

## SECTOR Gender-based violence SWG

Meeting Details	
Date	17 February 2023
Time	2:00 pm – 3:30 p.m.
Chair	Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR GBV Officer; Fatima Alwahaidy, UNFPA GBV Coordinator
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Agenda	
<p>Introduction and updates by members            Update of 2023 GBV SWG Workplan            Briefing on findings of mapping of services for refugees by La Strada            Presentation on Services Advisor            Updates from Child Protection SWG            Presentation on Temporary Protection            Updates (Referral Pathways; GBV Risk Mitigation Workshop; 2023 Safety Audit; GBV AoR Risk Mitigation online and other trainings) and AoB</p>	
Information collection and relevant links	
<p>Report on ‘Mapping of services existing in the Republic of Moldova for displace people from Ukraine. Identification of risks of exploitation and human trafficking’ - <a href="https://lastrada.md/pic/uploaded/Mapping_of_services_existing_in_RM_en.pdf">https://lastrada.md/pic/uploaded/Mapping_of_services_existing_in_RM_en.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to the Services Advisor Tool - <a href="https://moldova.servicesadvisor.net/en">https://moldova.servicesadvisor.net/en</a></p>	
Participants	

1. Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR
2. Fatima Alwahaidy, UNFPA
3. Tatiana Budu, UNFPA
4. Elena Castravet, IOM
5. Ersilia Apreda, IOM
6. Lilia Poting, UNFPA
7. Sean Sager, UNHCR
8. Katherine Lampe, UNHCR
9. Alexei Buzulan, UNHCR
10. Hanna Ursol, UNHCR
11. Svetlana Albina, UN Women
12. Alina Busilu, WFP
13. Andrei Hincu, Care&SERA Romania
14. Diana Miron, UNICEF
15. Lilian Severin, UNAIDS Moldova
16. Liliana Damaschin, Medical teams
17. Marina Ileavevici, OSCE Mission to Moldova
18. Olesea Bodean-Vozian
19. Renata Rusu, HelpAge
20. Natalia Stelea, UNHCR
21. Tania Chebac, CDA
22. Tatiana Fomina, La Strada
23. Valentina Bodrug-Lungu, Gender Centru

### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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Update of 2023 GBV SWG Workplan	<p><b>Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR</b>, informed that based on the results of the validation workshop, the workplan for 2023 was elaborated. She presented the objectives and the activities covered in the Workplan for 2023 and mentioned that it would be circulated to the GBV SWG participants for another round of review and final inputs to be provided within one week.</p> <p><b>Fatima Alwahaidy, UNFPA</b>, mentioned that some activities had been already started and encouraged everybody to contribute to the workplan in order to be aware about GBV SWG members' activities.</p>	Circulate the GBV SWG Workplan to the members for inputs.
Briefing on findings of mapping of services for refugees	<p><b>Tatiana Fomina, La Strada</b>, presented the main objectives of the 'Mapping study on available services for refugees from Ukraine. Identifying the risks of exploitation and human trafficking', which was conducted in August-November 2022. The aim of the mentioned study was a) to define available services for displaced persons from Ukraine with a focus on services available for victims of Trafficking-in Human Beings (THB); b) assess the vulnerability to trafficking and exploitation among displaced persons from Ukraine; c) analyse the situation and identifying existing gaps in the protection of displaced persons.</p> <p>The study acknowledged the wide range of services available, mentioning that Moldova managed to cope with the flow of refugees in 2022 with the support of partner international and national organisations. There were no cases of THB at the territory of Moldova. The work was mainly focused on prevention of THB and exploitation.</p> <p>The main recommendations were the following: strengthening coordination in providing assistance to refugees; the need to grant a legal status to refugees (introduction of the Temporary Protection as of 1 March was appreciated); establishing a mechanism for assigning status of the victim of THB to foreigners; the need to adapt the existing referral</p>	

