



Inter-Agency Refugee Education Working Group Meeting		Location	Remote – via Zoom
Chairs	Larisa Virtosu (LV), UNICEF, Adriana Cazacu (AC), MER	Date and Time	Friday, 6 May 2022, 12:00 -13:00
ESWG members participating	MER, UNICEF, CCF, IsraAid, UNFPA, NRC, LUMOS, UN Women, CRAP, MFA, WE WORLD, World Bank, OHCHR, WAR Child, WVI, UNCHR, EDUCO, Plan International, NRC, Street Child, WHO, EU Delegation Moldova, Presidency RM		
Agenda Items	Main Points Discussed	Actions	Responsible Persons
Endorsement of previous Meeting Minutes <i>Aprobarea procesului-verbal al sedintei anterioare</i>	Previous meeting minutes were endorsed by IREWG members.		
Update on the inclusion of refugee children, including children with disabilities into the national education system, formal and non-formal programmes. <i>Actualizarea informatiei privitor la includerea copiilor refugiatii, inclusiv a copiilor cu dizabilitati in sistemul educational national, programe formale si non-formale.</i>  Q & A <i>Intrebari/Raspunsuri</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to MER data on refugee children as of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022, there are 47,340 refugee children in the country. Out of them, 1,830 children are enrolled in the national education system across the country: 674 children are enrolled in preschools and 1,156 in other levels of education. 320 refugee children participate in extracurricular activities.</li> <li>MER confirmed that refugee children enrolled in the national education system will study according to the curriculum of the Republic of Moldova.</li> <li>In collaboration with the Ministry of Education from Ukraine, MER will organize a multidisciplinary examination in Chisinau for refugee children to give them the possibility to be admitted to universities. The examination will consist of a test with questions on history, math, and the Ukrainian language. In Ukraine, registration for the graduation examination was open between February and March 2022. In Moldova, MER will have the registration open until the end of May 2022.</li> <li>MER is identifying spaces and organizing activities for Children's day (June 1st) where the main invitees will be refugee children.</li> <li>According to UNICEF, procurement of 1,000 laptops for technical labs is in progress. Trainings are organized for Moldovan and Ukrainian teachers on child-centered methodologies, inclusive education, etc. to enable them to provide educational support adjusted to the individual needs of refugee children. Four modules were developed for the trainings and then approved by MER. The modules include information about inclusive practices, prevention of bullying, strengthening resilience, and social cohesion skills among refugee children. The aim is to reach 900 teachers nationwide. To date, 100 teachers have benefited from this training.</li> <li>5 child-friendly spaces set up by UNICEF are working at their full capacity providing services to refugee and Moldovan children. Soon, another 25 child-friendly spaces will be established nationally.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates will be provided at the next IREWG meeting.</li> <li>Share planned activities through the 5W and closely coordinate the implementation with UNICEF.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MER</li> <li>UNICEF</li> <li>All IREWG members</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF has also established 5 adolescent-friendly spaces which helped to reach about 7,000 refugee adolescents and youth and engage them in various non-formal activities. A mobile team was set up to serve the refugee adolescents in the vicinity of Chisinau.</li> <li>• UNFPA provided updates on the Orange Safe Spaces established in refugee placement centers, where refugees can find laptops with good internet connections to be able to connect to the Ukrainian learning media platforms. UNFPA will open additional Orange Safe Spaces in vocational schools in Criuleni and Nisporeni, in the campus of Technical University on Florilor and Studentilor street, in ARTICO, in UTA Gagauzia and in Palanca. It is expected that refugee children and youth, even those who are staying with families, can be easily reached through activities in youth centers (44 centers) and youth-friendly health centers.</li> <li>• UNFPA in partnership with ProDidactica launched a series of activities with focus on technical vocational education, mostly on the development of a continuous training program for teachers. This program will provide 40 lessons for the social inclusion of refugee youth. The training will be organized in June 2022.</li> </ul>	<p>UNICEF will share a list of child and adolescent friendly spaces.</p>	
<p>Update on the ongoing rapid needs assessment and training on the coordination of education in emergencies <a href="#">Actualizarea informatiei privitor la evaluarea rapida a necesitatilor copiilor refugiat in educatie si instruirilor privitor coordonarea educatiei in situatii de urgenta</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rapid needs assessments (RNA) process has started, the first results will be available in the beginning of June 2022. 600 families with school-age children will be interviewed face-to-face. The RNA will be conducted by IsraAID (INGO) in partnership with a local NGO, CBS Research.</li> <li>• Based on the findings and recommendations of the RNA, the Refugee Response Plan for Education will be revised. This is a live document continuously updated to reflect the newly identified needs of refugee children.</li> <li>• The training on EiE coordination was organized jointly by UNICEF and UNHCR and was a great success benefitting 30 participants. This training allowed participants to strengthen their knowledge and skills in coordination and information management to support the refugee response in Moldova.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once the results are available, the RNA will be shared with IREWG members.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF</li> </ul>
<p>Follow-up on the mission of Education Cannot Wait <a href="#">Rezultatele misiunii „Education Cannot Wait”</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF updated the IREWG group members on the results of the recent mission of the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) Secretariat in Moldova which led to a grant application of 1.5 million USD for the First Emergency Response (FER) for Moldova. To obtain the ECW grant, a grantee should be identified to write a project proposal and submit it to the ECW by 20 May 2022. The grantee will be responsible for the grant management, coordination of the implementing agencies including national/international NGOs, and reporting. The ECW funding will be allocated according to the priorities set in the Refugee Response Plan for Education.</li> <li>• Even though UNICEF and UNCHR initially volunteered to be the grant agents for this ECW grant, UNCHR highlighted UNICEF Moldova’s large scale of activities implemented in education in emergencies, and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF and UNCHR will be grant agents for ECW grant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF</li> <li>• IREWG Members</li> </ul>



	<p>recommended UNICEF to take the lead for the application and grant management. UNCHR will however contribute to the process of applying for the ECW grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IsraAID INGO recommended UNICEF as the grantee for this ECW Grant.</li> <li>• Street Child INGO mentioned that they have experience managing ECW grants and are available to contribute and support UNICEF and UNCHR.</li> <li>• MER suggested that the grantee for ECW grant should be identified among the UN Agencies, specifically UNICEF and UNCHR, bearing in mind their knowledge and expertise in implementing interventions in education in emergencies.</li> </ul>		
<p>Follow-up and next steps <a href="#">Pasii urmasori</a></p>	<p>Refugee Response Plan (RRP) and 5W Matrix are living documents and are continuously updated with the latest activities and indicators. Partners are encouraged to add their activities in the matrix and update it on a regular basis.</p>		<p>IREWG Members</p>