

Minutes of meeting #22 Protection Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	UN House – Bucharest (hybrid format)	
Facilitators	Jorunn Brandvoll and Danielle Beasley, UNHCR and Cristian Vlas, CNRR	
Participants	22 participants: ARESEL, CNRR, Code for Romania, ICRC, Migrant Integration Center, PATRIR, Plan International, Salvati Copii and UNHCR	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARESEL’s presentation on the Roma Refugees in Romania study that was conducted in June– Andrada and Nati – ARESEL</li> <li>UNHCR’s presentation on the results of the Telegram-based poll on access to banking services – Ganna – UNHCR</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Both presentations are available in the PWG folder on Sharepoint</i></p>	
Main Topic	Main Discussion	Action Points
ARESEL’s presentation on the Roma Refugees in Romania study that was conducted in June	<p>More Roma refugees from UKR were interviewed but refused to sign consent out of fear of denial of humanitarian assistance.</p> <p>Access to info is a key challenge – Roma are the last to know about critical information, available services and assistance, etc. Also, equally important to ensure cultural sensitization among protection partner staff, volunteers, authorities, etc. Info is available in UKR and RUS, but not Romania – ARESEL can assist with this issue.</p> <p>Discussion on study’s key recommendations and work that can still be done in Romania to enhance the Protection Sector’s engagement and response to Roma refugee issues.</p> <p>Need for Protection Partners to remain engaged through regular communication with the Roma refugee communities in order to get foot into the door.</p>	<p>PWG to continue exploring options to engage with Roma and other vulnerable groups in Romania</p> <p>ARESEL to be invited to future PWG meetings to continue these important discussions</p>
UNHCR’s presentation on the results of the Telegram-based poll on access to banking services	<p>Brief overview of the survey conducted with UKR refugees in June on experiences accessing banking services in Romania.</p> <p>Discussion on what is current situation for refugees, if any significant changes in access since June, and whether there are needs for Protection Sector to address.</p>	<p>UNHCR to circulate the final report on the survey once available.</p>

AOB	Protection Sector's priorities for 2024	Partners to reflect on what the sector's priorities should be for next year and to let UNHCR and CNRR know as it will help to inform the drafting of the sector's narrative in the 2024 RRP (mid-September deadline).
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: 26 September 2023: Time: 10:30am-12:00pmPlace: UN House Primaveraii Conference Room/Teams Online (for those outside Bucharest only)</p>		