

Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group Moldova

Meeting Details	
Date	27 April 2023
Time	2:00 pm – 3:30 p.m.
Chair	Vanessa Bordin, GBV Officer, UNHCR Fatima Alwahaidy, GBV Coordinator, UNFPA
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Presentation by Speranta 87 on aid distribution activities mainstreaming gender and GBV and targeting refugees from Ukraine 3. Presentation by UN Women on the Specialized Service for victims of sexual violence, developed within EVA project, financed by EUD and implemented by UN Women and UNICEF 4. GBV sector contingency plan 4. Updates 5. AOB 	
Information collection and relevant links	
<p>Sector Specific Contingency Plan GBV</p> <p>Localized GBV Referral Pathways</p> <p>GBV Sub-Working Group 2023 Workplan</p> <p>April 2023 presentations</p>	
Participants	

1. Vanessa Bordin - UNHCR
2. Fatima Alwahaidy - UNFPA
3. Dumitru Drumea – Speranta 87
4. Nighina Azizov – UN Women
5. Olga Morozan – Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation
6. Celine Brixander – UNFPA
7. Tatiana Budu - UNFPA
8. Ottavia Sanvito - Intersos
9. Sean Sager – UNHCR
10. Lupu Petru - UNHCR
11. Andrei Padure – Forensic Medical Centre (CML); EVA Project expert
12. Azat Doskozhaev – ICRC
13. Carolina Bagrin – CNPAC
14. Elena Castravet – IOM
15. Esrilia Apreda – IOM
16. Ilenia De Marino – Plan International
17. Iva Bucatciuc – DRC Moldova
18. Laura Grecu – UN Women
19. Ludmila Mititelu – Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
20. Maura Reap - WHO
21. Tamara Adasan – AO Homecare
22. Grigore Moga - EVA project expert
23. Mariana Zaporojan – Artemida
24. Simion Sirbu - Artemida
25. Tatiana Ivanova - Center for Friendly Youth
26. Tuvacov Pavel - Ariadna
27. Liliana Juc - Târgoviște Library
28. Diana Lungu – Casa Marioarei

29. Inga Gradinaru – Artemida

30. Ina Rusu - ADRA

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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<p>Presentation by NGO Speranta 87 aid distribution activities mainstreaming gender and GBV and targeting refugees from Ukraine, Dumitru Drumea</p>	<p>The organization implements over 20 projects in different fields, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extra-curriculum education projects with a focus on gender benefiting mostly on children with specific needs, children from poor families. ● Distribution of food items. ● Provision of MHPSS during distribution. ● Sensitization on gender issues during distribution. <p>Since the start of the war in Ukraine, the organization distributed humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approximately 90% of the beneficiaries of the projects are women and children. ● In 2022, Speranta 87 reached 33,000 refugees with food items. ● In 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The organization reached 1,500 refugees with a project funded by ADA and implemented in collaboration with the Gender Center. ○ Approximately 5,000 women benefited from psychosocial support provided by the Gender Center. ○ 1,000 hygiene packages, and over 2,000 school bags will be distributed to Ukrainian children that will start their education in Moldova in September. ○ Two manuals focusing on the mental health and trauma of refugees, with focus on teenagers and parents, are being published. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speranta 87 will share the two publications with the GBV SWG once it is published.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries are selected based on a priority criteria, which includes women with children, unaccompanied and separated children, elderly persons and persons with disabilities. <p>Q&A and additional info about the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women do not want to report GBV, even if the incident happened in Ukraine. It is important to continue raising awareness about the services available so that survivors know where to seek support if they wish to. A survivor-centred approach is essential to guarantee access to quality services to survivors. 	
<p>Presentation by UN Women on the specialized services for victims of sexual violence, developed within EVA project, financed by EUD and implemented by UN Women and UNICEF, Laura Grecu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection’s approval of a methodology and work instructions for intervention in cases of sexual violence has been essential to ensure the interaction services and the need for them to be centered in the victim, which was developed in collaboration with UN Women and UNICEF within the framework of the EVA project. The integrated specialised services for victims of sexual violence was established in Ungheni, and will function based on a multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach providing a package of services for adult victims of sexual violence, based on their specific needs. The service aims to be easily accessible to victims and in line with confidentiality standards and a do-no-harm approach to prevent re-victimization and re-traumatization. The services include case management, medical examination, forensic examination, psychological evaluation, assistance and rehabilitation, legal aid and support for procedural legal actions. An essential element is the protection of the victim of sexual violence when their safety is compromised, and continuous provision of information to the survivor during the process. The core team of professionals providing the services include a psychologist, a social worker and a lawyer, the services will be overseen by the Manager. Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To add the service to the GBV Referral Pathways. Organize a visit for the members of the GBV SWG to the center.

	<p>professionals who collaborate are doctors, judges, police officers, prosecutors, medico-legal experts and other specialists depending on the needs of the survivor.</p> <p>Q&A and additional info about the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transportation to the center for the victims is provided. ● In terms of data, it is believed that the number of cases of sexual violence is higher than those reported. ● The integrated services have the capacity to support between 70-90 survivors yearly. ● In line with the procedures of the interdisciplinary teams, victims of sexual violence have the right to be accompanied by a police officer to the medical institutions, which would involve accompanying them to the integrated services. ● The integrated services will cover Ungheni, Fălești, Sîngerei, Călărași, Nisporeni and Telenești. ● The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection indicated that, according to the data of the General Police Inspectorate, 323 violent sexual crimes were registered in 2022. 	
<p>GBV sector contingency plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The GBV sector contingency plan was partially drafted, and it will be shared with the GBV SWG members for inputs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members to provide inputs/comments.
<p>Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trainings for the GBV SWG members to be carried out in May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GBV Minimum standards. ○ Session on GBV (topic to be defined) to the Protection Working Group. ● The Information Management Working Group is conducting an area-based assessment in Anenii Noi to understand more about the socioeconomic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dates of trainings to be shared by the co-chairs once confirmed.

	<p>situation in the region and to support the contingency plan of the local government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Activity info reporting: there is a gap in terms of the activities implemented and the numbers reported. Members should start reporting on Activity Info.● The work plan for 2023 that was finalized and is available in the GBV SWG Google drive through this link. It will be reviewed by mid-year.● The Livelihoods and Inclusion Working Group conducted a joint meeting with the GBV SWG and the MHPSS Technical Reference Groups to discuss the links between livelihoods, mental health and GBV.● A kobo tool to map the mobile teams will be shared for update.● GBV SWG in collaboration with the Disability Task-Force will conduct a GBV safety audit to understand the GBV risks faced by persons with disabilities.● A national-wide mapping exercise of GBV services will be conducted by UNFPA and UNHCR in collaboration with the Gender Platform. The exercise will serve to assess the quality of GBV services and understand potential factors discouraging survivors to disclose incidents.	
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