Updated Notes from Romania Refugee Coordination Forum Health WG  
8 June 2022, online 13:30-15:00 (Bucharest time)

Agenda
1. WHO Country Office updates (Ms Yana Sazonova)  
2. UNHCR guidance on reporting 5Ws information (Mr Ahmed Alajmi)  
3. Association of Patients with Liver Disease/ APAH-RO (Ms Marinela Debu)  
4. AOB - Partners offered concerns on ad-hoc basis.

Topics discussed

Introductions
- Ms Marinela Debu, Chair of Association of Patients with Liver Disease
- Dr Hendrikus Raaijmakers, UNICEF surge deployment to Romania

Presentation on hospitalization data for people coming from Ukraine, Yana Sazonova (WHO)
- Bed occupancy rates show no burden to health system right now;  
- Bed occupancy by counties, doesn’t exceed 5-6% but higher closer to border;  
- Syndromic surveillance signals identified in refugee centers, not seeing a large increase week to week;  
- Immunization trends, March to June, not seeing demand for immunizations from Ukraine refugees, indicating low access to family doctors.

Update and questions on temporary protection and health insurance coverage
- Family doctors (FD) who are registering UKR refugees in NHIH (National Heath Insurance House) information system cannot enrolled them on patients’ list no matter if the refugees have temporary protection or not.  
- Romania is using a mixed payment model for FDs (fee for service and per capita). FDs who care for refugees are entitled to receive fee for service/ 19 RON/ consultation. National Health Insurance House confirmed this information. WHO and Ms Cristiana Mateoiu followed up with National Health Insurance House & MoH on this regard.

Presentation on viral hepatitis, Marinela Debu (Association of Patients with Liver Disease)
- Children tend to hide disease because of stigma; Association of Patients with Liver Disease wants to identify cases and provide support.  
- Hepatitis patients need assessment or treatment (long-term care); the Association wants to identify Type C patients who need antiviral therapy for several months period  
- The association is based in Brasov, needs to connect with other places/partners except for some language barrier is an issue.  
  o Lucinda Hiam (WHO) informed there is a list of family doctors in Brasov who are attending refugees. The list was made available by WHO to Ms Debu.  
- In case you have UKR patients who need hep treatment/ referral/ support, contact Marinela Debu contact info: 0721304160, hepatobv@gmail.com
Presentation on updating 5Ws, Mr Ahmed Alajmi (UNHCR, alajmi@unhcr.org)

- Shared Excel spreadsheet on UNHCR Sharepoint and how to fill out partner information
- Option provided to select if the organization’s activity is financed/ not through RRP; if it is not financed, reporting under 5Ws is voluntary; for organizations funded via RRP – mandatory.
- Note reporting is done for 4Ws (‘for whom’ is not included yet).
- As discussed with GOVT, reporting partners need to link/match their activities to the national response plan (see newly added columns in the document) – demonstrate how it contributes to the Government response plan
  - The plan is not yet adopted by GOVT into legislation/ it is discussed at the level of the Government
- Need to include number of beneficiaries in activities, plans to be disaggregate by gender
- Include county where activity is implemented, include multiple counties if performed activity in multiple counties
- UNHCR offering support on data in other working groups – reach out to alajmi@unhcr.org, for support if needed

General WHO updates, Andreea Popescu (WHO)

- Ongoing mapping of family doctors in high density areas for refugees, who are able and willing to provide care to refugees. WHO is offering translation devices (Ukrainian – Romanian)
  - Ms Irina Mateescu put it together a list of volunteer doctors and reported high demand for childhood vaccinations - popescuirina@gmail.com
- Preparing package of materials about access to care and vaccination schedule, in multiple languages *UKR, EN, ROM
- Materials are being cleared by NHIH, NIPH and family doctors’ professional association; next week partners will receive the materials on google drive for their use/dissemination
  - IOM has been distributing health access information and phone number for their own services.
- Preparing for opening of medical and MHPSS offices in Romexpo integrated services center to provide PHC (incl. family planning and SRH) as well as interpretation services
  - Romexpo center is led by UNHCR (paying for site, working with municipality) and supported by other partners (WHO, UNICEF, IOM, Immigration General Inspectorate)
  - WHO identified health providers who have contracts with national health insurance as their services will be paid by NHIH. WHO is paying for repurposing the venue; medical equipment, furniture, support services (interpretation)
  - Romexpo model is a short to medium term solution, we also need to think about long term
  - WHO will inform partners when Romexpo medical and MHPSS offices are running and working hours to refer patients
• Piloting of refugees inclusive hospital in the Bucharest University Emergency Hospital (space repurposing, developing new circuits, signaling in Romanian, English, Ukrainian)
• Procured vaccination cold chain equipment for MOH
• Behavioral Insights study ongoing, understanding barriers to health access from interviews
  o Partners dissemination meeting planned for first week of July

Fabiana de Lima Faria, Protection Coordinator from Oxfam
• How are other agencies doing service mapping? How to get information in one place and for those at risk (not just humanitarian actors)? It is important to centralize all service mapping & referral pathways into one single platform and then ensure this platform is easily accessible by the refugee community.
  o We need to ensure that all service mapping efforts are centralized into the same platform (UNHCR 5W + WHO family doctors + WHO MHPSS + Independent Midwives Association family doctors).
• A 2nd suggestion is that this platform must be easily accessible by persons and communities of concern alike, so service mapping efforts should be made available, for example, in dopomoha.ro besides UNHCR’s data portal and Activityinfo.
• Based on the mapping results, some visualization will be done to widely share this information with the Ukrainian community to have user-friendly information about family doctors' locations.