



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

Meeting Details	
Date	June 15, 2023
Time	15:00-16:30
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection2. Update from Ms. Tatiana OBOROC, Head of the General Directorate for the Protection of Children's Rights at Chisinau Municipality3. Update from Blue Dots4. Child friendly space mapping, visualization, and coordination5. Child helplines6. Coordination of child protection concerns7. Temporary Protection updates8. AOB	
Information collection and relevant links	
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Link to operational data portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784	
Participants	



1- Flore/UNICEF (Co-chair)	10- Bianca/	
2- Katie/UNHCR (Co-chair)	11- Raluca/ IMPACT	
3- Natalia/ CCF Moldova	12- Tatiana/ GDCRP	
4- Virgiliu/P4EC	13- Alexandr/ PIN	
5- Tatiana/ Terre des Hommes	14- Cassey/	
6- Sevan/ World Vision	15- Victoria/CNPAC	
7- Olga/ CDA	16- Diana/UNICEF	
8- Iva/ CDR	17- Alina/ INTERSOS	
9- Igor/ MLSP		

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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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.	
Updates from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (info note shared later)	Pease see the annex note about the situation of refugee children as of 07.06.2023	
Update from Ms. Tatiana OBOROC, Head of the General Directorate for the Protection of Children's Rights at Chisinau Municipality	<p>Ms. Tatiana OBOROC presented the social services in the field of Child Protection. In managing the refugee crisis, all the 24 social services under General Directorate for the Protection of Children's Rights were involved.</p> <p>She pointed out the type of assistance that was offered to the refugees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -psychological and pedagogical assistance; -information and assistance through the mobile teams; -pickups of UASC from the border- 346 cases; 	



	<p>-establishment of the Blue Dot at the airport with UNICEF support; -development and management of the RACs; -admitting refugees in other social services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 Community Centers for Children and Youth in Chisinau (7-17 years old)- 37 refugee beneficiaries <p>Thematic discussions are organized within the centers; main subjects are: children's rights, prevention of violence, bullying etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Service for Families with Children- (0-17 years old/ at risk)- total of 9133 children beneficiaries, including 34 refugee children. 4566 families received financial support, including 30 refugee families. 70 refugee children assisted in school preparation (received backpacks).• Maternal Center- will be launched soon and will offer placement, social and psychological support, economic empowerment. The center will have the capacity for 7 mothers and 13 children at risk/ victims of VNET.• Day care service (children from 4 months to 3 years)- it will be launched soon and will offer social assistance for the family, conditions for child development, possibility to the parent to enter the labor market, free subscription for public urban transport for the parent. The center will have the capacity for around 60 children. <p>Co-chair (Flore)- pointed out the importance of informing all the CP actors about the services developed recently in order to ensure a safe referral.</p>	<p>To share list of the services developed by the municipality of Chisinau</p>
<p>Update from Blue Dots</p>	<p>Natalia (CCF) noted a decrease in the number of refugee beneficiaries of the BD services, compared to the number registered in April- 442, May- 342 (255 adults and 87 children), including 6 UASC children. The challenge is that the Territorial Department for Social Assistance did not delegate yet a representative to the Otaci crossing point.</p> <p>Co-chair (Flore)- informed that UNICEF initiated discussion with the partners about the possibility to deploy a specialist at the border crossing point. The discussion will be held with the MLSP as well to find a solution in this case.</p>	



