# Meeting Minutes – Health / SRH / MHPSS Partner Meeting
# 10 July 2025

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| **Meeting Subject** | Health/SRH/MHPSS Working Group |
| **Time & Location** | 10 July 2025, 10:00 - 13:00, UN House |
| **Chaired by** | Dr Silvia Gatscher (WHO Romania), Ioana Tonceanu (WHO Romania) |
| **Minutes prepared by** | Raluca Dumitrescu (WHO Romania) |
| **Agenda** | 1. Networking activity<br>2. Updates from Health / SRH / MHPSS partners and contingency planning<br>3. Discussion re continuation of working group meetings / next meeting |
| **Participants** | Alina Garleanu , Romanian Red Cross<br>Cristina Badea, UNICEF<br>Dr. Jean-Eli e Malkin, Ministry of Health<br>Ana Grozea, UNHCR<br>Bianca Șuta, Romanian Red Cross<br>Raluca Buzea, SNCRR<br>Diana Dragomir, Save the Children<br>Mirela Nemtanu, HOSPICE Casa Sperantei<br>Adina Manea, Youth for Youth<br>Gatscher Silvia, WHO Romania<br>Tonceanu Ioana, WHO Romania<br>Popa Stefania, WHO Romania<br>Ilies Sanda, WHO Romania<br>Raluca Dumitrescu, WHO Romania |
| **AGENDA POINTS** | |
| **Agenda Point 1**<br><br>**Networking Activity** | The meeting was co-chaired by Silvia Gatscher, Health Operations, Manager WHO Romania, and Ioana Tonceanu MHPSS Specialist, WHO Romania who welcomed participants and provided a brief overview of the agenda and objectives of the meeting.<br>Following the opening remarks, the meeting started with a structured networking activity designed to foster meaningful connections among partners. Participants engaged in paired discussions addressing three key areas: identifying professional commonalities, sharing resource recommendations, and exploring the origins of their career paths. |

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| | The networking exercise facilitated relationship-building beyond formal institutional partnerships and enabled participants to discover shared experiences and expertise that could inform future collaboration. By encouraging personal and professional exchanges, the activity helped to establish trust and rapport essential for effective coordination. Additionally, the resource-sharing component created immediate value for participants while building a foundation for ongoing knowledge exchange within the group. |
| **Agenda Point 2**<br><br>**Updates from partners** | **Silvia Gatscher, WHO Romania**<br>● WHO Romania will be able to continue supporting 9 family doctors across Romania, 2 cultural mediators (in Bucharest and Constanța), the telephone translation hotline, and 1 county coordinator in Brașov until the end of 2025 via our currently available funding.<br>● The country office is working to secure additional funding to continue all the above or at least maintain some activities in 2026.<br>● WHO Romania is also making contingency plans should it not be successful in securing additional funding. One example is the high-level stakeholder roundtable with IGI and National Health Insurance House conducted earlier this year which resulted in representatives from IGI and CNAS agreeing that IGI would share data with NHIH on Ukrainians holding temporary protection status in Romania to help ease the administrative burden on family doctors.<br><br>**Ana Grozea, UNHCR**<br>● UNHCR continues its advocacy efforts with Estuar Foundation as partner and is welcoming referrals.<br>● The office is planning a PM+ Training of Trainers (ToT) in September, though budget constraints limit travel.<br>● The funding for its GBV partner Sensiblu ends in September.<br>● Due to funding constraints, the Constanța UNHCR office will close in September.<br><br>**Romanian Red Cross**<br>● The office continues its community-based MHPSS activities with support from other societies and Federation.<br>● Offers paid MHPSS services based on vulnerability criteria at below-market rates.<br>● Is planning to apply for anti-bullying funding.<br>● Operates health caravans in rural areas for the Romanian population and Ukrainian refugees.<br>● Provides care for frontline staff and volunteers with guide available in English.<br>● Continues its sports based Psychological First Aid (PFA) project.<br><br>**Save the Children**<br>● Faces reduced funding but will continue activities in Suceava, Iasi, Bucharest, Galați, and Baia Mare.<br>● Focuses on social integration and educational support including English classes. |

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| | • Provides PSS and TeamUp activities.<br>• Conducts weekly teenager meetings based on needs assessment.<br>• Hosted national forum for Ukrainian and Romanian children.<br>• Runs summer activities for children and anti-bullying information sessions.<br><br>**Youth for Youth**<br>• Implements SRH projects for Ukrainian and host communities.<br>• Plans to continue activities through national funds after Plan International closure in July.<br>• Strengthened communication with Malva (Ukrainian-led organization).<br>• Provides prevention and health information in communities.<br>• Runs Intimisfera, an immersive exhibition (14+) on intimacy, relationships, health.<br><br>**UNICEF**<br>• Operates pilot project for adolescents and parents based on needs research.<br>• Conducted training for family doctors and parents.<br>• Developed early assessment tool for children and referral pathways.<br>• Is creating a digital app with information in Romanian and Ukrainian.<br>• Provides MHPSS workshops on YouTube and parental guidelines.<br>• Created media training space for professionals on children and MHPSS.<br>• Contributed to international "Mind Me Kit" resource & tested kits in Galați (flood response) to assess adequacy for professional or non-professional use.<br><br>**HOSPICE Casa Sperantei**<br>• NGO dedicated to palliative care serving Ukrainian patients and refugees.<br>• Operates in three counties with focus on patient services and provider training.<br>• Trained over 1,000 doctors from 16 countries worldwide.<br>• Struggles with bureaucratic challenges and funding constraints.<br>• Currently building new hospital facility. |
| **Agenda Point 3**<br>**Planning for next meeting** | Partners expressed interest in continuing the working group meetings on a quarterly basis.<br>The next meeting will be scheduled for October 2025. A questionnaire will be shared in the coming weeks to check your availability for the October meeting.<br>No further capacity building sessions are currently planned, but WHO remains open to supporting requests from Health, SRH and MHPSS partners if specific needs arise. |