

Child Protection Sub-Working Group - Romania
27 July 2023, 11:00-12:30 (online)

Participants: 15 representatives from ADRA, CNRR, Plan International, REACH Initiative, UNHCR, UNICEF, VIS and World Vision.

Agenda and discussions:

1. Facundo Palermo, Inter-Agency (UNHCR)

- ✓ Overview of the newly launched Services Advisor Tool – includes local authorities (GII, School Inspectorates, DGASPCs, AJOFM, 100-200 users per day/ over 2000
- ✓ Will continue to map and plan for potential handover to the Government at a later stage

2. Status update on the Child Protection Referral Pathways

- ✓ Question on how services can be included by non-licensed service providers
- ✓ Methodology was presented to the National CP Authority to cover all children in Romania, including those forcibly displaced, to ensure services are accessible to children and their families. Looking at two categories of services: those in national registry for services for children and those that are designed or specifically mention children as beneficiaries (children of parents who are GBV survivors, for example). Iasi and Vaslui already mapped; identified a number of social services identified but without the required certification.

- i. UNICEF and Alternative Sociale to present more detailed overview of current status and plans at the September CPSWG

3. Update on the changes in the Romanian penal code and the implications on child protection related to sexual crimes – Laura Fragiacomu (UNICEF)

- ✓ GBV will organize a workshop on the topic (date TBD) and will extend invitation to CPSWG members to participate, including for presentations.
- ✓ Suggestion to discuss at next session interlinkages between GBV and CP

4. AOB

- ✓ No formal CPSWG meeting in August and instead a coffee meet-up at end of August for a more informal get together. More details to be circulated with members in the coming weeks.
- ✓ Next CPSWG meeting on Thursday, 21 September at 11am.