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Regional IM Working Group

– Meeting minutes

Present: UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, Save the Children Sweden

General updates

1. These regional meetings will now be minuted and the minutes will be made available on the data portal.
2. For the most recent updates, see the [Mediterranean response data portal](#) .
3. UNHCR has conducted a new **profiling exercise in Greece on the islands of Lesbos and Chios, specifically for Syrians and Afghans** in order to try to understand the reasons for travelling to Greece and their intentions for the future. The results of the survey will be published shortly.
4. Additional profiling exercises in other Northern and Western European countries specifically for Unaccompanied and Separated children are being considered. This is likely to include a participatory assessment in Norway, which can be conducted more rapidly than a larger profiling.
5. IOM have published the [analysis of the responses collected in the Western Balkans and Italy](#) as part of the DTM's Flow Monitoring Survey activities between January and November 2016. This includes comparisons before and after March 2016. Following a review of the approach, IOM will restart the flow monitoring in Hungary, Bulgaria, Albania, Kosovo (SRC 1244) and Italy. Flow Monitoring Surveys are ongoing in Serbia, FYR of Macedonia and Greece.
6. UNICEF is updating their **child rights monitoring framework** and identifying indicators that are a priority for 2017, particularly related to programming, advocacy and communication.
7. UNICEF is partnering with REACH on an **analysis of the situation of refugee and migrant children in Greece and Italy**, including secondary data review, profiling of children and families and mapping of monitoring systems in centres for UASC in Italy. Data collection is expected to be completed during April.
8. In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, despite a significant reduction in programme activities, UNHCR will continue to provide IM support.
9. UNHCR will pilot the **border monitoring tools** that have been developed in at least three countries in early 2017 (update to follow in the next meeting).
10. Save the Children Sweden highlighted that **3% of children in Sweden have disappeared** based on recently released statistics. An initiative will in 2017 in further detail tendencies and trends of disappearances and produce information products detailing how to prevent this and provide appropriate care to the target group. The actions aim to support local authorities in their care and ability to offer protection and return missing children. The recommended preventative measures are based on research collected from a wide range of actors, such as the national coordination at the County Administrative Board in Sweden to Swedish and International NGOs.

Data portals / Websites

1. The **new version of the data portal** will be made live in phases, primarily during January and February UNHCR is currently updating the functionality of the data portal and once this is live, will seek views on requirements for additional data, products and functionality in the next few weeks.
2. During 2017, IOM will update the **DTM portal**, taking a more regional and country specific approach.
3. In early 2017, **UNICEF will update their website** to include data on refugees and migrants as well as to share advocacy and communication materials.

Inter-agency Factsheet on Children

1. UNICEF, IOM and UNHCR will work together on an interagency factsheet on children, including a focus on Unaccompanied and Separated Children in Europe for the whole of 2016.
2. The factsheet will also highlight the proportion of UASC (as a vulnerable group of people) eligible for relocation and being relocated. Relocation of UASC tends to be bureaucratic and difficult process, which needs to be monitored (e.g. as another guardian needs to be found in the country to which they will be relocated).

DG Justice Project

1. IOM will include additional questions on unaccompanied and separated children in the Flow Monitoring survey which will recommence in specific European countries (see the list in the highlights above).
2. UNICEF are planning additional support to EKKA and the Office of the Greek Ombudsperson to collect and analyse information on the situation of refugee and migrant children in Greece.

Site assessment / site monitoring

1. The site monitoring tools in Greece will be updated in 2017 to be more visual and interactive, in conjunction with the site management teams. These changes will be made so that the tools can be rolled out in other countries quickly as needed. Best practice from other countries, such as Nigeria, will be incorporated.
2. UNICEF in Germany is finalizing a monitoring toolbox to help centre managers and coordinators build and implement strategies to monitor the implementation of protection standards (developed through a bottom-up approach with UNICEF support) during the upcoming year.

Refugee and Migrant Response Plan for 2017

1. The [RMRP for 2017](#) has been published and the activities included in the plan reflect the transition from emergency to a longer term response. The overall population planning figures reflect a slight increase from 2016 due to the existing refugees and migrants remaining in European countries as well as new arrivals anticipated in 2017.
2. The information management workplan for 2017 to support the RMRP will be finalised in January 2017.

2017 IM Workplan

This will include the following:

- a. Development and update of a regional 3W matrix.
- b. Maintenance of common operating datasets, a registry of assessments conducted in Europe and the list of projects. These and the 3W matrix will be published in a tool such as Google docs, so that they can be shared and updated as the activities evolve.
- c. Development of new information products including regular UASC factsheets as well as border monitoring updates.
- d. Improved site monitoring tools.
- e. Improved interactive data visualisation tools (e.g. new functionality in the data portal).
- f. Standardising the approach to recording arrivals by land and sea as well as dead and missing and information on departures and resettlement / relocation.

Follow up actions

1. The first version of the joint IM workplan for 2017 will be finalised in January (UNHCR, IOM and UNICEF). UNHCR will also share the registry of assessments, CODs and the draft 3W matrix.
2. UNHCR to canvas views on the new data portal once this has been made live in February.
3. UNHCR to share the Syrian and Afghan profiles for Greece
4. IOM, UNICEF and UNHCR to work together on improving the site monitoring tools in Greece.
5. UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM to work together on a factsheet on children and UASC for 2016 (for publication in early Feb 17).
6. UNHCR and IOM to work together to ensure publications including land arrivals contain consistent figures.

Next meeting

16th February at 1100 to 1300.