



GBV SWG Meeting Minutes 11 March 2022
Online

Chair: UNHCR & UNFPA

Partners present: UN Women, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNDP, ECHO, INTERSOS, National Coalition “Life without Violence”

Agenda:

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Tour de Table**
- 3. Update on context**
- 4. Presentation from the “Life Without Violence” network of NGOs**
- 5. TORs – brief review and initial feedbacks**
- 6. Working modalities**
- 7. AOB**

Agenda items	Discussion	Action points
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Work in partnerships. • Purpose oriented: strengthening the refugee response. • Strengthen GBV programming and risk mitigation, facilitate coherent, effective multi-sectoral interagency action 	
Tour de table	<p>Partner introductions, incl. technical capacity on the ground and operational response 18 participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helena Behr (Legal Officer, UNHCR), Constanze Quosh (Senior GBV Advisor, UNHCR), Kiri Atri (Reporting Officer, UNHCR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBV coordination, programming, risk mitigation • Henia Dakkak (Senior Humanitarian Coordinator, UNFPA), Violetta Terguță (Gender Program Manager, UNFPA) Natalia Plugaru (Assistant Representative, UNFPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBV response, support coordination 	<p>Recommendations: Include grassroots WLOs in the WG</p> <p>Introduction to NGOs on humanitarian principles, refugee coordination, practical skills to work in a refugee emergency response</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flora Macula (Senior Gender Humanitarian Officer (UN Women), Nighina Azizov (EVAW Program Analyst, UN Women), Dominika Stojanoska (Representative in Moldova, UN Women): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support intersectoral response, coordination, engagement with government and CSOs (short and long term) • Ecaterina Cernomorcenca (Adolescent Development Officer, UNICEF Moldova country-office) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue dots in centers and at border – almost operational (<i>1. step</i>: provide information, PSS and dignity kits; <i>2. Step</i>: develop possible referrals, family reunification, medical support, CFS and spaces for breast feeding - bring together partners under UNHCR coordination • Svetlana Plamadeala (UNAIDS country office): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on GBV response and HIV, strong partnerships with UNFPA and UN Women on SHRH, NGO partners, secured funds to ensure HIV prevention is integrated (in various regions and placement centres) • Vitalie Frecauteanu (UNDP, GBV program coordinator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in the last 3 years, UNDP developed shelters and safe spaces in several regions in partnership with local public administration. - Focus is to help safe spaces and state bodies to manage the refugee crisis. - Projects revised their budget and program plans. Plan to scale up to 2 more safe spaces for GBV survivors (depending on funding) • Veronica Teleuca (Coordinator, National Coalition of 25 organizations across the country) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on VAW, GBV and women in difficult situations, provide support to all GBV survivors including refugee women, “crisis in crisis” context, need to ensure inclusion of grassroots WLOs in this group • Keneth Grant (Expert, ECHO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Ukraine and Moldova, no direct implementation, in process of allocating funding, focus on protection including GBV, work on prioritization • Cosimo Verrusion (Protection Officer, INTERSOS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General protection activities ongoing in several border regions - Main purpose is to set up referral pathways and contribute to the referral system - Protection monitoring, PFA, PSS activities at individual and group levels 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building of local staff (charities, organizations, institutions and government actors) 	
Update on context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key numbers and identified GBV risks. • See presentation here • need to support government for safety audits and assessment of centres and prevent/mitigate tensions possibly faced by host communities supporting refugees • risk mitigation critical in particular re transportation and accommodation 	Conduct safety audits of centers
Presentation from National Coalition “Life without Violence”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network of 25 organizations has GBV expertise, all organizations provide services, advocacy focus, legal support, capacity building, special program on well-being, accredited and not accredited centers, 70 partners • Focus on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteering management and activities in several sectors, and 2. Network with GBV expertise (with key partners, e.g., UNW, public authorities), 3. Capacity-building and Well-being. • <u>Short-term</u>: Emergency response guided by feminist values and in coordination with stakeholders. Work with European Networks, direct contact with grassroots organizations in Ukraine/Odessa. Rapid relocation of flexible funds directly to WLOs. Direct response to women needs. Informal needs’ assessment conducted with the community. • <u>Medium-term</u>: practical, community-based capacity building (incl. on wellbeing and collective care, etc.), and CBI for refugee women. Several funding resources (UN W, ext. donors). <u>Long term</u>: “packages” (TBD). • Ethics in communication and visibility. • Consider groups at heightened risks (e.g., Roma women and children in overcrowded centres with poor medical assistance and sanitation). <p>Priorities: access to medical care, psychosocial support, accommodation, cash, social services Integrate into existing systems Consider types of women refugees, length of stay Transport and accommodation priority (incl. guidance), short stay different needs longer term: full package, social, medical, social integration (kindergarden, schools)</p>	<p>Recommendations: Ensure access of refugees to existing services: integrate and support. Build system resilience.</p> <p>Who does what mapping</p> <p>Conduct consultations on needs with refugee women, WLOs and networks + CSOs + groups at heightened risks</p> <p>Share GBV minimum standards, etc.</p> <p>Incorporate duty of care in programming</p> <p>Increase cash assistance to women refugees (in particular those transiting)</p> <p>Access to non-bureaucratic funding for WLOs</p> <p>Conduct formal assessment.</p>



	UNW: need for case management + reporting. Economic empowerment. Distribute resources and scale-up.	Assess capacity development needs of local organizations (not sophisticated webinars, practical session), for example how to deal with refugees in distress
ToRs	Draft ToRs can be found here GBV Strategy, guiding principles and approaches, coordination core functions All members welcome Intention is to rotate the chair after a few weeks, months Red flags and feedback to be provided by COB Wednesday 16 of March 2022	Action point all members: Provide comments by COB Wednesday 16th March in writing to UNHCR (Quosh@unhcr.org and behr@unhcr.org) and UNFPA (dakkak@unfpa.org)
Working modalities	Weekly Friday meetings (14:00-15:30). Agenda shared the day before. Minutes shared the day after.	
AOB	Share and coordinate contributions to RRP Key actions: mapping, RP, assessment, messaging	

Next Meeting: 18 March 2022