

UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Youth & Adolescents Sub-Working Group meeting

10 October 2022, 10:00 – 11.30 am

Venue- Online (Zoom)

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Main takeaways from last ISWGs
3. Intervention presentation- Junior Achievement
4. Sector updates
5. AOB

1. Tour of introductions- (UNICEF/ WHO/ FNT/ UNHCR/ CARE/ Youth for Youth/ Proedus/ Internews/ Junior Achievement/ Terre des Hommes/ Action against Hunger/ NRC/ ACF/ CNRR)

Development of the ToR and workplan

- Links to UNHCR cloud
- Feedback for these two documents to be done by Thursday 13th October COB

2. Main takeaways from last ISWGs

- Winterization efforts upcoming- influx of refugees
- Summary of our last task force meeting
- Updates on the survey: deadline for Friday, 14th of October

3. Intervention presentation- Junior Achievement (UPLIFT YOUTH Project)

JA in partnership with UNICEF support the young refugees from Ukraine who arrived in the host country. The focus will be to support young people and enrich their knowledge both in entrepreneurship and be more integrated, using educational materials and expertise both from JA and UNICEF. They will train the facilitators from Romania; they have strong connections with different schools that already worked with Ukrainian youths.

Countries involved: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia. Capacity building support from Greece and Italy from past refugee response in these countries.

They have developed different connections with other NGOs from Bucharest and other cities that are working with youth and facilitators. They will organize direct activities for students in schools and centers e.g., different workshops and sessions that will support the young people to develop

personal skills and to understand how they can value their interests for identifying a future profession.

Materials used: JA methodology and educational materials, also some from UNICEF.

In connection with schools' inspectorates and different other centers, in order to update and have a current situation regarding the number of the children and youth that are staying here in Romania. Support them with technology, laptops and other materials needed for educational activities in the schools.

Components of the project:

Inspire: social media educational campaign

Orient: familiarize themselves with their host country

Activate: short basic entrepreneurship workshops and materials from UPSHIFT

Prepare: provide hands-on learning experiences for youth and adolescents to be better prepared for employment, self-employment, or entrepreneurship

Succeed: transition from learning to earning, to either getting an internship/job placements or becoming an entrepreneur

Q: JA will target kids that are taking part in online schools?

A: JA are also targeting the students that prefer online teaching system, the materials can be accessed on a platform, translated on Ukrainian language, they can be easily accessed with a user and a password.

Also, for us to know, we have 83,000 registered refugees, 30%- minors, 3000 who are auditors, 886 enrolled in schools, maybe Romanian government could provide data for those 83.000 with protection status. There are a lot of children already with protection offered. They are less willing to enroll their kids in the online Romanian system because they don't understand the system. The issue is not to register them but to offer proper environment for them.

Q: Do we have a segregated data by 0-7, 6-10 years, 14-35?

Internews conducted the research with local communities, parents don't want their kids to lose 2 years of education. They didn't understand how to enroll their children, e.g., should they apply in all schools or in the neighboring or in other cities? Also, a fear that they will not speak Romanian and will be a tension within the kids, and that the local parents are against Ukrainian children to be enrolled.

Internews also invites all colleagues to their presentation of the full report on information needs. The full report will be presented on 13 October, 10 am Bucharest time.

From the discussion emerged the need to invite someone from the ministry of education (MoE) to join our next session, to address some questions participants might have. For example, regarding the access of TVET for refugee students, the registration requirement for it.

4. Sector updates

UNICEF updates that the terms of needs assessments are finalized. It is going to be released next month.

FNT through NRC updated that by the end of November their needs assessments will be ready. Focus groups from 5 different counties-Suceava, Botosani, Tulcea, Bucharest and Timisoara (14-35 years, will cover a broader area- general needs, personal development, social cohesion, education, health, hygiene). Around 100 people, also targeting specific young people at risk (LGBTIQ).

Updates regarding the ISWG indicators and tasks to be completed by the YAD TF will be shared. There is a need to advocate to have more emphasis on adolescents and youth (indicators, advocacy, etc.)

Next meeting: 24 October 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, online (Zoom)

