SECTOR: Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CP SWG)

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**Agenda**

1. Introductions & Attendance/ New/All Participants
2. Updates on pending points from previous minutes
3. Winterization update
4. Activity info: quick update
5. Sticky note activity
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7. Networking and refreshments

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Link to operational data portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784

**Participants**

1. Flore Rossi (Co-chair)
2. Katie/UNHCR
3. Carolina/UNHCR
4. Myriem/ICRC
5. Laurel/People in Need
6. Mariana/Jugend Eine Welt
7. Daniela/CNPAC
Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<td>1. Introductions &amp; Attendance/ New/All Participants</td>
<td>The co-chair and newly arrived participants were introduced. The meeting's agenda was presented for approval. Participants were also requested to mark their attendance and the new participants introduced themselves.</td>
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<td>2. Follow-up on Action Points from last meeting's agenda/UNHCR, UNICEF</td>
<td>UNHCR provided an update on the child protection coordination meeting held in T6 on 12/12 and the action points identified as follow up after the meeting. The next meeting in T6 will be organized in January with the objective to increase the coordination of the child protection actors and identify who is the best actor to be a focal</td>
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point for case management (CM) in this RAC. The social assistant from the Guardianship Authority will also be included in the meeting.

**PLAN** noted the need work on to support the national child protection system, improve its capacity, and strengthen it. PLAN noted that advantage of having a diversity of CP actors is that they can help cover the gaps.

Regarding the unaccredited RACs, **UNHCR** replied that there is no specific list held by the organization. However, if a protection concern is identified, UNHCR will act. Further concerns should be brought to the attention of UNHCR for follow up.

On the training for Roma cultural mediators, it was clarified that the request was from the Roma taskforce, as they have new mediators do not have training. **PLAN** is ready to support.

**Updates from the members:**

**PLAN** raised the issue of how to ensure engagement of more local CP actors. Proposal for brainstorming, ideas for NGOs or further meetings and exchange of ideas on that.

**OMBUDSMAN Office** stressed this shall be discussed with local authorities. They noted a lack of CP specialists, as only a total of 15% are hired, due to lack of budget.

**UNICEF** noted the need for more involvement of the municipalities and MLSP. They noted a gap in connecting CPSWG with the local authorities and the need for more coordination.

**The Chisinau Mayor’s Office** acknowledged that this message is welcomed and timely. The Mayor’s office is always open and further discussion to be organized.

It was noted that it would be helpful to have an SOP on child protection in RACs and a reporting mechanism on child protection issues for the accredited RACs. It was noted that it is the responsibility of the Guardianship Authority to monitor child protection issues in both formal and non-formal types of accommodation.

Plan will host a meeting with their CP partners from T6 and will provide updates afterwards. Then, a short workshop will be organized with all CP actors working in T6.

The CPSWG will coordinate trainings for the Roma cultural mediators in January.

UNICEF and UNHCR to follow up bilaterally with the Ombudsman Office on this issue.
On the right to education, the legal aspect is important, particularly for children with specific needs. Clarity is needed on the “auditor” vs “fully enrolled” status.

**UNHCR** accommodation team is working on the SOPs for the RACs and have asked for the engagement of the protection sector as well. The CPSWG will ensure CP inputs are included.

**OMBUDSMAN Office** stressed the importance of respecting the rights of refugee children to express their opinions. At the Forum of the Children it was hard to identify the refugee children involved in this Forum. Their opinion counts.

**SOS Autism** noted that ANAS standards are very strict and encouraged ANAS to be more flexible with the rules. They also noted that the bills coverage for the rented space was not covered, as ANAS replied that there is no precedent on that.

**PLAN** noted that the aim is to see how to support NGOs in adhering to regulations.

On Winterization, the Interagency team asked each sector to submit an update on the progress. New gaps or challenges identified to be shared with the co-chairs.

### Activity Info: quick update

**UNHCR** noted that Activity Info will replace the 5Ws and activities should be entered in the platform, which will ultimately make the reporting process easier.

On Friday 16 December, there will another training organized on the Activity Info platform. Currently, the Activity Info platform is open to enter activities that took place between March to June 2022. The deadline to enter these activities is 27 December.

**UNICEF** stressed that Activity Info will be like a dashboard and useful to increase the visibility of partner activities.

Partners to enter all March-June 2022 activities by December 2022. Contact the Interagency team or CPSWG co-chairs if assistance is needed.

### Sticky note activity

The participants were asked to brainstorm on the following points:

- Achievements of CP sector for 2022

The results from this activity will be shared with the members of the group.
- Shout out/thanks to a partner/colleague for their help
- Ideas for priorities for 2023
- Suggestions for ways the CPSWG can improve for 2023

Participants who attended online attended their contributions on sticky notes, while participants online added their contributions in a Google Doc.

4. **AOB**

The next meeting will take place on January 18th 2023.

In 2023, CPSWG meetings will change to monthly, instead of bi-weekly, with possible thematic meetings with smaller groups of members when needed.

Happy Holidays!