	<p>Virgiliu (P4EC) noted that the tendency is also decreasing in all the BDs that P4EC runs. The overall number for all P4EC BD is 349 children and 320 parents/care givers that received services.</p> <p>BD Palanca BCP- in April they assisted 99 children and 65 adults while in May- 151 children and 94 adults. For the moment the number of the staff was reduced, but they are ready to deploy more staff in case it's needed.</p> <p>BD at the airport- discussions are organized with UNICEF to decide about the continuity of the BD in the airport, whether to continue 24h per day or keep it just during the day.</p> <p>BD at Sculeni BCP- small increase in the numbers at Sculeni, but an insignificant one.</p> <p>BD at Leuseni BCP- the specialist in CP is available upon request. However, in May there were not any requests to assist UASC.</p> <p>Co-chair (Flore)- informed that UNICEF and UNHCR provided a joint training for all the actors at Palanca on basic CP concepts, how to identify children at risks and refer CP cases. Also, she noted that the destruction of Kakhovka dam didn't generate an increase in the number of refugees fleeing Ukraine, but UNICEF partners at Palanca and Otaci are on standby, in case of a new increase of refugees.</p> <p>UNICEF received some requests from the caregivers from localities around Palanca for assisting in the registration of UASC to TP.</p>	
<p>Child friendly space mapping, visualization, and coordination</p>	<p>Co-chair (Katie)- thanked everyone who inserted the information about the Child Friendly Spaces run by the partner organizations. The dashboard was presented, and it was explained and how to find a service in a specific area. The dashboard can be accessed here: Microsoft Power BI</p> <p>Co-chair (Flore)- informed that in addition to this mapping, soon it will be available a mapping of the mobile BDs, including the CP mobile teams. She encouraged the participants to update regularly the mapping in order to ensure a better coordination.</p> <p>Co-chair (Katie)- emphasized the need of the staff to be trained on CP concepts and referral as these spaces may be an entry point in identifying children that may need additional support. She encouraged participants to inform UNHCR and UNICEF in case of any specific/difficult cases to support in follow-up with the authorities/ coordinating the case management.</p>	<p>If not already done, add CFS (both static and mobile) into this spreadsheet.</p>



	<p>Stavros Zotos (Plan International)- reiterated the need of a coordinated response, especially in the areas where many actors work.</p>	
Temporary protection updates	<p>Co-chair (Katie)- made updates on TP. Children that are living in Moldova but are not with their parents/legal caregivers need to be registered with the local Guardianship Authority. The caregivers should approach the local department of social assistance to receive support in the process of TP registration. It was emphasized the need to inform through all the available channels the refugees about TP and how they can be assisted to get registered.</p> <p>Olga Ojoc (CDA)- noted about the case in Causeni where 25 children were preregistered to the TP with support of UNHCR and ACTED that provided transportation. Other 12 children from Stefan Voda are to be assisted in the same way. She mentioned that this practice can be replicated in other districts in order to help all the UASC children to get registered.</p> <p>Co-chair (Katie)- mentioned about the situation of UASC living in Transnistria. A field visit was organized by UNICEF and UNHCR to assess the situation. Follow up meetings with MLSP and some NGOs are to be organized to find a solution for their registration for TP.</p> <p>Co-chair (Flore)- reiterated the importance of doing awareness among refugees about the TP registration. The participants were encouraged to ask for support if needed (awareness materials, coordination with other partners).</p> <p>Myriem El Khatib (ICRC)- asked about the specific challenges for the UASC living in Transnistria.</p> <p>Co-chairs (Katie)- it is unclear that the Guardianship Authority from the right bank is able to take legal responsibility for the children living in Transnistria. Follow up is needed to understand who can be recognized by the IGP in the registration process.</p>	
Child helplines	<p>Co-chair (Flore)- a workshop by Child Helpline International was organized at the end of March 2023 for all the helplines that are involved in supporting children.</p> <p>In terms of key areas of concern that were highlighted: lack of specific support for young adults and adolescents (16-18)- there is a need to increase the specific support for adolescents; lack of service awareness, especially localized information for refugee children and adolescents; lack of joint database about case management; language barriers- difficult to find Ukrainian speakers as staff for</p>	<p>The report will be shared with all the participants.</p>



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	the child helplines; constant need to improve the capacity building of the staff, especially around GBV and MHPSS case management; need to improve counselor wellbeing involved in all the helpline.	
AOB	<p>Co-chairs (Katie)- through the protection working group a series of workshop are to be organized (disability, Roma community, sex workers, etc). With the support of CNPAC a refresher training will be offered on mandatory reporting, focusing on practical aspects. Participants were encouraged to register and participate at the workshop.</p> <p>About the World Refugee Day- encouraged people to participate at the event.</p> <p>Another AOB aspect was about the physical attendance for the CP SWG meetings. The participants were encouraged to give their opinion on that.</p>	