PSEA Network meeting - Romania
07 July 2022, 10 – 1100 (held online)

Participants: UNHCR, Oxfam, IOM, EE RSH, Actionaid, UNICEF, CNRR, WVI, Good Neighbors, WHO, Care and SERA, FCDO, Plan International

Introductions and Updates from participants Discussion on the PSEA Network Action Plan

The Network Lead presented the amendments that were done to the PSEA Network Action Plan and the two common action points that were suggested to the CRATTF. The common action points were endorsed by the PSEA Network.

Discussion on Criminal Record Background Check Practices (Presentation by WVI of their practice)

The members of the Network discussed the Criminal Record Check Practices. WVI international shared the procedure followed by the organization. WVI has requested an exemption from the police criminal record requirement, due to the limitation of collection of sensitive data according to the data protection legal provisions. UNICEF also shared their practice on the same issue. UNICEF requests the candidates to share their criminal record as part of the hiring process and by submitting the document, the candidate consents to the collection of their personal data. Salvati Copiii clarified the difference between the criminal record, where some very old condemnations might be deleted, whereas this is not the case with the Certificate of Integrity.

Presentation by Eastern European Resource and Support Hub

EE RSH presented their vision and their mission as well as their global online platform which includes a resource library, an e-learning course called “Safeguarding Matters”, a Safeguarding Consultants’ directory and a community of practice for peer to peer learning and sharing of good practices. EE RSH offered to extend its support to the members of the PSEA Network according to the needs, while avoiding duplication.

Discussion on Training Needs

The Network lead requested the members to update the shared list of training online and to share any trainings needs. The Network lead will re-share the PSEA sharepoint link with all new members, so that all members can update the shared documents.

UNHCR and UNICEF will jointly conduct a ToT for the members of the PSEA Network and the lead encouraged the members to share any tentative interest in participation, so that the mode of the training (online/physical presence) can be selected according to the needs. The organisations sharing their training needs should ideally also share the language of the participants.

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The members were encouraged to share any ideas, feedback and suggestions to improve the way that the Network is operating.

Next steps / action points
The next meeting of the Network will be on 21 July from 10:00 to 11:00 am.