

Inter-Sector Working Group - Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time	Hybrid, Friday, 28 July 2023, from 11:00 to 12:00
Facilitator	Sebastiaan Der Kinderen
Participants	Basic Needs/ Kylie Alcoba Wright, Ylenia Franco (UNHCR), Cash/ Ahmad Zia, Horatiu Tatar (UNHCR), Child Protection/ Laura Fragiacomio (UNICEF), GBV/ Shiori Watanabe (UNHCR), Health/ Georgiana Andrea Afumateanu, John Joseph Partovi Cordey (WHO), Livelihood/ Christian Renson (UNHCR), Protection/ Danielle Beasley (UNHCR), Cristian Vlas (CNRR), Anti-Trafficking / Mark Earl Ebling (IOM), Information Management/ Stefan-Florentin Lorint (UNHCR), IA/ Sebastiaan Der Kinderen, Facundo Palermo, Ali Sonia Mohamed, Simina-Maria Costea, Rozita Roghani (UNHCR)
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated figures • RRP 2024 – what to expect • Service Advisor update • Sector updates • AoB/Reminder
Main Topic	Main Discussion and Action Points in Blue
Updated figures and announcements	<p>Figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of refugees in Romania has been stable for the last two months approximately 95,000. • There are a lot of movement at the border. The situation is very volatile. It is important to continuously monitor the border (CNRR is doing it) and maintain preparedness capacity. There is a need to anticipate regional movements and engage in discussions with colleagues in Moldova, Ukraine and other places in the region to strengthen preparedness. at the border and continuously monitoring the border. The impact of the situation is felt by authorities, colleagues, and particularly refugees, especially those in Odessa, from a geopolitical standpoint. • Number of Temporary Protection registered: 138,704 which has increased by 2,000 in the last three weeks.
RRP 2024: what to expect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 mid-year report on key achievements and core challenges is done; update on financial situation was sent to the region. • The region has prepared a tentative parameter for RRP 2024 which is being reviewed at the regional level. • 2024 Objectives are similar to 2023 RRP: access to protection, maintain protection space, support needs to be targeted, budget expected to go down, include elderly, strong emphasis on social inclusion. • September: preparation (kick-off; sector M&E). This will be slightly delayed. Regional messages will go out mid-September. • The submission deadline for budgets and figures is 16 October; Internal deadline is 9 October/ • November: preparation of narrative • Government consultation/validation • Sector Leads to start discussing M&E framework within their sectors.

Service Advisor Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platform has already been launched; 104 organizations, 593 services in 350 locations. • IM has been measuring engagement for two weeks and engagement time is growing. • Over 2000 users from Romania and Ukraine • The platform is being used as a planning tool which is very positive. • Service Advisor posters are available in different languages and IA can send them to interested partners.
Sectoral updates	<p><u>CASH WG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many partners joined a meeting for discussion on the deduplication platform and discussed challenges and improvements. Developments and bug fixes were presented and incorporated feedback from partners. • The platform now allows for delivering assistance and preventing duplication. Harmonization of naming has been addressed. Discussions about creating new bundles for different types of assistance are ongoing. • Deduplication for cash assistance is active, with technical enhancements in progress. Around 8 active users are currently using the platform, and more partners are encouraged to join. • The deduplication process focuses on multi-purpose interventions, while sectoral cash interventions are deduplicated within each sector. All are encouraged to join. WG has been providing a lot of training and capacity buildings. • Identified eligible families have received cash for 50/20 programme <p><u>Protection WG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNRR is now co-leading the WG along with UNHCR. • The Romanian Government has received European Union funding to be used for the reimbursement of housing/assistance for refugees from Ukraine. More information can be found at below links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICYMI, the draft law for allocation funds from the reserve fund to the 50/20 program for April, and to the new housing support program for May and June: http://sgglegis.gov.ro/legislativ/docs/2023/07/4fj91tybd5hrvp3_qk08.pdf - Supporting note: http://sgglegis.gov.ro/legislativ/docs/2023/07/zfc7tx3jd8wnb2ym015h.pdf ...they do not know when it will be adopted, but the hope is for next week. - Government press release: https://gov.ro/ro/guvernul/sedinte-guvern/informatie-de-presa-privind-proiectele-de-acte-normative-incluse-pe-agenda-edintei-guvernului-romaniei-din-27-iulie-2023 <p><u>Child Protection SWG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SWG will have a coffee meeting in August as most partners will be on leave. • Key points such as referral pathways will be discussed during the September meeting. <p><u>GBV SWG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG is updating the referral pathways in different locations. • Recently, the national law 217 was announced, amending the Penal Code to raise the age of consent and protection from 14 to 16, particularly in cases of sexual assault and rape. A legal specialist discussed these key amendments in the SWG. There will be a specialized meeting with Child Protection Partners to understand the changes and identify areas that may require additional advocacy. Collaboration between the GBV and Child Protection WG is appreciated. The update of GBV referral pathways is being undertaken, which is considered

	<p>important for all, not just refugees. However, there is a need to establish monitoring and assessment mechanisms to determine their effectiveness.</p> <p>Basic Needs WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG is conducting a winterization assessment and discussing plans in the upcoming working group meeting. • The WG aims to ensure comprehensive coverage of needs, including cash assistance and core relief item distributions. • The WG expects an increase in the refugee population during winter and want to assess and complement interventions. • Additionally, the WG is monitoring accommodation availability and vulnerability through a site assessment in collaboration with the DSU. The information will be shared through a dashboard for better coordination and decision-making. <p>Livelihood WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG has released a call for expression of interest and proposals, with a submission deadline of 25 August. The focus is on accelerating pathways for self-reliance. • Plans for providing language classes are being finalized. • IA shared funding opportunities and calls for proposals with RRP partner agencies. • IA is actively seeking information on funding opportunities, especially from embassies and foundations, to bridge the gap for smaller national and international NGOs. IA is also interested in private sector opportunities. • IA encourages Sector Leads to share any funding opportunities they come across to amplify and disseminate them widely.
AoB/Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector Leads are requested to fill out the Calendar training. • The deadline for submission of sector updates for July Inter-Agency update is noon Monday 31 July 2023.
<p>Next meeting Date: Friday, 11 August 2023 from 11:00 to 12:30 Place: UN House Meeting Room, Teams link available</p>	