



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

Meeting Details	
Date	12 September 2024
Time	15:00 – 16:30
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introductions</li><li>2. Update on RAC Consolidation</li><li>3. Update on child friendly spaces and Blue Dots</li><li>4. Update on contingency planning</li><li>5. RRP discussion and inputs</li><li>6. Update on MLSP Intersectoral meeting</li><li>7. AOB</li></ol>	
Information collection and relevant links	
Link to operational data portal: <a href="https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784">https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784</a>	
Participants	



1- Flore Rossi/UNICEF (Co-chair) 2- Katie Lampe/UNHCR (Co-chair) 3- Mariana Ianachevici/AVE Copiii 4- Irina Vrancean/CDA 5- Mary Ombaka/UNHCR 6- Victor Rotaras/APSCF 7- Alexandr Solomonenco/People in Need 8- Svetlana Bebic/ICRC 9- Alexandru Nicolaescu/TdH	10- Virgiliu Hangan/P4EC 11- Nicolae Bruma/Concordia 12- Diana Alexei/ Chisinau City Hall 13- Olga Pinzari/CRS 14- Elena Usturai/CWS 15- Natalia Stelea/UNHCR 16- Sean Sager/UNHCR 17- Marina Fenes/The Moldova Project	
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### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion	Agreements/ Actions
<b>Introduction</b>	Co-chairs presented the agenda of the meeting and participants introduced themselves.	
<b>Update on RAC Consolidation</b>	<p>Sean Sager, UNHCR, shared an update on the ongoing RAC consolidation process. UNHCR, along with a designated along with a Relocation Technical Group, is currently supporting MLSP in its exit strategy for RACs. So far, 23 RACs have been closed, and no additional RACs are identified for immediate closure. 29 RACs remain open in the country.</p> <p>In order to assess which RACs will close in the next round of closures, a questionnaire was developed with support from partners. The questionnaire focuses on 6 components to assess which RACs should be recommended to remain open vs which ones should be prioritized to close (for example, due to protection concerns, management issues, significant infrastructure needs, etc). The questionnaire included interviews with RAC managers, as well as FGDs with RAC residents. The results of the assessment are currently being analyzed and will later be shared with MLSP to agree on a way forward. After MLSP decides which RACs will be part of the next round of the closure process, the Relocation Technical Group will reconvene.</p>	BNWG RAC mapping to be shared with CP SWG members



	<p>In terms of timeline, the new list of RACs that will be closed will consider the winter and school year.</p> <p>Additionally, it was shared that MLSP announced recently that RAC Testemitanu 6 (T6) will be closing, as it was reported that the university that owns the building wants it back. The residents have been informed of the closure. Following the announcement of the closure, the Roma Task Force convened a closed-door meeting with key stakeholders. UNHCR and other partners advocated for the RAC to remain open (at least for some time), but there is not much clarity at the moment as to whether MLSP will amend their decision. Currently the RAC is scheduled to close in 3 months. If the RAC closes, CP partners will be engaged to support with the process. 2 social assistants are going to be hired and deployed in the RAC (from Ave Copiii/UNICEF) to ensure child protection screening and linkages with social services in the potential relocation areas.</p> <p>Finally, it was mentioned that the RAC on Doina Street is closing as the RAC is returning to its previous activity. It will close in 3 months.</p>	<p>UNHCR to maintain CPSWG informed of the advocacy process and steps of potential closures</p>
<p><b>Update on child friendly spaces and Blue Dots</b></p>	<p>UNHCR co-chair mentioned that the CFS/mobile team mapping dashboard is still being finalized and will be shared with partners soon.</p> <p>UNICEF co-chair shared that at Blue Dots at border crossing points, due to reduced use, staffing is already being reduced, and some spaces will be further reduced or closed by the end of the year. It was mentioned that if partners have funding decreases and will be adapting or closing child friendly spaces, to please inform CP SWG co-chairs. Co-chairs may be able to help identify additional funding sources, or if not possible, support with identifying other community resources/services who can support open cases and children who were accessing services so that they are not left with no services.</p> <p>AVE Copiii director made a presentation on their child friendly spaces. It was noted that CFSs are particular useful in rural areas to bring together both refugee and Moldovan children, and also are a good way to facilitate access to education. In their Ludotecas, AVE Copiii offers catch up classes, provides vouchers for school supplies and hygiene items, and offers other kinds of support. AVE Copiii currently support 32 ludotecas, which serve 9749 children and 300 parents. They serve as safe spaces where children are supervised, facilitate access to school, and support the development of positive</p>	<p>AVE Copiii was requested to make a similar presentation at the next EWG.</p>



	<p>parenting skills. It was noted a good practice in Congaz, where a social assistant was hired to support with children’s school enrollment, including supporting access to vaccinations, health checks, etc.</p> <p>See more details in AVE Copiii’s presentation.</p> <p>UNHCR co-chair noted that it is important that CFSs support both the identification and referral of children at risk, as well as facilitating access to education.</p> <p>UNICEF co-chair noted that the CP SWG will collect and document some of the best practices related to CFSs.</p>	
<b>Update on contingency planning</b>	<p>UNHCR co-chair shared an update that a contingency planning workshop recently took place, where different contingency scenarios were discussed, as well as capacities and gaps of different sectors to respond. The co-chairs will keep CP SWG members updated when further information on contingency planning is received from the Interagency team.</p>	
<b>RRP discussion and inputs</b>	<p>The co-chairs gave a brief overview of the RRP process, which will cover 2025-2026. This year, sectors have been requested to streamline activities and indicators in order to make reporting easier.</p> <p>Sectors are requested to share objectives, activities, and indicators with the Interagency team by 20 September, while the narrative portion of the submission is due by 27 September.</p> <p>Sector partners gave feedback on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include direct support to the government in objective 1?</li><li>• Where should studies, gap analyses, etc be reported?</li><li>• Need to strengthen feedback from the Guardianship Authority on referrals.</li><li>• Reporting on #s vs %s.</li><li>• Suggestion to add targets for each activity.</li><li>• Suggestion to also use MLSP data to cross check children accessing CP services.</li></ul>	<p>The CP SWG objectives, activities and indicators will be shared with partners. Partners are requested to share feedback.</p>



<b>Update on MLSP Intersectoral meeting</b>	<p>UNICEF co-chair shared an update on the upcoming Intersectoral meeting being convened by MLSP. The meeting is part of a government-wide activity, convened by the Prime Minister's office, to develop and cost a plan for the integration of foreigners. Line ministries in different sectors are requested to shared inputs to the plan for their sector.</p> <p>For child protection, MLSP plans to hold a meeting, likely at the very end of September. With thanks to all partners who have volunteered to give presentations, after consultation with MLSP, it was noted that the time in the agenda will not allow for individual presentations by all, so the co-chairs will compile inputs from partners and make a presentation on behalf of the CP SWG. Further details will be shared as soon as they're available from MLSP.</p>	Partners to provide inputs via a Google form which will be shared.
<b>AOB</b>	As there were no other discussion points, the meeting was concluded.	