	<p>mechanism to the needs of the foreigners-victims of THB; capacity building on risk indicators, non-discrimination and last trends of the THB phenomenon with a focus on transportation of children born by surrogate mothers; conducting activities on prevention of THB; Ukrainian speaking operators at the hotlines; development of cooperation, in particular at the local level.</p> <p>As for the main challenges regarding the transportation of children born by surrogate mothers, there is the difference between the Moldovan and Ukrainian legislation, as well as current transit of people with such children through the Moldovan territory and the need to make appropriate document checks.</p> <p>The report can be found by the following link:  <a href="https://lastrada.md/pic/uploaded/Mapping_of_services_existing_in_RM_en.pdf">https://lastrada.md/pic/uploaded/Mapping_of_services_existing_in_RM_en.pdf</a></p>	
<p>Presentation on Services Advisor</p>	<p><b>Luigi Morcone, UNHCR</b>, presented the Services Advisor tool, a web-based map providing useful information about services available to refugees, available in English, Romanian, Russian, and Ukrainian.</p> <p>The advisor consisted of two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A public interactive map with all the available services in the country accessible to all visitors.</li> <li>- A backend accessible only to the Refugee Coordination Forum partners to set a profile of their organization, manage their services and update their activities.</li> </ul> <p>For uploading and updating services on the platform, a focal point needs to be nominated by the organization.</p> <p>The information campaign will be launched to inform the refugees about the existing tool.</p> <p>The Services Advisor Tool can be accessed by the following link -  <a href="https://moldova.servicesadvisor.net/en">https://moldova.servicesadvisor.net/en</a></p>	<p>Circulate presentation to the GBV SWG.</p>

	<p>For more information or getting credentials please contact <a href="mailto:morccone@unhcr.org">morccone@unhcr.org</a> or <a href="mailto:vazquezm@unhcr.org">vazquezm@unhcr.org</a>.</p>	
<p>Updates from Child Protection SWG</p>	<p><b>Katherine Lampe, UNHCR</b>, informed about current Child Protection SWG priorities, in particular including refugee children in the national education system; continuing collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection; continuing support of case management by humanitarian actors, in particular with regard to usage of the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS); follow-up of unaccompanied and separated children’s cases; training and capacity building of frontliners; continuing update of the Child Protection Referral Pathways; strengthening collaboration with the accommodation sector on cases referral.</p> <p>Regarding the challenges related to the CPIMS use, interoperability with other databases was mentioned and the issue was currently followed together with the governmental structures.</p>	
<p>Presentation on Temporary Protection</p>	<p><b>Sean Sager, UNHCR</b>, presented on the Temporary Protection, entering into force on 1 March for a period of one year until 1 March 2024, with the possibility of two six months extensions. The presentation covered the eligibility criteria, rights and obligations of beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>Alexei Buzulan, UNHCR</b>, provided an overview of the registration process consisting of two stages: online pre-registration and in-person interview. It was highlighted the importance to ensure provision of accurate and reliable information on Temporary Protection. There will be available online and offline communication materials in Ukrainian, Romanian, Russian, English and Romani.</p>	

	<p><b>Fatima Alwahaidy, UNFPA</b>, encouraged everybody to take part in the information sessions on Temporary Protection in order to be well prepared for communicating the accurate information to beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>Sean Sager</b> informed that the extended information sessions on temporary protection would be arranged during the refugee coordination forums and encouraged everybody to take part in the sessions.</p>	
<p>Updates (Referral Pathways; GBV Risk Mitigation Workshop; 2023 Safety Audit; GBV AoR Risk Mitigation online and other trainings)</p>	<p><b>Fatima Alwahaidy, UNFPA</b>, informed about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerning the training on GBV risk mitigation conducted a month before, a follow-up session on the sector-specific tools to be arranged.</li> <li>- The Safety Audit exercise would be replicated in 2023 based on the feedback received during the validation workshop and taking into consideration the issue concerning people with disabilities.</li> <li>- The Interagency Contingency Plan will be updated and sectors' specific contingency plans will be elaborated and should reflect the activities of the GBV SWG 2023 Workplan.</li> <li>- Launching of the 2023 RRP.</li> <li>- UNFPA guidelines on cash in case management to be shared.</li> <li>- Trainings.</li> </ul>	<p>The link to the GBV SWG Google Drive to the updated Referral Pathways to be shared with the participants.</p> <p>The link to the Refuge Response Plan for 2023 to be shared with the GBV SWG members.</p>
	<p><b>Vitalie Frecauteanu, UNDP</b>, informed on mobile teams on GBV survivors' assistance in Edinet and Causeni. Two mobile teams were also planned to be created in Ungheni and Sorooca. In cooperation with IOM, upon available budget in April, mobile teams would be also launched in Basarabeasca and Taraclia. In total, there were planned five mobile teams (also one in Comrat), providing different support: legal assistance, MHPSS, economic aid, etc. Beneficiaries were refugees and host community members.</p> <p><b>Svetlana Albina, UN Women</b>, informed about the planned activities for the following month focusing on GBV: strengthening capacities of at least four service providers (NGOs from Sorooca, Chisinau, Cahul, Criuleni); building capacities of specialists on case</p>	

	<p>management, referral system and other aspects; organizing an awareness event on domestic violence; supporting refugee women in employment; organizing training for women in the area of IT, including training for children.</p> <p><b>Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR</b>, thanked everybody for participation and informed that all the meeting documents would be shared with the participants accordingly.</p>	
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