

Inter-Sector Working Group - Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time	Only ONLINE, Friday, 21 April 2023, from 11:00 to 12:30
Facilitator	Gregory Cameron
Participants	Pablo Zapa (UNHCR Representative), Basic Needs/ Kylie Alcoba Wright (UNHCR), Cathal O'Connor (UNICEF), Zafar Ali (UNHCR), Cash/ Horatiu Tatar (UNHCR), Cristina Adam (Save the Children), Education/ Jean Benoit Manhes, Tetyana Nikitina (UNICEF), Health and SRH/ Nicola Morgan, William Revell (WHO), MHPSS/ Sorana Mocanu (WHO), Livelihood/ Victoria Moren (UNHCR), Dinu Lucian Silviu (IOM), Protection/ Jorunn Brandvoll, Daniele Beasley (UNHCR), Anti-Trafficking / Simona Boanca, Mark Earl Ebling, Courteny, Bogdan Mittrache (IOM), Youth and Adolescents/ Ana-Iunona Mavlea (UNICEF), IA/ Gregory Cameron, Ali Sonia Mohamed, Rozita Roghani (UNHCR)
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions • Updated figures, dates and deadlines, RRP funding tracking and Inter-Agency IM update, • Update on 50/20 programme • Sectoral Updates • AoB/Reminder
Main Topic	Main Discussion and Action Points in Blue
Updated figures and announcements	<p>Figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101,341 Ukrainian in Romania, decrease from last month by 5,000. 128,681 people have obtained Temporary Protection (TP) <p>Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy messages due by 24/04 • Activity info quarterly reporting is being done now; Sector Leads (SLs) are requested to encourage partners to report. • GDPR training will take place on 3 and 4 May in Bucharest. Protection WG already shared the invitation which was disseminated with SLs. Interested people should register via the link by 25/04/2023. • Survey evaluation of emergency response due by 25/04/2023. • Municipal Coordination Event will take place on 12 May 2023 in Bucharest. <p>RRP funding tracking and Inter-Agency IM Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial tracking – 18.8% funded for the RRP. All partners should report to have the complete picture. • Activity Info dashboards – All partners (RRP and others) should be encouraged to report. • Service Advisor - Map services in RomExpo and Suceava are done. Beginning of May will map services in Baia Mare, Galati, Constanza, Timisoara
50/20 Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative and Inter-Agency Refugee Coordinator in Romanian congratulated the SLs for keeping the inter-agency discussion alive at this level and leadership provided to their respective WGs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of the change of 50/20 programme: more than 1/3 of refugees never benefited from 50/20 programme; end of this programme on 30 April is not affecting all refugees. Only 64% will be affected. • There were 80,000 refugees in Romania in October 2022, number increased to 114,000 in January 2023 due to winter and attacks in the civilian and energetic infrastructure. Some people returned as expected due to the change of weather. • Only the emergency ordinance is approved by all ministers and it is public. The draft decision is public but not approved yet, is being discussed in the government. • Since there is no system in place after the end of 50/20 programme on 30th April, there will be gaps of assistance. • A new system needs to be created: refugees from Ukraine have to register; those with TP will receive assistance for the first month; based on their TP status, they have to show proof of employment or registration in the National Employment Agency and child enrolment in education system to receive assistance in the second and fourth months; assistance is guaranteed to be provided to 4 vulnerable categories (persons over 65, persons with disabilities, university students and those living in collective accommodations) from the fifth month until the end of the year. Details are not clear. • Expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Returns to Ukraine either due to spring or uncertainty on the new programme (accommodation: Lei 750/month for single family and Lei 2000 /month for family plus Lei 600 per family member per month) which is not approved yet. - Move to other countries or collective accommodations or cheaper cities or rural areas. • WGs who are preparing for the gaps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CASH WG: UNHCR and Romania Red Cross/IFRC are designing a programme to financially support vulnerable refugees for one month during the transition. - Some WGs are supporting with administrative assistance for transition between two programme such as opening bank accounts. - WGs are requested to find ways to support refugees during transition particularly old, vulnerable, student refugees. • UNICEF is currently compiling a list of questions as a joint effort to advocate with the Government for the vulnerable refugees. There will be a meeting next week with the Ministry of Education and PMO. SLs are requested to add questions to the list which will be shared by UNICEF. • If the new system is not approved soon, it would be difficult for people to cope with the current situation. WGs are requested to compile the collective efforts to be shared with the Government. • SLs to report on the mapping of how their respective WG’s members (partners) can support refugees in the next ISWG meeting.
Sectoral updates (targeted, action-oriented, activities / gaps)	<u>Sexual Reproductive Health SWG:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNFPA will come to conduct a five-day training next month for six sexual violence centres in CMR.
AoB/Reminder	Proposals from UNHCR Representative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a Programme Criticality Assessment (min need to implement the project) in relation to low levels of funding received. • Each WG to map organizations inside and outside RRP context which are at risk of closing programs due to lack of funding. Some projects might need to be closed; prevent the negative consequences to refugees, discuss it within your organization and WG.
Next meeting Date: Friday, 5 May 2023 from 11:00 to 12:30 Place: UN House Meeting Room, Teams link available	