



MHPSS Romania

Meeting Minutes

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Members

WHO, UNICEF, MDM, Action Against Hanger, Good Neighbours, Global Communities,



Updates & Achievements

- **WHO presented** the importance of monitoring and evaluation. One of the key aspects that was reinforced in the context of the UNHCR recalibration and reporting on activity info is to assess whether a program, project or intervention is achieving its desired results, when done correctly. Having a comprehensive reporting mechanism will help demonstrate the positive or negative, direct or indirect changes that have occurred in the Ukrainian intervention in the MHPSS sector. WHO also presented the targets that weren't reached and the necessity to have new achievable targets and invited the participants to provide input on the future targets. M&E is also necessary for learning, contextualization, adapting programs and accountability.
- **UNICEF** mentioned the challenge that, the implementing partners took a while to start reporting on the tools available, on the analytical tools. So it's actually the capacity of the partners to report and evaluate their activities. So that's one that we see across all the health activities. The second challenge is that, at least for UNICEF, the MHPSS, it's a cross sectorial and there is a rethinking from the regional office that we should be more clear, which are the activities really linked to health. UNICEF mentioned that most of the reported data from their side is under the Education and Child Protection sectors.
- **UNICEF** also raised the question about referral pathways that became a problem in their Facebook campaign and asked about hotlines. The issue raised was if Ukrainian refugees that are in Romania could call on Hotlines in neighboring countries in order to receive psychological counselling in Ukrainian language.
- **Action Against Hanger** presented future plans for the next phase. These plans include also provide trainings. They have a partner in Iasi that is specialized on care practices. They plan to provide such trainings and follow-ups as well to any other partner who would be interesting in receiving this type of support. For Bucharest, the intervention is a bit more limited. They have a collaboration with the UCB and four chains where they train and supervise the volunteers who are active in the UCB Center to provide PFA. And now they will start as well to train them on a stress management.
- **Good Neighbors** presented their work in the last two weeks mentioning that the they are happy to accommodate anybody who is interested in their trainings.

Challenges

- The need for counselling services in Ukrainian and identification of online counselling options, in the country or abroad. Lack of MHPSS staff who can speak Ukrainian language.
- The need to be able to employ Ukrainian psychologists in Romania who can provide MHPSS services to Ukrainian refugees.



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Action Points

- UNICEF and WHO will try to align MHPSS sector indicators.
- WHO and UNICEF will try to identify a way for Ukrainian psychologists in Romania to provide psychological services to their fellow Ukrainian refugees in Russian or Ukrainian.
- **Next meeting on 30th of September 2022.**