. • Key concern: existing systems at the national level were not ready to respond to this type of emergency. • Observing lack of proper referral pathways, limited information on risks and access to response services, limited training and availability of clinical management of rape, lack of interpretation, insufficient capacity and lack of understanding of GBV principles and survivor-centered approach. • Protection on the move is important; scaling up and adapting to emergency response; stop-gap measures in the health response; PSS and legal support. • In the European context, the refugees are supposed to be integrated into the existing systems. <p>La Strada:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited resources in general when it comes to anti-trafficking and GBV. • What are the reasons behind movements back to Ukraine? <p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to do the Intentions Survey; movements back to Ukraine started happening early on into the conflict; anecdotal evidence points to some people being summoned back to work, some are checking in on their properties, picking up their relatives and then going back, etc. Existing surveys are showing intention to go back as soon as feasible. • La Strada: this is in line with the anecdotal information we are receiving locally.
3) GBV Health Referral Pathways	 <p>GBV%20–Health%20referral%20pathways.p</p> <p>UNHCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Sandra Harlass, Regional Health Extension (above) on the medical response on GBV. • The Regional Health Extension is expanding its activities from the five neighboring countries to include other countries that refugees are moving on to. • Free access to services varies amongst the five countries. Looking specifically into clinical management of rape; the policy environment and response capacities also differ; a small number of CSOs providing direct medical services. • The Regional Health Extension has reached out to colleagues from different agencies to produce viable referral pathways, and to support Ministries of Health.
4) Terms of Reference for the Regional GBV SWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft ToRs have been put together, focused on how we can support country operations and different groups in focus countries; ToRs will be shared in an email. Looking forward to comments/inputs. • The number of organizations interested in this meeting is a good start.
5) AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of this meeting, once confirmed, will be uploaded onto the UNHCR global data portal, Regional GBV SWG page. • Next Regional GBV SWG meeting will take place on 30 May 2022 at 3 PM. Welcoming inputs to the agenda.