



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

Meeting Details	
Date	18 th January 2023
Time	16:00
Chair	UNICEF
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions & CP SWG planning 2. Main achievements of 2022 3. Updates on 2023 priorities 4. Updates on CP current response (Blue Dots / Community Centers /CP mobile teams) 5. AOB 	
Information collection and relevant links	
Please use the below link to fill out information	
Link to operational data portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784	
Participants	

1- Flore/UNICEF (Co-chair)	8- Fatima/UNFPA	15- Liliana/CCF Moldova
2- Katie/UNHCR (Co-chair)	9- Denis/Peace Winds	16- Virgiliu/P4EC
3- Carolina/UNHCR	10- Marcel/LUMOS	17- Olesea, PNUD
4- Valentina/UNICEF	11- Natalia/DORCAS	18- Gianna/OHCHR
5- Myriem/ICRC	12- Martha/CRS	19- Krassimir/OHCHR
6- Mihai/People in Need	13- Cristina/Terre des Hommes	20- Ina/ADRA
7- Iulia/CNPAC	14- Tatiana/ Terre des Hommes	21- Stavros/PLAN



22- Dominique/PLAN	28- Lamia/WeWorld
23- Natalia/Dorcas Moldova	29- Andrei/MLSP
24- Tatiana/Hope 4	30- Nata/IsraAid
25- Corneliu/IOM	31- Veronika/IsraAid
26- Marcel/LUMOS	32- Alberto/UNHCR
27- Paloma/WeWorld	33- Traian/UNICEF

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
Introductions & CP SWG planning	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.	
Main realizations of 2022	<p>The co-chair presented the dashboard with the main achievements for 2022. The dashboard will be updated on a regular basis, based on the data provided by the CP actors in Activity Info. It was noted that improvements to the presented data are also required, particularly the gender and disability disaggregation.</p> <p>Plan International noted the number presented for UASC on the dashboard does not reflect the true number of unaccompanied and separated children in the country. The true number is bigger, as the government is not tracking all categories of separated children, and other children become unaccompanied or separated once they reach Moldova.</p> <p>The co-chair suggested that the dashboard could potentially include various data sources related to UASC and agreed that the number in AVE Copiii's database is not the actual number of UASC in Moldova. Further discussions to follow.</p>	<p>The dashboard will be shared with the members.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to provide feedback to the presented dashboard.</p>
Updates on 2023 priorities	The co-chair noted that the workplan will be updated by the co-chairs and shared with the members of the group. The co-chair stressed that the cross-sectorial aspects should be improved in the workplan. The CP SWG hopes to have more involvement of the national child protection authorities (MLSP, Chisinau Municipality, and local authorities). Additionally, it is hoped to make the CP SWG more operational and link it to the field. Child Protection partners,	



	<p>particularly the ones working at the border, are invited to provide a quick update of the trends and main concerns for child protection in each CP SWG meeting. It was highlighted that partners ensure active participation in the CP SWG.</p> <p>The co-chair informed the group that a taskforce will be set-up on case management, working on specific tools, SOPs, and linkages with the national legislation.</p> <p>As a priority, the co-chair mentioned the need to coordinate on the response analysis and the needs assessments conducted by different CP actors.</p>	
<p>Updates on CP current response (Blue Dots / Community Centers /CP mobile teams)</p>	<p>The co-chair provided an update on the joint regional initiative of the Blue Dots. Eleven Blue Dots are functional in Moldova, out of which five are located at the border points. The Airport Blue Dot is the most recently opened, working 24/7, with the Guardianship Authority present. In general, Blue Dots are providing MHPSS, child protection activities, referrals for UASC, an entry point for CP and GBV cases and other cross-sectorial services as needed. The Blue Dot intervention was expanded through the mobile teams of Terre des Hommes and P4EC.</p> <p>The activities of the mobile teams will be carried in the Community Service Centers and the RACs. The plan is to expand the mobile team intervention to reach out and assist more children.</p> <p>The Digital Blue Dot information page is available and provides an overview of the assisted children. For any additional information and statistics for the Blue Dot, members of can contact UNICEF focal point Tatiana Danilescu, tdanilescu@unicef.org.</p> <p>PLAN INTERNATIONAL inquired about the planning for the Blue Dot and whether the same Blue Dots will be in existence in 2023 as in 2022.</p> <p>The co-chair stressed that the BD at the border points will be maintained, but also there is a plan to reshape the Blue Dots in Chisinau, depending on the needs of the beneficiaries. Also, the expansion of the mobile services will continue. Based on suggestions, the activity can be adjusted. The co-chair noted that it is important to see if this approach is working and succeeding in providing outreach to children.</p>	<p>For the purposes of coordination, the co-chair requested that the CP actors who are providing services through the mobile teams share their location. The locations of the BD mobile team will also be shared.</p> <p>Statistics on the number of the Digital Blue Dot beneficiaries to be requested from the Regional Bureau and shared with the members of the group.</p>



PIN inquired about the availability of a mapping for identification of children in need for assistance of the mobile teams.

