UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Education Sub-Working Group meeting

7 December 2022, 10:00 – 11.30 am

Venue- Online (Zoom)

- Coordination of the SWG/updates (UNICEF)
- Feedback from last education meeting convened by DSU (JRS/Save/WV)
- Updates from SWG members including main needs/priorities (all)
- AOB

UNICEF- Influx of additional refugees in coming weeks. The educational system needs to be ready to accommodate those. We have to analyse the families who want to return to Ukraine and want to remain in Romania. We need to consider both options for children to enroll and integrate in the Romanian educational system. We realised that are difficulties at the operational level and at the local level between the counties inspectorates and local authorities (transportation is an issue).

Language courses in Romanian are not provided in a systematically manner and we can develop that more in depth. We have to make sure that children keep being registered and combine the learning through online learning.

Q: Current numbers in integration schools?

A:

Ukrainian children	Audients	Enrolled	Total
Preschool	1,059	288	1,347
Primary	943	292	1,235
Secondary	917	296	1,213
Total	2,919	876	3,795

We have in Galati-1024 enrolled, in Cluj- 99 enrolled and in Brasov around 100.

The Ministry of Education receives this kind of data from school inspectorates, and they start input the data into the refugee data base.

Feedback from last education meeting convened by DSU-JRS had meetings about data collection, this is an issue of interest from the ministry and inspectorates. Educational hubs were mentioned and low numbers of children registered as audience also.

- We still have problems on attendance.

- Children guatantee with ANPDCA- they ask for feedback from NGOs

JRS- updated about their assessment consultation done with parents in Bucharest, more than 300, 72% of them wants their children to study math, science and to sacrifice sports and art.

They plan to draft the White Paper on education in consultation with other NGOs and Commitees with Ukrainian teachers and to propose to the government some of the alternatives. They have also an assessment on dizability with Plan International (to consult with their parents and teachers).

They attended a EU conference on education organized by the Czech Presidency. Were invited different speakers, Romania was represented by the Head of the Local Council in Harghita. They talked about the integration of Hungarian community. Estonia and Poland also participated.

- Poland have sunday classes organized in ukrainian.
- We have to think about how to increse support to make it successful to convince other parents to join Romanian educational system.

Next meeting: 21 December 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, online (Zoom)