Inter-Agency Refugee Education Working Group (IREWG)

Meeting Details

Date: Friday, 15 July 2022
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Chair: Yera Kim (UNICEF) and Ludmila Pavlov (MER)
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Agenda

1. Introduction/Endorsement of the previous meeting minutes (IREWG Coordination, 5 min)
2. Update on the refugee participation in Day/Summer Camps (MER and all, 10 min)
3. FER/ECW funding approval for Moldova and modalities for the implementing partner selection (UNICEF, 15 min)
4. PSEA Assessment and Education focal point (UNHCR, 15 min)
5. IREWG updates and member consultation (IREWG Coordination, 10 min)
6. Miscellaneous (5 min)

Information collection and relevant links

Meeting PPT for 15 July 2022
Education 5W Matrix
Education Inter-Agency Update for July 2022
Education Working Group Workplan
UNHCR Operational Data Portal

Participants
UNICEF, MER, UNFPA, Step by Step, NRC, UNHCR, World Vision, Plan International, OHCHR, IFRC, CRS, IsraAID, People in Need, Terres de Hommes

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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**Update on summer activities**
MER updated IREWG members that 231 refugee students have signed up to pass the multidisciplinary exam (for the completion of the general education study). The exam will take place on 26, 27 and 28 July 2022 at the Technical University of Moldova. Also, MER mentioned that the team from Technical University of Moldova who will organize the exam was trained by colleagues from Ukraine.

**Back to School Campaign**
For the next school year starting in September, MER pointed out that refugee children will enroll in the national education system upon the parent’s request accordingly with the “Instruction regarding the enrollment of refugee children”. According to the statistical data of MER, from 40,000 refugee children who were on the territory of the Republic of Moldova this year, only 1,800 attended schools and preschools. The rest connected to the Ukrainian online platforms.
MER proposed to develop an online platform, where any Ukrainian citizen can enroll in the national education system, and further promote the platform by launching a communication campaign.

**PSEA network and training**
In Moldova, a network for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA network) exists within the Refugee Coordination Forum. All organizations part of the Refugee Response in Moldova have the responsibility for PSEA and must appoint PSEA Focal Points whether or not they have the existing capacity in PSEA. PSEA focal points can join the PSEA network meeting taking place every two weeks on Monday from 11 am to 12 pm to strengthen their capacity in PSEA. A training on PSEA will be organized in Palanca in the following week and the invitation will be shared by UNHCR. The same training will take place in Otaci and Chisinau in the coming weeks as well.

**PSEA focal point for the Education Sector**
To ensure that feedback from persons of concern is systematically received and responded to, UNHCR is establishing a standard interagency system for recording feedback. Complaints are being received and forwarded on an ad-hoc basis to the relevant organization/sectors for follow-up action. All Refugee Coordination Forum Sector Working Groups must appoint a Sector PSEA Focal Point to ensure PSEA prevention, risk mitigation, and response efforts are mainstreamed in sector activities and to ensure PSEA...
is part of sector discussion. For Education, for example, all concerns regarding PSEA within educational settings will be forwarded to the Education Sector PSEA Focal Point for timely follow-ups.

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| After the submission of the final First Emergency Response (FER) proposal to the Education Cannot wait (ECW) Secretariat in June, ECW approved on 6 July US$ 1.5 million funding for Moldova. The FER program for Moldova targets 10,000 children and adolescents to provide non-formal education. 8,000 of them will be targeted for formal education. 1,000 of them will include those with special needs. The activities include the following. For children/adolescents:  
- Provision of formal education (Primary, lower-secondary)  
- Provision of non-formal education (catch-up, language, etc.)  
- Provision of learning materials and devices, furniture, assistive technology, hygiene, and menstrual kits  
- Provision of hot meals  
- MHPSS services  
For teachers:  
- Provision of teaching materials and professional development  
- Training on MHPSS, GBV, Child Protection and Child Safeguarding and referral systems  
Others:  
- Appointment of GBV focal point in each school  
- Training on PSS for parents/caregivers  
UNICEF as the grantee will launch an open call for expression of interest in the coming weeks to select implementing partners. The UNICEF focal point who was expected to deliver the information at this meeting is unfortunately unavailable. This agenda item will be included in the next working group meeting scheduled for 29 July 2022. |

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<td>The IREWG Coordination Team did a preliminary analysis of the 5W matrix with the data collected so far from the partners. However, most data are missing or incomplete, making it hard to do any comprehensive and meaningful analysis for the sector. The current analysis indicates that the most common activities carried out by IREWG partners are (i) resilience building through recreation, life skills, MHPSS, and social</td>
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cohesion; and (ii) capacity building. PI, UNICEF, UNFPA, CRS, and NRC have activities that are either completed or ongoing. Most of the completed/ongoing activities are in and around Chisinau, PI being the only organization with activities in the south and the north of the country.

**To complete the 5W analysis, IREWG partners are strongly encouraged to add/update data in the 5W matrix online.**

**IREWG Workplan**
The draft of the IREWG workplan is online. IREWG partners are invited to indicate their priorities in terms of areas of technical support or cross-sector collaboration with other WGs by inserting new activities online.

**Inter-Agency Update for July 2022**
Partners who wish to highlight key achievements for education in the month of July are asked to provide their inputs online (deadline: 27 July). The inputs will be consolidated and submitted to UNHCR for publication.

**ActivityInfo Focal Point**
With the roll-out of the ActivityInfo platform under preparation, any interested IREWG partner (preferably with good IM capacity) can volunteer to collaborate with the IREWG Coordination Team to facilitate the sector’s transition into ActivityInfo.

- Provide inputs on the online IREWG work plan and inter-agency updates for July
- Contact the IREWG coordination team if interested in facilitating the transition into ActivityInfo