The co-chair noted that local authorities are registering the refugees in their towns. This provides opportunity to cooperate with the Departments of Social Assistance, particularly in the support of the vulnerable families, and to conduct joint activities with the host communities.

The chair of the disability task force noted the need to include awareness for children with disabilities.

The co-chair noted that a request will follow for the members to share their CP materials in a common folder. This will capture what has been done and provide a more standardized approach.

ICRC inquired about the selection of the area of work for the BD mobile team.

TdH noted the team is working in ten RACs and three hosting communities, including in Gagauzia. The multidisciplinary team includes a social assistant, animator, psychologist and offers protection services, referral and other services requested by families with children.

Animators have specific methodology elaborated by TdH and the team is always welcomed by the beneficiaries. Individual assistance for case management was offered and the psychologists are conducting group activities for youth, as well as parents.

P4EC is coordinating the Blue Dots at the border points and the mobile team in the district of Stefan Voda, planning expansion to Causeni district. P4EC is cooperating with the social assistants from Stefan-Voda district for the identification of vulnerable families with children. The mobile team also does outreach activities for the host community. During the group activities, other needs are identified, such as NFIs, cash, food items and they inform the authorities.



<p>There is a general willingness of the refugees to interact with the mobile team, as they are asked about their feelings, about their wishes and how families with children cope with the trauma of war. This proves the efficiency of the mobile teams.</p> <p>PIN inquired whether the mobile teams target children in villages or cities only, as a big need for support in the villages was identified. PIN also inquired about a common system of referrals for children in need for assistance.</p> <p>P4EC reported that the mobile team will also cover the rural areas of Causeni and the main criteria is that the beneficiaries are refugees in need of services.</p> <p>On the referral system, P4EC noted that they use the Child Protection Referral Pathways developed by the CP SWG and shared with the members of the group. The contribution of the local social assistants was also noted.</p> <p>TdH noted that previously some problems in communication with the RAC managers in Gagauzia were encountered and permission to access the RAC had to be obtained in advance.</p> <p>The Ombudsman's Office to be contacted on carolina.cazaciuc@ombudsman.md for further support if such cases are reported.</p> <p>The co-chair briefed the members on the Community Service Centers, noting that the focus for this year will be on community programming, promoting integration and avoiding isolation in the RACs. In some locations, UNHCR is looking for partners to support with child protection programming in the CSC established locations, based on the services requested by the community.</p> <p>On Temporary Protection (TP), it was noted that the CP points have not changed significantly from the first draft. Key points to pay attention to will be shared through the PWG. The different ministries will develop guidance based on the TP decision in the next thirty days. Regarding TP enrolment, an information campaign targeted to Ukrainian families will be led by the government, with the support of the AAP task force and Protection Working Group.</p>	<p>ADRA offered to provide a brief update on their activities at the next CP SWG.</p> <p>Members will be updated with more upcoming information. If any members are interested in running a CFS, they should contact UNHCR for further discussion.</p>
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4. AOB	<p>Communication awareness materials will be shared with the co-chairs and UNICEF focal point will provide technical support for reviewing the content.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to share training planning for 2023 with the CP SWG for the purposes of coordination. NGOs providing trainings are encouraged to check in advance with the CP SWG to ensure smooth coordination.</p> <p>On Activity Info, it was noted that this will be useful tool to coordinate the sector and analyze the trends. For any issues, the co-chairs can be reached out for help.</p> <p>The next meeting in 2023 will take place on February 8th 2023, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in a hybrid format (at the UNHCR office and online). Interpretation will be provided.</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to share CP Communication materials so they can be stored in a shared location and the content reviewed and harmonized across the sector.</p> <p>Members to share 2023 training plans.</p> <p>Members should enter their second semester 2022 activities in ActivityInfo by the deadline of 31 January 2023.</p>