

MEETING MINUTES
CHILD PROTECTION SUB WORKING GROUP

16 June 2022

Participating organization: FDP, CESVI, FONSS, IOM, US Embassy, CNRR, Light into Europe, Plan International, DRC, Oxfam, UNICEF, UNHCR

Co leads: ANPDCA, UNICEF, UNHCR

Time: 1130 hrs – 1300hrs

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Confirmation of previous minutes and matters arising
3. Presentation on CPIMS+ PRIMERO
4. Romania CP indicators
5. Operational updates
6. A.O. B

	Agenda	Discussion	Action points
1.	Introduction	Meeting started with opening remarks by the co leads and introduction of the participants.	
2.	Confirmation of previous minutes and matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on CPIMS+ Primero roll out will be covered under the agenda item focusing on this. - CP SWG draft work plan: Gratitude expressed to all the members who shared their meetings which have all been incorporated into the draft. Considering that the work plan will be used to guide the CP SWG in implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members to be updated on the progress of rolling out CPIMS+ - Revised draft work plan to be shared with the members.

		<p>of activities, it will be amended to reflect the Romania CP indicators that will be endorsed at today's meeting. The revised version will be shared with the members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Child Protection procedures under ANDPCA development: The Romanian version of the draft procedures were shared with the partners; English version to be shared as soon as possible. <p>ANDPCA expressed gratitude to the members who shared comments on the procedures; all of which the working group on the procedures will review. Adding that the procedures supplement EU provisions and national legislation. Other procedures are in laws and other governmental procedures and will therefore not be included in the ministerial order.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to share comments in Romanian for ease of reference. Comments received in English will be translated before sharing with ANPDCA.</p> <p>Some of the initial reflections on the procedures on UAC were on age assessment, who is responsible for this, psychosocial assessment to consider that in Ukraine 16 is the age of majority. The meeting was informed that legislation provides for when and where to go for age assessment and that some counties have forensic medical procedures for age assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members to share comments on the 2 CP procedures. - ANDPCA to share legislative procedures relevant to the 2 procedures under development for ease of members' reference.
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		<p>Plan International mentioned that they were informed of 260 children in the community without clear information on their guardians. Identification and tracking of these children in the community was not clear. ANPDCA informed that referral procedures are stipulated in the procedures and that UAC entering Romania after 19 March 2022 were processed through this mechanism. Monitoring of the situation of children is ongoing; what is required are procedures for monitoring those in the communities and Immigration centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting discussed the possibility of a meeting to discuss the procedures. - Inter – agency situational update: Co-chairs expressed gratitude to the members who provided inputs to the May update which was published. <p>The meeting acknowledged improvements in the coordination of the May inputs and expect that June will be better. The meeting was informed that the inputs from members also inform Regional and Global reports.</p>	
3.	Presentation on CPIMS+ Primero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPIMS+ will be used for child protection case management in Romania. It will enhance the identification and follow up on children at risk in Romania. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting to be updated on developments.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CP staff will go to the communities and identify UAC residing in the community and enrol them in CPIMS+. - Recruitment of staff is ongoing to be followed by training and then roll out at National level and pilot in Vaslui and Timisoara in the coming weeks. The staff are from CP authorities as they are already approved for data protection purposes. - UNICEF supported the authorities with the required equipment. - FDP offered the support of a specialist who can help to pilot the software. - UNICEF highlighted the features of the tool including the main forms, the data that will be collected, prioritization feature etc. - NGOs and other actors licenced to work with children will have access to the tool for case management. All these actors will be trained on the tool before roll out. - Information about the tool will also be disseminated to POC through various media including Telegram forums. 	
4.	CP Indicators for Romania	<p>The meeting recalled that at the last CP SWG meeting, the members resolved to constitute a task team to propose indicators that would feed into the 2 RRP indicators, for consideration by this meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the task team met and proposed the following indicators: # of service providers, including government stake holders, NGOs, INGOs, volunteers and</p>	-

		<p>other community members trained on child protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of children, including UASC and others at risk; identified and referred to specialised services including health, social welfare and justice services. • # of children/adolescents and caregivers receiving and engaged in PSS activities • # of safe spaces /hubs established, including blue dots. <p>The meeting endorsed the indicators; which will be shared with the information management team to inform the monitoring framework; which will include definitions and guidance on disaggregation of data.</p>	
5.	Operational updates	<p>a) ANDPCA</p> <p>3,186 UAC have arrived in Romania between 24 February and 15 June 2022. Out of these, 574 arrived between 24 February and 18 March while 2,612 arrived between 19 March and 15 June 2022. Out of the 2,612; 444 are residing in the community with family members and other adults, 2,130 transited through Romania with family members and/or other adults, while 38 arrived alone and were enrolled into the national child protection system. Some of the children that were enrolled in the national child protection system were reunified with their family members.</p> <p>b) UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,202,182 Ukrainian nationals have arrived in Romania between 24 February and 14 June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the two procedures for UAC

		<p>2022. Out of these, 89,382 remain in Romania; of who 37,375 have applied for temporary protection while 1,112,800 left the country. The main exit routes were Ukraine, Hungary, Bulgaria and by air.</p> <p>146,735 third country nationals arrived in Romania between 24 February and 14 June 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR conducted CP training for 9 UNHCR cash enrolment staff in Galati. The training focused on the risks that children face, the importance of timely identification and referral of children at risk. 	
6.	A.O.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gedeon Nijimbire, UNHCR Child Protection Officer has arrived in Bucharest and will be here for an extended period. 	
	Next meeting	30 June 2022 at 1130 hrs – 1300hrs	