

UN REFUGEE RESPONSE COORDINATION IN ROMANIA

Youth & Adolescents Sub-Working Group meeting

27 April 2023, 11:00 – 13.00 am

Venue- Hybrid (UN House/Teams)

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Advocacy points
3. Intervention presentations:
 - The Award
 - Eliberare
4. Sector updates
 - Livelihoods & Economic Inclusion WG
 - Telegram Channel dedicated to YAD

Participants: Plan International, Project HOPE, YouHub, Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation, Action Aid, Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation Romania, Eliberare Association, Junior Achievement Romania, Scouts Romania (ONCR), Centrul de Proiecte Educaționale și Sportive București, Save the Children, Youth for Youth Foundation, ASSOC, UNHCR, UNICEF

1. Welcome and introduction

- Importance of **monthly reports**
 - They should be short, clear and concise so that we have a bigger picture & impact of the refugee response on YAD. Put together, they can add up to the advocacy points we can produce.
 - Provided the feedback from the workshop -> Sugesstion to use quality-focused indicators, numbers and major changes/dynamics in the monthly reports
- **YAD Workshop 24th of March:** group discussions focused on importance of grassroots & collaboration:
 - For better assessing interventions, more qualitative indicators found
 - Trust, involve, capacity build local organizations
 - Discussion: more sustainable refugee centers/hubs vs. scaling up the model
 - Need of follow up on mixed intervention / more collaboration

2. Advocacy points

- All inter-agency working groups are invited to share advocacy points; UNHCR will gather them and will use them in discussions with authorities.

- YAD SWG is invited to contribute. All points will be compiled by lunona and shared with all group for further feedback
- Points to be sent to amavlea@unicef.org by 3rd of May

3. Intervention presentations

The AWARD

- Present in 130 countries in the world. Providing non-formal program for youth: participants can be from 14-to-24 years old. They are guided by a mentor/Award leader, who is linked to an Award Center.
- Framework: volunteering + skills development + physical/outdoor activity
- No overlapping of reporting with Romanian potential partners – they report to UNICEF Regional Office (ECARO)
- Other organizations are invited for collaboration. How:
 - By being accredited as an Award Center
 - By involving their volunteers in the programme *for motivation/if they complete the programme, they receive international certificate
- Contact person: Anca Doczi - anca.doczi@dofe.ro

ELiberare

- Anti-trafficking, awareness raising, advocacy.
- 10 years' experience in anti-trafficking.
- Particularities of current project in collaboration with UNICEF on the Refugee Response:
 - Compass model for intervention (awareness, how to keep safe, labor protection, capacity building) - this includes also an European network of partners
 - trainings for frontliners
 - Development of a book in Ukrainian for children 10-15 years old and parents - The book includes info for adolescents, such as: how to share information online, how to avoid labor exploitation, tips and tricks on safety, with whom to talk if you get lost in park
 - Provision of dignity kits, school supplies.
 - Assistance & referral to services provided by local authorities and/or NGOs
- They can send materials in refugee centers – more info on this can be checked with them
- FYI: ANITP (Anti-Trafficking National Agency) has a hotline on this issue – 119 *while for very urgent matters 112 remains the main number.
- Contact Person: Catalina Rata - catalina.rata@eliberare.com

4. Sector updates

- New Working Group – Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion WG – contact person: Victoria Moren - moren@unhcr.org
- Discussion on creating **Telegram channel** dedicated to adolescents and young people in Romania:
 - Context: more and more refugees leave the country and it will be harder and harder to find and reach beneficiaries

- Model: <https://t.me/amongteensRo>
- Pros:
 - It helps create a sense of community among Ukrainian young people – no such group/channel exists (only local ones)
 - It will be moderated by Ukrainian-speaking UNICEF UNV – young person
 - All YAD SWG members can promote their activities on the group and they can track its impact
 - Easy to promote online events
 - If the channel doesn't allow comments, then it is reasonably safe – participants cannot view identities of each other.
- Cons:
 - Parents can join – no possibly to control their access
 - Safeguarding: If the channel allows comments, the young people who comment can be contacted individually
 - Engagement: if comments or chat isn't available, engagement/participation can be lower

Next meeting: 25 May/Thursday, 11:00 am, face-to-face & online (MS Teams)