

Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group Moldova

Meeting Details	
Date	30 May 2023
Time	2:00 pm – 3:30 p.m.
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Presentation by Ministry of Labour and Social Protection on National Programme to Promote and Ensure Equality Between Women and Men, and the National Programme to Prevent and Combat Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence, both for 2023-2027 3. Presentation by UNFPA on Multi-sectoral Response to GBV 4. Presentation by UNHCR on GBV Sub-Working Group campaign - “Break the Silence - We Stand By You” 5. Updates 	
Information collection and relevant links	
<p>Localized GBV Referral Pathways</p> <p>GBV Sub-Working Group 2023 Workplan</p> <p>Presentations of May 2023 meeting</p> <p>Mapping of mobile services</p> <p>GBV Minimum Standards in Emergencies training materials</p>	
Participants	

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4. Hanna Ursol - UNHCR
5. Tatiana Budu - UNFPA
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7. Celine Brixander - UNFPA
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11. Daniela Palii - Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
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13. Alina Busila - WFP
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16. Christina Khouri - InterSos
17. Azat Doskozhaev - ICRC
18. Igor Luca - APSCF
19. Ilinka Leger - HEKS/EPER
20. Iva Bucatciuc - DRC Moldova
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23. Daniela Raileanu - ADO Lex XXI
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26. Svetlana Albina - UN Women
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Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<p>Presentation by Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MoLSP) on National Programme to Promote and Ensure on Gender Equality Between Women and Men, and the National Programme to Prevent and Combat Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence, both for 2023-2027 (<i>Ludmila Mititelu</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The National Program to Promote and Ensure on Gender Equality Between Women and Men (2023-2027) developed by MoLSP has been approved. The process preceding the approval of the document included consultations with national authorities, private sector, non-governmental sector, and development partners. The program aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce structural gender inequalities through gender-sensitive policies and budgets, ○ Increase social protection for people with long-term care responsibilities for family members, ○ Reduce gender pay gap for equal work, ○ Increase number of men promoting gender equality, ○ Promoting women in leadership and decision-making positions at central and local levels ● The National Program to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (2023-2027), developed by MoLSP has been dispatched to the State Chancellery and Ministry of Finance, and is awaiting approval.. The program intends to ensure coordinated GBV prevention and response on a national level. Public consultations have been conducted with the abovementioned stakeholders and with humanitarian partners. The program includes four general objectives; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevention ○ Protection ○ Prosecution ○ Integrated Policies. 	

<p>Presentation by UNFPA on Multi-sectoral Response to GBV (<i>Violeta Terguta and Rodica Gamma, UNFPA</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNFPA works to support the national system to enhance the GBV response through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting the development and further implementation of the National Program on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (2023-2027), including through technical support to MoLSP together with UN Women. ○ Strengthening the GBV response and improving quality of care by training service providers (police, social workers, health care providers, justice) on how to support survivors of GBV. ○ Strengthening multi-sectoral response to GBV for refugees and host community, including through a) GBV Case Management and cash support; b) establishment of 28 Safe Spaces; c) GBV risk mitigation measures; d) capacitating multi-disciplinary teams and frontline service providers on GBV; and e) strengthening the health response to GBV. ○ 42 medical cabinets at emergency and gynecological departments were established to provide comprehensive healthcare for survivors of sexual violence, including survivors of the war. ○ Support expansion of the Perpetrators Program. ○ Supporting availability of evidence and data on GBV, including by conducting Safety Audits, mapping GBV services, IMAGES survey, and National EVAW survey. ○ Mobilizing support and raising awareness of GBV through campaigns. 	
<p>Presentation by UNHCR on GBV SWG campaign - “Break the Silence - We Stand By You” (<i>Hanna Ursol, UNHCR</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GBV campaign “Break the Silence - We Stand By You” led by UNHCR, UNFPA, UN Women, and UNICEF, within the framework of the GBV SWG, in collaboration with MoLSP implemented between November 2022 - June 2023. The campaign aims to raise awareness of zero tolerance of all forms of GBV and of existing survivor-centered response services for GBV survivors. The campaign included the following activities: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events organized in 5 Chisinau, Edinet, Balti, Comrat, and Cahul. Around 1,500 refugees and host community members attended. ○ A landing page (noviolence.md) was created to spread information about available services for GBV survivors. ○ A social media campaign, including creation or sharing of 102 publications, and publishing 38 posts on MoLSP Facebook page. The social media campaign reached 323,784 individuals. ○ Media campaign, included 5 media partners that produced around 50 press materials, including interviews, videos, and text reports, long-reads, and TV-shows. ○ Advertising in trolleybuses and buses Chisinau and Balti as part of outdoor advertising. ○ Information on available services for GBV survivors on May water bills issued by APA Canal that will be distributed to consumers in June 	
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GBV SWG members are requested to fill out a questionnaire with information about mobile spaces or outreach teams operating in Moldova. This will enhance coordination of mobile GBV prevention and response activities. Furthermore, the mapping will also facilitate the sector’s contingency planning, in which mobile teams are an important element to avoid duplication, ensure coordination and timely access to services in case of activation of the contingency plan. ● A training on Inter Agency Minimum Standards for GBViE was held on 24 May. Resources related to the Minimum Standards that can support partners' programming are available through this link. ● A workshop on localization of GBV is planned to take place in 2023, as included in the GBV SWG Workplan. Consultation regarding agenda is planned with the members. More information to be shared soon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Links to be shared with members together with MoM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● As part of Protection WG initiative to carry out trainings on various topics, GBV SWG is collaborating with UNAIDS and local organisations Union for Equity and Health (Balti), AFI NGO (Chisinau), Alliance for Public Health (Tiraspol, Transnistria) working with sex workers and HIV response, and will deliver a two-hour session on sex work in humanitarian settings tentatively on 15 June. <p>UN Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● UN Women has established three multipurpose centers in the north, central and southern region of Moldova. These centers will contribute to improved infrastructure to provide a wide range of specialized services for GBV survivors, and women and girls at risk. Furthermore, UN Women provides services through a mobile team operating in the northern region, and conducts trainings for specialists, including multidisciplinary teams and specialists from women-led organizations.	
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