

UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Youth & Adolescents Sub-Working Group meeting

16 January 2023, 10:00 – 11.30 am

Venue- Online (Zoom)

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Main takeaways from last ISWGs
3. Intervention presentation: NRC & REACH
4. Sector updates
5. AOB

2. Main takeaways from last ISWGs

- No ISWG in January so far
- Next ISWG: Friday 20th of January

3. Intervention presentation: NRC- youth needs assessment Romania and Moldova

Rationale:

- Youth are a significant proportion of refugees fleeing from Ukraine, particularly female youth
- There are not many youth-specific studies published to date, detailing youth-specific needs
- Host governments define youth as individuals age 15-35

Objectives:

- Collect perspectives of Ukrainian youth refugees in Romania and Moldova to identify their needs, priorities, and hopes for the future
- Inform the next phase of youth programming for NRC, its partners, and national youth structures
- Contribute to the broader humanitarian response knowledge and understanding of youth specific needs
- They focus on community contribution, critical thinking, personal values and physical health

Methods:

- Targeted Desk Review
- Training and support of FNT partner staff on data collection ethical considerations, reducing bias, and protocols
- Qualitative Data Collection framed by the NRC Youth Wellbeing Framework
- Analysis, triangulation, and synthesis
- Present findings to youth in alignment with the With us & for us; Working with and for Young People in Humanitarian and Protracted Crises IASC Guidelines

Qualitative data:

- Purposeful and convenient sampling strategy
- Interactive focus group discussions with youth by location (rural/urban), gender
 - Facilitator observations, most of whom are Ukrainian youth with themselves
- Interviews with youth
- Interviews with external stakeholders

Data triangulation: Facilitator observations->Youth perspectives->Findings->External stakeholder perspectives->Targeted Desk Review

Data collection locations: Bucharest, Tulcea, Suceava, Timisoara, 5 external stakeholders

Age F/M: 15-17, 18-24, 25-35

Q: What could be the next steps from the perspectives of the NRC to coordinate all these implementations?

A: A presentation to this group on the findings will follow and advocacy messages, inform programming and interventions but also fundraising can come up from the findings.

- ✚ They will complete a report from this assessment, and everyone can have access to it.
- ✚ FNT and Action Aid are completing the quantitative part of the findings with their data.

Q: Do you have estimated dates for the final product?

A: It will be done by mid to late February.

ToR:

- to build a more comprehensive ToR for this year
- to have a capacity building session
- to put in the ToR any existing and upcoming assessments to build from those strategic documents
- Next ISWG: 20 January

REACH and Save the Children intervention - Assessment of Experiences, Needs and Aspirations of Children, Adolescents and Caregivers Displaced from Ukraine

- Objective: to analyze the vulnerabilities, risk and protective factors, and child protection needs of children, adolescents and their caregivers who are displaced by the conflict in Ukraine.
- Intended Impact: Humanitarian actors, civil society and, crucially, governments and policy makers have the relevant information about refugee households with children in the EU and beyond to provide assistance and develop policies in line this population's needs, both to respond to short-term priorities, but also longer-term policies, such as on integration and safe sustainable return. To inform interventions and programmes.
- Mixed-methods approach:

Quantitative (from Ukraine):

- Worldwide monthly phone survey with refugee caregivers (so far 30 countries included).

Qualitative (in Poland and Romania):

- Consultations with refugee children
- Focus Group Discussions with refugee caregivers
- Focus Group Discussions with host community members
- Key informant interviews with service providers: Child Protection, healthcare, and education

Qualitative assessment in Galati, Bucharest and Suceava

Q: How is it the disaggregation based on age?

A: Separated by ages: 8-10, 11-14 and 15-17 years.

Q: Would the Task Force know any partner in Suceava in health care, child protection, education?

A: RADAUTIUL CIVIC, they are working at the border and Radauti, and they had/have a project on health care emergencies (Viviana +40 744 333 628)

NFT to facilitate contacts and information regarding Suceava.

4.Sector updates

- Information management working group coordinating assessment- [UNCHR-lorints@unhcr.org](mailto:lorints@unhcr.org) <https://unhcr.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=0f03cbbe167ffffec5b92fa9b&id=2de6a749b1>
- For your information [Save the Children](#) will conduct a youth livelihood assessment scoping study in Romania for the Ukrainian refugees and host community. Most probably our consultant will be on board in mid-February 2023.
- [JA](#) partner with [UNICEF](#) for skill building for young people, e.g., entrepreneurial skills, economic literacy, soft skills development.
- Reminder to the government to name a focal point will be done before next TF meeting; government has budget allocation and intervention plan we could align and benefit from.

Next meeting: 30 January 2023, 10:00-11:30 am, online (Zoom)

