



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

Meeting Details	
Date	September 13, 2023
Time	15:00-17:00
Chair	UNHCR
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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 on Temporary Protection – Andrew Painter, Senior protection officer, UNHCR4. Update from Blue Dots5. Update on education section sector – new Instruction of ME - simplified procedure for the enrolment in schools of refugee children6. Update on health sector7. Planning of trainings8. RRP, assessments9. 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- Cristina/Keyston Moldova		19- Iulia/CIDDC	
2- Katie/UNHCR (Co-chair)	11- Alexandr/ PIN		20- Irina/CRIC	
3- Ina/ ADRA Moldova	12- Iulia/CNPAC		21- Raluca/Impact initiatives	
4- Alexandru/ Speranta 87 Moldova	13- Tatiana/DGPDC		22- Edward/WeWorld	
5- Tatiana/ UNICEF	14- Veronica/DGPDC		23- Carolina/UNHCR	
6- Virgiliu/P4EC	15- Ina/DRC Moldova		24- Fabia/UNHCR	
7- Veronica/CDA	16- Valeria/DRC Moldova			
8- Ana/ACTED	17- Said/UNFPA			
9- Cristina/ Terre des Hommes	18- Viorica/APSCF			

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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Introductions & CP SWG planning	The co-chair and the participants introduced themselves. The meeting's agenda was presented for approval.	
Updates from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection	Please see the annex note about the situation of refugee children from December 28, 2022 – September 7, 2023	



<p>Update from Ms. Tatiana OBOROC, Head of the General Directorate for the Protection of Children's Rights at Chisinau Municipality</p>	<p>Ms. Tatiana OBOROC presented the updates from Chisinau municipality.</p> <p>Blue Dot Airport updates (February 2, 2023 – October 13, 2023):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Identified 382 UASC- In the last months the number of the children increased- In the current month until now 8 UASC were identified- The identified children were not placed in municipal services as an authorized adult/ legal representative was identified <p>Mapping of the refugee children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the goal is to evaluate 17 institutions in Chisinau municipality where there are refugee children- period August – October 2023- last year within the campaign “Ajuta-ma s ate ajut!” 3332 children were mapped- so far, 7 of 17 institutions have been evaluated and 433 children identified- in October the mapping will be finalized, and the results shared. <p>Regarding the Instruction on education, the Directorate got familiarized with it and the children are to be enrolled in schools. The Directorate as the guardianship authority will provide all the support in preparing the documents and assisting in applying for TP and school enrolment.</p> <p>Refugee children are attending activities in the municipal day centers; around 64 refugee children attended summer camps organized by the municipality. Also, refugee children are in supervised independent living.</p> <p>A total number of 596 children benefited in 2023 from the municipal social services support through EwP with UNICEF.</p>	
<p>Update from Blue Dots</p>	<p>Virgiliu (P4EC) noted that the trends for BDs that P4EC runs. In August the numbers decreased in comparison with July. The overall number for all P4EC BD for August is - 170 children (240 in July) and 122 adults (268 in July). UASC is decreasing as well – 15 unaccompanied children in August and 69 separated.</p> <p>2 mobile teams (operating in Stefan Voda and Causeni)</p>	



	<p>In Stefan Voda – 9 meetings for 119 Children In Causeni – 4 meetings for 98 children</p> <p>No placement of refugee children in foster care in August, for September the situation is depending on the new Rolling work Plan (RwP) between the MLSP and UNICEF, to cover the costs for foster families.</p> <p>Co-chair (Flore) – updated on the situation with the UNICEF RwP with MLSP and the support for foster families for refugee children. Until the end of the year UNICEF will continue to support the MLSP to maintain the foster care families. It just a question of the mechanism to be used. In the next year, refugee children are to be placed in any available foster care, not only in specialist foster families.</p> <p>Tatiana (UNICEF) – reported on behalf of BD Otaci. July -295 beneficiaries in BD, including 77 children (39 girls) and 173 women August - 331 beneficiaries in BD, including 77 children (43 girls) and 182 women</p> <p>A challenge in assisting beneficiaries is the fact that the Greenline is working Monday – Friday until 19.00 and on Saturday until 17.00. If a refugee is looking for accommodation on Sunday it is impossible to refer.</p>	<p>To follow up with the focal point of Greenline</p>
<p>Update on Temporary Protection – Andrew Painter, Senior protection officer, UNHCR</p>	<p>Andrew (UNHCR) – informed about the decision of the CES from August 4th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- simplify the proof of residence requirements – introducing self-declaration of residence- non-Ukrainian parents of Ukrainian children are eligible for TP <p>USAC with mixed parents (Ukrainian and Moldovan citizens) could apply for TP if the parents or legal guardians are not in the country.</p> <p>Veronica (CDA) – For children up to 14 years old, the specialist from guardianship authority will act in his/her behalf, including will sign on behalf of the child. If the child is older than 14 years, the child has the right to sign the documents requesting TP also being represented by the guardianship authority. If the child is accommodated in a Center for children, the head of the center has the rights to legally represent the child, or a staff member with a power of attorney.</p>	



