

**WHO Health Coordination Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

<b>Meeting Subject</b>	WHO Health Partner Coordination	
<b>Time &amp; Location</b>	13:30 pm EEST, online. Zoom.	
<b>Chaired by</b>	Dr Silvia Gatscher (WHO Romania)	
<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	Nicky Morgan, Silvia Gatscher (WHO Romania)	
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and introductions</li> <li>2. WHO updates</li> <li>3. Plan International Research on SRHR</li> <li>4. Partner Updates</li> <li>5. RRP 2024</li> <li>6. AOB</li> </ol>	
<b>AGENDA POINTS</b>		
<b>Agenda Point 1</b>	<p><b>Welcome to health partners.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and outline of Agenda.</li> <li>• Apologies for delays in meetings, another in-person meeting will be planned later in the year.</li> <li>• A survey will be circulated to partners and the meeting may take place outside Bucharest depending on where partners are situated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Point 2</b>	<p><b>WHO Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural mediators are active in 5 counties to aid with access to health services for people from Ukraine and they also run health projects.</li> <li>• WHO now also has county coordinators since July. These county coordinators link with the local authorities and provide an overview and coordination of services. They are currently collecting a log of any issues with access to family doctors for people from Ukraine and will take these issues to local NHIH. Dr Clarinval, WHO WR, is currently in Cluj discussing this with NHIH. Issues will also be addressed at a national level. If partners note any issues with family doctors, please send them to the relevant county coordinators (details below).</li> <li>• WHO has employed midwives in Galati to improve access to SRH services for refugees. There is now a new midwife working in Romexpo Bucharest.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO also employs some family doctors in areas with a high concentration of refugees to help with access to specialist services and free of charge medication.</li> <li>• UNHCR have set up an interagency platform Service Advisor. All health services in regions are now mapped and so partners are encouraged to utilize the platform when looking for services.</li> <li>• At the end of October Language Line will be trialed for use by family doctors and specialists for Romanian-Ukrainian translation. Language line is a service well utilized in UK and consist of interpreters who are specialized in medical and health translation. They are trained in confidentiality and sign confidentiality clauses. A comment was made that currently doctors in Brasov have been reticent to use translation via the phone and it was acknowledged this requires a behavior change, but it is hoped that the Ministry of Health will endorse the service which may help with acceptance of the service.</li> <li>• In October WHO will be supporting the government’s immunization campaign. WHO has requested this campaign will be extended to people from Ukraine and the online resources will be translated into Ukrainian with sub-titles on the TV adverts. Partners were asked to share the links to the campaign with their contacts when they are available as they are trusted organizations.</li> <li>• There has been a study taking place over the summer looking at measles outbreaks. The researchers are doing a deep dive into why the outbreaks are occurring in certain areas and what can be done to address this. They will present to the Health Working Group in the coming months.</li> <li>• SRH/GBV/PSEA trainings are being planned for family doctors over the coming few months</li> <li>• A psychosocial SRH program with young refugees from Ukraine which will tackle mental health, SRH and GBV issues and improve awareness about available services.</li> <li>• A campaign tackling myths and misconceptions around contraception and STIs has been developed by WHO country office in Romania. If any partners would like leaflets and posters for use in their projects, contact NM.</li> <li>• There are 3 national posts available at WHO; an SRH/GBV/PSEA consultant; an MHPSS consultant and a national public health officer ToRs will be shared. Please forward CVs of suitable candidates to NM, AN or SG.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Point 3</b>	<p><b>SRHR Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan International have funding for a research project in SRHR and are inviting women led organizations to shape the research topic. ToRs for the advisory board will be shared for sending out with the minutes.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Point 4</b>	
	<p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World contraception day was on 26<sup>th</sup> September, and it was highlighted that in Romania contraception is not available free of charge for vulnerable groups including people from Ukraine. There is also a lack of contraceptives available in the family planning offices.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>RRP2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RRP 2024 process started in September led by UNHCR. Partners are encouraged to become implementing partners to enhance visibility and access donor events organized by UNHCR.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners were encouraged to submit health and SRH updates for the monthly inter-agency report including achievements and challenges. These updates are sent to the government and increase visibility of partner organizations.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Action Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any issues noted with access to family doctors to be sent to the relevant county coordinators.</li> <li>• Partners to share the links to the immunization campaign with their contacts; materials will be shared as soon as they become available.</li> <li>• If any partners would like leaflets and posters for use in their projects, contact NM.</li> <li>• Forward CVs of suitable candidates for the national positions to NM, AN or SG.</li> <li>• ToRs for the advisory board for Plan International SRHR research will be shared with the minutes.</li> <li>• Partners were encouraged to submit health and SRH updates for the monthly inter-agency report including achievements and challenges. These updates are sent to the government and increase visibility of partner organizations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Useful links</b></p>	<p>See tables below for lists of WHO Cultural mediators, County Coordinators and Family Doctors</p>

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