

Child Protection Sub-Working Group
29.09.2022 Minutes of Meeting

Date:	Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 10.00-12.00 a.m., via Webex	
Participants:	Special Secretary for the Protection of UAM/ MoMA, MoLSA (UAM Unit), RIS (Directorate of Southern Greece Facilities), UNHCR FO Thessaloniki, UNHCR FO Samos, UNHCR FO Chios, UNICEF, IOM, ARSIS, IRC, Eliza Foundation, Intersos, Solidarity Now, DCI Greece, ICSD, Elix, TdH Hellas, HRC, Velos Youth	
Chair:	UNHCR: Theodora D. Tsovili (tsovili@unhcr.org)	
Agenda	<p>Title: <i>“Efforts to define the support system for children survivors of GBV in Greece: Part 2 - Prevention practices”</i></p> <p>Following the CPsWG held on 28 July 2022, in this second meeting the discussion focused on the GBV prevention component and the hosted authorities and actors presented their efforts to inform children and parents against gender-based violence.</p> <p>In brief the agenda is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention practices, Directorate of Public Security, Hellenic Police - SOMA & ‘Safe touches’ projects, Elisa Foundation - Updates on situation of UAC and accompanied refugee children: Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, Ministry of Migration & Asylum - IOM 	
Prevention practices, Directorate of Public Security, Hellenic Police	<p>The Police Officer, Mr. Likogiannis, from the Directorate of Public Security of the Hellenic Police (HP) provided in brief the efforts of the HP to inform children survivors of GBV in Greece and relevant prevention practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The HP has developed a “Protocol of instructions for the management and proper identification of cases of children GBV survivors” aiming to guide all Police Officers in charge in the Police Stations regarding the procedural steps and legal actions needed to be taken in such incidents and when they identify a child in danger, abuse or neglect. The mentioned Protocol is compiled and drafted in a child-friendly and human centred manner. 2) 1.500 Security staff and first line Police Officers of the HP have been trained so far in collaboration with the Eliza Foundation. 3) Since 2020, the HP has strengthened its collaboration with the Smile of the Child for the children at risk and missing children. 	Action Points: n/a

	<p>4) The Surveillance of the public-school premises by the HP has been strengthened in close collaboration with school principals.</p> <p>5) Since 2021, apart from Athens and Thessaloniki, five (5) additional offices for the protection of children were established and started being operational in Patra, Ioannina, Alexandroupoli, Heraklion and Larisa.</p>	
<p>SOMA & ‘Safe touches’ projects, Elisa Foundation</p>	<p>➤ The SOMA workshop in collaboration with Eliza Foundation aims to inform and educate adolescents (aged 12-14 and 15-18) to prevent incidents of sexual abuse. The workshop consists of an interdisciplinary team and has been designed by a group of doctors “Meds CAN”. The workshop consists of 3 workstations with duration 2 hours on the following specific thematic: 1) body and genitals, 2) consent, 3) myths and facts about sexual abuse.</p> <p>Please see the attached presentation for additional information.</p> <p>➤ The “Safe Touches’ Project” by Eliza Foundation is an innovative program to prevent sexual abuse, that constitute an essential intervention and a modern method of education for children 5-9 years old, for teachers, parents, carers of children & sensitized citizens.</p> <p>More than 4,000 children have already learned how to protect their bodies and more than 1,000 parents & teachers have been informed about the need to recognize "suspicious" signs, through the "Safe Touch" program.</p> <p>Please see also the attached presentation for additional information and/or check the following links: https://eliza.org.gr & https://asfalesaggigma.gr.</p>	<p>Action Points: n/a</p>
<p>Updates on situation of UAC and accompanied refugee children: Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, Ministry of Migration & Asylum - IOM</p>	<p>➤ Updates by SSPUAM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increased number of arrivals of UAC has been observed in Lesvos and in Fylakio RICs. Especially on Lesvos, the SSPUAM has observed a trend of increased arrivals of unaccompanied girls from Somalia. A new shelter run by Iliachtida is operational to host some of the UAC girls currently at the RIC of Lesvos. SSPUAM expressed concerns on severe medical conditions identified on Lesvos that shall be transferred to hospital on the mainland in high priority. • Due to the increased arrivals of undocumented UAC in the North, the emergency accommodation facilities run in full capacity. SSPUAM is examining the referral of eligible UAC to SIL apartments – given the current availability – to free space in emergency and long-term accommodation. 	<p>Action Points: n/a</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The transfer of UAC to appropriate care arrangements is affected by the latest development on the accompaniment services. The METAdrasi accompaniments' project signed with SSPUAM was concluded, while currently there are ongoing discussions to ensure the continuation of the contract and restore the provision of accompaniment services. In the meantime, and given the current challenges, Metadrasi is supporting on its own financial and human resources or through volunteers. <p>➤ Updates by IOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diavata and New Malakasa are operating as reception centers on mainland for vulnerable cases of UAC. IOM is advocating that the managers of the sites are referring these cases for registration with priority. • Since mid-July, an increased number of arrivals of Yazidi population from Iraq has been observed in Serres including a high number of separated children (approx. 140 separated children). Most of them are accompanied by adult siblings with documents so there no doubts expressed on the family links. Regular procedures and referrals to local competent PP are followed. • Spontaneous arrivals for UAC in the sites are immediately via NERM transferred to emergency accommodations or to shelters. 	
AOB	The next CPsWG will take place in October 2022. The date and time will be confirmed.	Action Points: n/a