	<p>Andrew (UNHCR) – According to the GD on TP, Ukrainians that have TP could be outside the country for a period of 45 days cumulative during the period they have TP. GIM mentioned that they will look at this again with TP renewal in March 2024 – to extend or to eliminate. IGM stated that anybody who has exceeded the 45 days period has the right to reapply for TP. After August 15, refugees that entered the country before May 15, who have not legalized their status, are now out of status, meaning they are here undocumented, unlawful. IGM has said informally that if a person is out of status and will approach IGM for TP they probably will not be fined. If you have heard of refugees that were fined for being out of status, please inform UNHCR.</p> <p>Veronica (CDA) - in case of some difficulties in applying for TP or at the border, the refugee should contact CDA staff for assistance and the CDA Greenline.</p> <p>Veronica (CDA) – For people that do not have stamp in the passport that they entered Moldova, in order to apply for TP, they should go to the office on 19 Petricani Str. to obtain the identification number. Contact CDA for consultation on applying for TP.</p>	
<p>Update on education section sector – new Instruction of ME - simplified procedure for the enrolment in schools of refugee children</p>	<p>Co-chair (Katie) – Ministry of Education published a new Instruction on September 4 regarding the enrolment procedures of Ukrainian children in Moldovan schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All Ukrainian children, regardless of their legal status, can enroll in Moldovan schools. The Instruction does not apply to children of other nationalities. ME is aware and working on a separate instruction for children of other nationalities.- Needed documents for enrolment in school – identity document for the parents/legal guardian and for the child, and a medical record (can be also obtained in Moldova), ideally to have the school records of the child to help determine the level the child should be placed in, but if they don't have the school record it will not prevent from being enrolled.- Important – auditor status has been removed.- The option to attend the online Ukrainian classes still exists, but we strongly encourage school enrollment.- Some partners, including UNICEF, are setting up EduTechLabs – children wishing to continue their education online in Ukrainian schools can do so in a school based setting. Education sector and Child protection sector encourage children to continue education in school-based settings – enrolled in Moldovan schools or using the Tech Labs.	



	<p>The Instruction was translated in English, Ukrainian and Russian and is available on MER’s website.</p> <p>Iulia (CNPAC) – Not going to school for a long period can result in children being afraid to go to school. Children are losing communication skills, they are afraid of socializing with peers. We should be more encouraging to enroll children in schools.</p> <p>Co-chair (Katie) – Ministry of Education in Ukraine has confirmed that they do accept certificate issued by Moldovan educational institutions.</p>	<p>It would be interesting to present the findings of the education assessment done by REACH</p>
Update on health sector	<p>Co-chair (Flore) – refugees with TP can access primary health care for free, as well as emergency and hospital care. Specialized health care is not covered, and they still have to pay for medication and consultation. For refugees without TP, only emergency care and vaccination are free.</p>	
Planning of trainings	<p>Co-chair (Katie) - Tentative trainings to be organized by the end of 2023 on behalf of the CPSWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CP training for IGM- CP trainings for Border police- CP training (Katie and Tatiana) in Causeni for Community Center staff, other humanitarian actors. Police, guardianship authorities.- CP training for Roma mediators- Follow up trainings with the guardianship authorities.	
RRP, MSNA, assessments	<p>Co-chair (Flore) MSNA (REACH) – the quantitative assessment is almost done. Colleagues from REACH will be able to share some trends and results at the next meeting, or later on as soon as it is ready. The qualitative assessment is ready to be launched as part of the MSNA. A specific focus will be put on adolescents to understand better their needs, their challenges, obstacles and how better to address it with a focus on MHPSS. We will work with REACH on the tools and we will circulate the tools with CPSWG for comments and suggestions.</p> <p>Raluca (REACH) – Children consultation is planned and probably interviews with caregivers. The preliminary research scope will be shared on the week of 27 September.</p>	



	<p>Co-chair (Flore) - There was a request to do a multisectoral assessment of the Informal RACs to understand the needs of refugees. The assessment starts today, and it is on-going for one week. It is a multisectoral assessment but there are specific questions on CP, GBV. The results will be shared with the CPSWG.</p> <p>Co-chair (Katie) – RRP – the Refugee Response Plan is a fundraising tool that is used throughout the region to raise funds for the response to the Ukrainian war. It is not a way for your organization to get direct fundings but instead it is a way to present as a unified group to donors what the needs are in the region and specifically in Moldova, and then in each sector. It is a report developed each year. Moldova will have a chapter and each sector a small part in this chapter. The benefit of this is if a big donor is interested to finance CP in Moldova, they can open the report and see all the proposed projects for next year and the cost for all these projects. However, it doesn't mean that all these projects will get funded. Each sector will have a planning workshop to help in the preparing of the report. For the Protection section of which CPSWG is part, we will have a joint session. The tentative date is October 4, but we will confirm. Representatives of the different ministries will also attend.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Co-chair (Flore) - RAC closure – there are few RACs that are to be closed. We did a presentation on the SOP and shared CP guidelines regarding the closing of the RACS. Please share if you have any information, or concerns regarding the children, adolescents in this process.</p> <p>Iulia (CANAPC) – the RAC in Costesti, Ialoveni, was at full capacity as of our knowledge and I see it in the list to be closed with 0 refugees. We called them and people were still there, it was confusing. What will happen with the people leaving there, mainly Roma?</p> <p>Co-chair (Katie) – We will follow up. But the decision on closing was based on several criteria, including the capacity. This process will take into consideration individual family situations.</p>	<p>Follow up with Basic Need WG</p>