

Inter-Sector Working Group - Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time	Hybrid, Friday, 15 September 2023, from 11:00 to 12:00
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Participants	Basic Needs/ Ylenia Franco (UNHCR), Cash/Horatiu Tatar (UNHCR), Ana Cosma (Save the Children), Education/ Jean Benoit Manhes, Tetyana Nikitina, Matthias Lansard (UNICEF), Youth and Adolescents/ Ana-Iunona Mavlea (UNICEF), Livelihood/ Christian Renson (UNHCR), Protection/ Jorunn Brandvoll (UNHCR), Cristian Vlas, (CNRR), Child Protection/ Danielle Beasley (UNHCR), Laura Fragiacomio (UNICEF), IA/ Facundo Matias Palermo, Sean Patrick Moore, Ali Sonia Mohamed, Rozita Roghani (UNHCR)
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction • Updated Figures • RRP 2024 – Process • Multi Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) Update • Sectoral Updates • AoB/Reminder
Main Topic	Main Discussion and Action Points in Blue
Updated Figures	<p>Figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of refugees from Ukraine in Romania approximately 86,586 which is less than 2 weeks ago (approximately 95,000). • Number of Temporary Protection registered: 142,624 Unaccompanied Children: 1,438 <p>Population trends (sept 2022 vs 2023):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significantly more males adults coming to Romania. • More males in 2023 • 2022: 37% males and 63% female 2023: 47% male and 53% female. This change will affect programming and planning. • Border crossing numbers and points are almost the same as last year; less minors crossing in comparison with last year. • The results of MSNA will provide data and trends on number of individuals qualifying for or covered by the new government’s assistant programme by the beginning of October. • There have been advocacy efforts to improve the government’s assistant program, which includes feedback from a recent inter-ministerial meeting regarding the program's future beyond 2023. There's a call to extend the program by three more months, involving UN agencies like IOM, UNICEF, and UNHCR who have jointly prepared a position paper presenting various options, such as extending the program, advocating for social protection inclusion, asylum program inclusion, or continuing Unitarian cash programs. UNICEF has drafted a document outlining current program shortcomings, and different agencies have made observations for further improvement. Civil society actors are also actively engaged in addressing this issue.

RRP 2024 - Process	<p><u>Tentative Timeline:</u></p> <p>1-15 September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M&E framework process- Most indicators have been identified and sectors have started to find potential RRP partners. IA has been attending different WGs to assist with identification of indicators. - IA will share a link for the Expression of Interest which can be disseminated among WGs. - Sector Leads will receive an excel sheet with information on appealing organizations, areas and targets. <p>19 September: Kick off meeting with potential RRP appealing partners. Invitations were sent.</p> <p>21-25 September: Expression of Interest (Eoi) for appeals will be sent.</p> <p>25 September: Share submission form</p> <p>27-29 September: Training (for new partners – addressing some “myths”, explaining how to submit appeal</p> <p>25 September – 11 October: Final submission</p> <p>2- 20 October: Consultation on narrative and budget</p> <p>20 October: Budget submission</p> <p>3 November: First draft sector/ IS chapters.</p> <p>8 November: Government consultation workshop</p> <p>17 November: Final chapter drafts</p> <p>17-24 November: Final review (Government/ RRP Coordinator)</p> <p>1 December: Narrative submission</p>
MSNA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target: 1200 questionnaire; have passed 1000; very close to finalizing the data collection by mid next week. • Response rate 1 of the 5 people (for Constanta and Suceava is 1 in 10). • Timeline: session with the preliminary results on 6 October; data cleaning and the visualization of the key indicators will start; result will be shared either during ISWG or separate meeting; another presentation in December
Sectoral Updates	<p><u>Protection WG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The same indicators will be used for 2024. <p><u>Child Protection SWG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will share the indicators today. • Next meeting on Wednesday 20 September; packed agenda as there was no formal meeting in August. <p><u>Livelihood WG:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG will be held on the first Thursday of October. • Trying to move forward to continued networking in each of our field unit offices in Timisoara, Suceava, Iasi, and Galati/Constanza. • We consider sending an introductory email to eLiberare, IOM and a few of our field unit colleagues to explore the possibility of establishing a labour exploitation task force. This would help streamline the reporting process for individuals experiencing unfair treatment in businesses. The aim is to convene organizations that share a common focus on this issue in an informal setting. <p><u>Education WG:</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Education WG had worked with partners and the Ministry of Education and County School Inspectorates to prepare for the new academic year which started on 11 September. New data on enrolment will be available end September or early October. • We have been busy with back-to-school campaign including on social media targeting the local refugee communities; supplies distribution to the school inspectorates; ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Education to clarify some regulatory barriers. <p>Basic Needs WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the indicators were adjusted and will be submitted today. • The WG had a meeting last week mainly focusing on the winterization plans. Also introduced the 2024 RRP and encouraged partners to report and contribute to the definition of the final framework of the indicators. <p>Cash WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated 1700 payments; the first second instalment for cash for protection will be done next week. • Red Cross and Good Neighbours are preparing their payments. • We coordinate with each other in order not to pay to the same family. • Discussed planning for the next level at the regional level. <p>Youth and Adolescents TF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF meets the last Thursday of the month with a good participation. • There is a lot of uncertainty concerning the new school year and the assistance programme. • Small organizations are closing or limit their activities due to the lack of fundings (for example Scouts Centre in Bucharest). • There is an increased need for cooperation among organizations focusing on youth and adolescence. It is important to offer appealing programs to engage young people effectively. • UNICEF's focus on youth and adolescent participation, particularly through the U-Report promotion, was mentioned. • UNICEF is open to collaborate on the U-Report platform for simplified needs assessment. Organizations are encouraged to reach out with questions or topics for potential collaboration. • There are challenges in reaching Ukrainian youth within the country. A Telegram channel was noted as an open platform for sharing information. • UNICEF will present the U-Report tool in different WGs especially PWG, CPSWG and IMWG.
AoB/Reminder	<p>For Next ISWG Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the IA Coordination Structure: Sector Leads to consult within their groups the current structure and suggest changes if needed. • Cross-Cutting Teams: working with different sectors on the 2024 RRP; reach out to different sectors; IA is ready to assist.
<p>Next meeting Date: Friday, 29 September 2023 from 11:00 to 12:30 Place: UNHCR Office in UN House, Teams link available</p>	