

Minutes of meeting #20 Protection Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	27 June 2023 at 10:30am – 12pm/ In person and MS Teams	
Facilitator	Jorunn Brandvoll, UNHCR	
Participants	20: CNRR, Code for Romania, European Institute for Reproductive Health, Migrant Integration Center, PATRIR, Plan International, Salvati Copiii, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision,	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation on the new Inter-Agency Vulnerability Assessment Tool – Danielle Beasley, Stefan Lorint and Ahmad Zia - UNHCR (Protection, IM and CBI)</li> <li>2. Program Criticality – Protection Sector discussion – Danielle Beasley, UNHCR</li> <li>3. AOB</li> </ol>	
Main Topic	Main Discussion	Action Points
Presentation on the new Inter-Agency Vulnerability Assessment Tool	<p>Presentation of the background to the new tool, the steps taken with actors across sectors to develop the tool and next steps. UNHCR presented plans to use the tool for its new cash for protection program and promoted the tool for use by protection actors looking for a method to identify vulnerable refugees for targeted assistance.</p> <p>Discussion followed on the implementation of the tool, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protection considerations made when developing the tool and for its implementation;</li> <li>• Training needs - What are the needs? What materials have been developed? How can we contribute to and roll out joint trainings?;</li> <li>• Documentation – To what extent should organizations rely on documentation to verify disabilities, for example? How do we verify authenticity of docs? Should there be different approaches for UKR or ROM docs?</li> <li>• Referrals –How should referrals be made? Need to reinstate previous conversations of the inter-agency referral mechanism.</li> <li>• Complaint and feedback mechanism – What is in place already? Do any orgs need support to set up a CFM? Is there a need to restart the AAP task force for a period of time?</li> </ul>	<p>PWG to continue these conversations and members are encouraged to reach out if they wish to have more information on the tool or participate in separate discussions specifically looking at the areas of training needs, referrals, CFMs, etc.</p> <p>UNHCR to liaise with AAP task force co-leads (UNHCR and UNICEF) to explore options for restarting the TF.</p>

	(Presentation available in Romania PWG "presentation" folder on Sharepoint)	
Program Criticality - Protection Sector discussion	Overview of the recent survey conducted by the inter-agency team on the funding situation with the 34 RRP Appealing partners. Discussion followed on whether within the Protection Sector, targets will (still) be met; whether some activities will need to be 'cut' or what the potential impact of these will be on the refugees/beneficiaries. Partners highlighted that GBV, CP and anti-trafficking are affected.	PWG members encouraged to reach out directly to UNHCR if they wish to have bilateral discussions on funding gaps and impact on implementation of protection activities.
AOB	All future PWG meetings will be held in person with online link available for partners working outside of Bucharest or on mission in effort to enhance overall participation, coordination of protection activities and engagement between members.	
<b>Next meeting</b>		
Date: 1 August 2023; Time: 10:30am-12:00pm Place: UN House Primaverii Conference Room/Teams Online (for those outside Bucharest only)		