



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

Meeting Details	
Date	1 December 2023
Time	13:00-14:30
Chair	UNICEF/UNHCR
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction and attendance</li><li>2. Updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MLSP</li><li>• Chisinau Municipality</li><li>• Trainings</li></ul></li><li>3. Successes and Challenges of 2023 and Priorities for 2024 for the CP SWG<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of CP SWG factsheet for 2023</li><li>• Group work to discuss topics such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Identification of children at risk</li><li>○ Training and capacity building</li><li>○ Work with the Roma community</li><li>○ Coordination with other sectors</li><li>○ Case management</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>4. AOB</li></ol>	
Information collection and relevant links	
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**Participants**

1- Flore/UNICEF (Co-chair) 2- Katie/UHCR (Co-chair) 3- Carolina/UNHCR 4- Ana/ DGPDC 5- Valentina/ Lumos 6- Maria/ Ombudsman Office 7- Tatiana/ Terre des Hommes 8- Anastasia/ Speranta 87 9- Loredana/ IOM	10- Lucia/ Library without Borders 11- Martin/ Jugend Eine Welt 12- Virgiliu/P4EC 13- Emilie/ REACH 14- Raluca/ REACH 15- Veronica/ CDA 16- Martha/ CRS 17- Cristina/Keystone 18- Kathryn/ACMFO		19- Alina/ ACMFO 20- Iulia/CNPAC	
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**Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points**

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<b>Introductions &amp; CP SWG Agenda</b>	The co-chairs and newly arrived participants were introduced. The meeting's agenda was presented for approval. Participants were also requested to mark their attendance and the new participants introduced themselves.	
<b>Updates from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection</b>	<b>MLSP</b> was not able to attend the meeting. Their updates will be shared later by email with CP SWG members.	The co-chairs will share any updates received from MLSP.
<b>Update from Chisinau Municipality</b>	Ms. Bezobrazova from Chisinau Municipality shared an update on the Municipality's recent child protection activities. Updates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good integration of refugee children as well as registration for temporary protection. Chisinau Municipality mentioned that all refugees they met were registered for TP.</li> </ul>	Co-chairs to share Chisinau Municipality's booklet of



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogue carried out by the Municipality with refugees: visits to schools and RACs, to inform about the services. Refugees shared their difficulties and Chisinau Municipality carried out awareness raising to identify children at risk or with unmet needs.</li> <li>• Booklet of information on services has been developed with contacts/phone numbers.</li> <li>• Positive feedbacks received</li> <li>• Needs identified:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NFIs (clothes and shoes) mainly</li> <li>○ Needs of support/supplies for children for school even if they attend school online</li> <li>○ Improved internet connection</li> <li>○ Medical consultations: still need to pay in some cases (specialized services)</li> <li>○ Livelihoods opportunities are limited for parents; salaries are low</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A question was asked about UASC and children with disabilities: Chisinau Municipality responded that there are currently 10 UASC in the Municipality, with 3 with custody arrangements. There are 11 refugee children with disabilities.</p>	<p>services with the CPSWG</p>
<p><b>Update on trainings</b></p>	<p><b>UNICEF co-chair</b> provided an update on a child protection training that took place in Transnistria on 8 November. The training, which was jointly facilitated by AVE Copiii and Resonance, aimed to develop the capacity of local NGOs in Transnistria to identify children at risk. Given the limited involvement of the de facto authorities in child protection, Resonance is one of the main service providers of child protection in Transnistria, and children at risk should be referred to them.</p> <p><b>UNHCR co-chair</b> shared an updated about upcoming plans to conduct a variety of trainings and events to support child protection activities within the Roma community. While some details are still being worked out, the idea is that UNICEF's Roma focal point from Geneva (who is a member of the Roma community himself) and/or a prominent Roma leader from Romania that AVE Copiii knows would come to Moldova to help facilitate a variety of sessions, including: capacity building for Roma mediators on child protection, capacity building for social assistants on best practices to work with the Roma community, capacity building with local NGOs on working with the Roma community, as well as some advocacy with the government to further engage in child protection topics within the Roma community. These activities will hopefully take place in the first</p>	<p>Co-chairs to share details about planned activities, once available. Partners to share any similar activities they are planning, to ensure good coordination.</p>



