Health-Working Group 14/9/22

Chair: Andreea Popescu, WHO Romania National Professional Officer.

1. Introductions of new members and welcome

Introduction of new WHO members: Nicky Morgan, SRH specialist; Vadym Zavatskyi, data management expert, helping with refugee relations.

Other new members introductions from UNHCR, UNICEF, Dr Mihai Horga East European Institute for Reproductive Health, Save the Children, MdM, World Vision, WHO Regional Office and extension team.

New WHO Representative and head of the Country Office in Romania - Dr Caroline Clarnival.

2. Presentation and endorsement of HWG work plan

Andreea Popescu shared the draft work plan for health working group prior to the meeting; based on and complimentary to the government's plan. Brief overview presented during the meeting of the key areas.

Feedback and input requested by Friday 16th September 5pm prior to endorsement then sharing with the inter-sector working group (ISWG).

The aim of the workplan is to identify key areas that match with Government National Plan of Measures for the Protection and Inclusion of Displaced Persons from Ukraine/ launched on 26 July 2022/ and complement them.

Partners may have additional interventions in different areas, but the purpose of the health sector workplan is to highlight areas health WG feeds in the Government plan.

The plan is covering end of the years activities/ September - 31 December 2022, but it can be extended in January 2023, after revision in the HWG.

Cassandra Butu will send out an emailing to confirm current members and update list for HWG; furthermore, to propose a face-to-face workshop for the HWG. The aim of the workshop is to plan together the activities/ interventions for the next 3 months and to look ahead at the 2023 activities. In addition, during the workshop, the workplan may be further refined/ developed/ updated as needed.

3. **Catch-up on activities based on work plan and indicators**

Floor given to any colleagues to update on August activities since last HWG meeting.

WHO update:

- Conducted missions to identify family doctors willing to become refugee-inclusive clinics; Brasov and Suceava so far. Also proposing a study with family doctors to understand barriers in providing healthcare to refugees.
- Consulting CAJ/ Brasov County Health Insurance House/ on access to healthcare for refugees and barriers, and requesting disaggregated data. The level of service utilization remains low.
- WHO team is expanding—Nicky here to support strengthening SRH.
- Engaged with UN agencies in winterization and contingency planning missions.
- Planning procurement for winter/contingency.

UNFPA (Dr Mihai Horga provided update):

- Ready to begin orange safe spaces in several locations; both mobile and static. Women and girls can receive information or referral to services; winterized supplies.
- Prevention and management of SGBV a key component—need to connect with protection working group, national agency for equality between women and men, make sure information provided connected with agency,

4. **Establishment of SRHR sub-working group**

Agreed establishment of a sub-working group focused on SRHR, led by WHO national and international SRH experts - Irina Mateescu, midwife, and Dr Nicky Morgan.

Plan to hold an in-person workshop to establish and endorse ToRs, then to be shared with UNHCR. This group will complement the MoH existing plan.

Please email Dr Morgan (morgann@who.int) or Irina Mateescu mateescui@who.int to take part in this group.

5. **Presentation of MISP, Dr Nicky Morgan and Irina Mateescu**

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Participants raised the task force in MoH does not include refugees but can be raised in that group also; need to assure alignment.

Include in ToR: coordination with task force as priority.

6. ActivityInfo

For reporting, we use ActivityInfo platform and data is also shared with the government by UNHCR. It is a web-based platform where partners' need to register for introducing the data per health sector's indicators (UNHCR grants permission).

Vadym Zavatskyi zavatskyiv@who.int reported indicators for August from RRP partners; for September is needed another round of reporting (it is done on monthly basis).

Proposal: WHO will continue to report on behalf of the partners; please share data with Vadym by 23rd September.

An email will be sent to you in this regard: to share activities matching the workplan and the indicators.

Non RRP partners are encouraged to share the indicators. It may be useful for ensuring good visibility of our work and sustainable funding. For RRP partners, it is first and foremost a matter of accountability.

Follow-up actions:

1. HWG members to provide input on work plan **by 5pm Friday 16th September**; after this time it will be endorsed.
2. HWG members to provide September data **by 12pm Friday 23rd September** to Vadym Zavatskyi zavatskyiv@who.int
3. SRH sub-working group to be established: contact SRH co-leads to join this group (Dr Nicky Morgan morgann@who.int and Irina Mateescu mateescui@who.int)
4. Planned face-to-face workshops for HWG and sHWG on SRH; for SRH to establish ToRs; with invitations to MoH and NHIH.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1330 28th September (Every two weeks)