

## **GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes**

**Warsaw, Poland**

05/07/2022

**Chairpersons:** Ms Loretta Jesudoss (UNHCR) & Ms Malgorzata Rogulska (CPK)

### **Agencies present:**

Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), BRF Medco, CARE, Center for Reproductive Rights, Centrum Praw Kobiet, Clear Global, CORE, FDS, Federa, Feminoteka, Fundacja dla Somali, IFRC, IMC, INTERSOS, Kampania Przeciw Homofobii (KPH), LWF, MSFOCB, Plan International, Project HOPE, PUI, UNHCR, UNICEF, VOICE Amplified, WHO

### **Draft Agenda:**

- Introduction
- Review of the previous action points
- Presentation of Campaign Against Homophobia (Kampania Przeciwko Homofobii) by Justyna Nakielska
- Overview of the coordination structure (Martin Letteri & Flippo Busconi)
- Coordination tools
  - Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) questionnaire
  - Contingency Plan
- Updates from members
- AOB

***The meeting was conducted with simultaneous interpretation (in English & Polish)***

| Agenda items  | Discussion  | Action points  |
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| <p><b>1. Review of the previous action points</b></p> | <p>Contributions to the draft SOPs are being provided by members of the SOPs Reference Group. Malgosia has bilaterally reached out to members for inputs.</p> | <p>For any queries on the draft SOPs, to contact Malgorzata Rogulska (CPK) <a href="mailto:malgorzata.rogulska@cpk.org.pl">malgorzata.rogulska@cpk.org.pl</a> and Zelinda Aromorach (UNHCR) <a href="mailto:aromorac@unhcr.org">aromorac@unhcr.org</a></p> |

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| <p><b>2. Presentation of Campaign Against Homophobia (Kampania Przeciwko Homofobii) by Justyna Nakielska</b></p> | <p>Justyna Nakielska (KPH) delivered a presentation on behalf of the Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPH was founded in 2001.</li> <li>• It is privately funded including by civil society organizations based outside Poland. KPH focuses on the national-level actions related to the LGBTIQ community.</li> <li>• Their main activities include 1) Working &amp; Cooperating with international institutions; 2) Political &amp; Social Advocacy Campaigns; 3) Legal and Psychological Assistance to LGBTIQ individuals.</li> <li>• KPH has been involved in the current refugee crisis since it begun and has conducted several border monitoring trips to assess the situation of LGBTIQ+ persons.</li> <li>• LGBTIQ+ people in Ukraine were advised by some organizations on the ground to stay in Ukraine rather than flee to Poland due to the multiple risks faced en route.</li> <li>• LGBTIQ+ people fleeing Ukraine experience various difficulties en route, at border crossings and in Poland. They encounter violence, difficulty accessing hormonal therapy as well as access to abortion, and problems in finding accommodation. State support is generally not available/accessible to LGBTIQ+ persons. So they are only able to turn to their own networks/connections (if any) or LGBTIQ+ organizations</li> <li>• Transphobic hate campaigns is expected to increase in the coming months as well as hate speech and hate crimes against LGBTIQ+ persons as is usually the trend observed during the run-up to parliamentary elections. The coming elections are scheduled to take place next year. As such the violence towards the Ukrainian LGBTIQ persons in Poland will also intensify.</li> <li>• KPH currently focuses on re-granting fund from “Rainbow Beyond Borders” by redirecting finances to other organizations working for the LGBTIQ community.</li> <li>• Lambda provides safe shelters/accommodation for LGBTIQ persons from Ukraine. However, Lambda is running out of accommodation offers. IOM offered linkages to its Airbnb partnership. Nevertheless, Justynia pointed out that the need for <u>mid-longer term accommodation</u> for LGBTIQ+ persons remain a key gap.</li> <li>• KPH is not specialized in humanitarian response but is open and willing to provide capacity-building training for other organizations on working with LGBTIQ+ persons. This would require additional funds.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>To share information about the safe shelters for LGBTIQ people provided by Lambda and IOM</p> |
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| <p><b>4. Coordination</b></p> <p><b>Tools:</b></p> <p><b>Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA)</b></p> <p><b>Contingency Plan</b></p> | <p><b>Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment</b></p> <p>The MSNA questionnaire was extended to include additional aspects in relation to intersecting identities and vulnerabilities to identify protection risks and map out needs. Members were asked to provide their inputs to the MSNA.</p> <p><b>Contingency Plan</b></p> <p>The consolidated contingency plan will be shared with members.</p>  | <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>All members are asked to provide inputs to the MSNA questionnaire.</p> <p>The consolidated Contingency Plan is to be shared with all the members.</p>   |
| <p><b>5. Updates from members &amp; AOB</b></p>  | <p>Urszula Grycuk (FEDERA) informed all the participants that FEDERA’s gynecological helpline for refugees in UKR is not operating at the moment as they are waiting for an Ukrainian gynecologist to join their team. The gynecological line in POL is running as usual: Monday-Friday 4-10pm. The legal assistance line (POL, UKR) is running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 5-9pm.</p> <p>Urszula Grycuk raised the issue of the pregnancy registry recently introduced by the Ministry off Health in Poland, which may affect Ukrainian women.</p> <p>FEDERA and its associated organizations run a fact-finding mission to collect info on the sexual and reproductive health needs of Ukrainian women. The findings of the surveys can be found on Federa’s website.</p> <p>The co-lead announced that the next meeting of participants is planned in person and the details of the venue will be shared shortly.</p> | <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>To share and distribute Federa’s posters among members’ organizations and all sectors</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>To evaluate accessible online platforms, apart from Zoom and assess the continue need for</p> |

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|  |  | simultaneous interpretation (Ukrainian, Polish, English).<br>To share details of the planned GBV Sub-Sector Meeting in person |
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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 19/07/2022 @ 10am TBC**