	<p>quarter of 2024. Further details will be shared with CP SWG members as they become available. If partners are planning any similar activities, please share them with the co-chairs to ensure good coordination.</p>	
<b>Updates from partners</b>	<p>Following the update on trainings, several partners shared updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>REACH</b> shared an update on the MHPSS/wellbeing assessment of refugee adolescents, which is part of the MSNA. The assessment is almost finished, and the presentation of preliminary findings will be shared in January to the CPSWG.</li><li>• <b>Chisinau Municipality</b> is preparing a report on the dialogue with refugees and will share at an upcoming CP SWG meeting.</li><li>• <b>UNHCR co-chair</b> shared an update from the previous day's Education WG meeting. Several education sector partners mentioned that some organizations are planning children's activities during school hours, leading children to sometimes skip their classes (mainly online classes or literacy classes) to attend the "more fun" recreational activities. Organizations are requested to refrain from organizing activities during school hours in order to not interfere with children's learning.</li><li>• <b>UNHCR co-chair</b> shared a request from the PWG. The PWG is currently administering a survey about access to rights under TP and is looking for additional partners to support with administering the survey. Interested organizations can contact Sean from the PWG.</li><li>• <b>CNPAC</b> shared an update about a study they conducted assessing knowledge of child protection by teachers and students mapping in 11 schools. CNPAC offered present the study at the CP SWG.</li><li>• <b>Christian Alliance Moldova Without Orphans</b> shared an update regarding the addition of 3 accredited trauma experts and one EMDR therapy expert to their team and noted the organization is open to partnership.</li></ul>	
<b>Successes and Challenges of 2023 and Priorities for 2024 for the CP SWG</b>	<p>A factsheet was presented with main achievements of the CP SWG in 2023: <a href="#">Working Group: Moldova: Child Protection Sub-Sector Working Group (unhcr.org)</a></p> <p>Partners were then divided into several groups and asked to reflect on the successes and challenges of 2023, as well as priorities for the CP SWG for 2024. Each group then shared their discussion with the larger group. These activities will be addressed in the CP SWG workplan for 2024.</p>	



	<p><b><u>Challenges:</u></b></p> <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of socialization for children in remote areas or who are doing online schooling</li><li>- Lack of services for children with disabilities</li><li>- Lack of services for youth</li><li>- Lack of activities in native language</li></ul> <p>CSOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduced services due to decreased funding</li><li>- RESTART reform</li><li>- Emergency status ending: how to make the CES decisions sustainable (ex: the intersectoral mechanism for the identification and referral of children at risk at BCPs)</li></ul> <p>Mapping of refugee children :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Issues to know where the children are and to understand their needs</li></ul> <p><b><u>Solutions:</u></b></p> <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To continue to build to local capacities to reach the most vulnerable children, especially in remote areas</li><li>- CFS near schools to encourage socialization of children who do not attend schools</li><li>- To increase services for children with disabilities</li><li>- To increase documentation of children who don't have documentation</li><li>- To share CP services when there is an NFI distribution</li><li>- To improve the work with Roma community particularly on how to address the needs of adolescent girls / child marriage</li><li>- GBV: to increase collaboration with GBV actors. To organize a meeting with Women's Associations and CP actors to talk about intersections between GBV and CP and ensure support to child/adolescent survivors of GBV.</li></ul>	<p>Co-chairs to follow up with MLSP on this pending Government Decision</p>
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	<p><b>Campaign:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Launch campaign on the prevention of violence against children; encourage reporting; improve the trust</li></ul> <p><b>Advocacy/Donors mobilization:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Possible evaluation of the response and CP services provided to date (to be done jointly by UNICEF and UNHCR)</li><li>- Mobilization of donors (ex: organize a donors lunch to focus on CP)</li></ul> <p><b>Dialogue with authorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To provide awareness on RESTART reform</li><li>- To provide awareness on EU accession</li><li>- To follow up with MLSP on Governmental Decision on the intersectoral mechanism for the identification and referral of children at risk at BCPs, which will be needed once the state of emergency ends</li><li>- To ensure better coordination of the different data bases existing (Activity Info, and other active data bases)</li><li>- To encourage dialogue and intersectoral collaboration between the ministries</li></ul> <p><b>Topics to be covered at upcoming CP SWG meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- REACH: presentation on MHPSS / adolescent assessment</li><li>- Presentations on Child Helpline and 12 Plus chat (CNPAC)</li><li>- Presentation on MLSP CP services + RESTART reform</li><li>- Presentation on Chisinau Municipality's report</li><li>- Presentation on CNPAC's assessment of child protection in schools</li><li>- Presentation of Lumos on their assessment of children with disabilities and education needs</li><li>- Presentation on EU accession</li><li>- Presentation on RESTART reform</li></ul>	
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<b>AOB</b>	<p>This was the last CP SWG meeting for 2023. The date for the next meeting will be communicated in January.</p> <p>Partners are kindly requested to ensure that all their 2023 activities are submitted in ActivityInfo.</p> <p>Thank you to CP SWG partners for all your hard work in 2023! 😊</p>	
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