



## SECTOR WG: LIVELIHOODS AND INCLUSION.

### IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MHPSS REFERENCE GROUP AND THE GBV SUB-WORKING GROUP

Meeting Details			
Date	26 04 2023- Next meeting on 24 05 2023		
Time	1.00 pm		
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Agenda			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and introduction</li> <li>Linkages between livelihoods and mental health and psycho-social</li> <li>Linkages between livelihoods and GBV</li> </ul>			
Information collection and relevant links			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by the MHPSS Reference Group</li> <li>Presentation by the GBV Sub-Working Group</li> <li><a href="#">Moldova MHPSS Service Mapping</a></li> <li><a href="#">GBV referral pathways</a></li> </ol>			
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### Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Agreements/ Actions</b>
<b>Agenda Point 1</b> <b>Welcome and introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the meeting was explained – that is to on identify and strengthen linkages between livelihoods and inclusion, mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS), and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention/ response.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Agenda Point 2</b> <b>Linkages between livelihoods and MHPSS</b> Maura Reap, WHO, <a href="mailto:reapm@who.int">reapm@who.int</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Maura Reap, Co-chair of the MHPSS Reference Group, presented the Reference Group and highlighted the importance of mainstreaming MHPSS across different sectors, including livelihoods. The presentation is available on the <a href="#">Operational Data Portal</a>.</li> <li>Wars can have sever impact on the affected population. According to WHO estimates, over 22% of conflict-affected people suffer from mental disorders whether in a severe form, moderate, or mild. In times of war, displacements also increases the risk of GBV</li> <li>MHPSS works with the entire well-being wheel, looking at improving all factors that contribute to people’s mental health (occupational, spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, environmental, and social).</li> <li>MHPSS and livelihoods are closely interlinked. By incorporating MHPSS into livelihoods, livelihoods actors can help address or remove obstacles that interfere with job retention – such as lack of social connection, isolation, depression. Conversely, engaging in livelihood opportunities and achieving economic sufficiency can significantly (positively) impact mental well-being, and MHPSS actors must take this into consideration when designing programs and delivering care.</li> </ul>	The Livelihoods and Inclusion WG were invited to express their interest in participating in a dedicated workshop regarding the links between MHPSS and livelihoods. <a href="https://forms.gle/WBVC6r8pkaggHkTEA">https://forms.gle/WBVC6r8pkaggHkTEA</a>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Sorana Mocanu, WHO mental health consultant, presented an activity conducted in Romania with IOM Romania support, which matches MHPSS professionals with organizations that offer these services to refugees from Ukraine.</li><li>• The perception of MHPSS and its use in Moldova was raised. It was mentioned that while at the beginning of the refugee influx, there was little utilization of MHPSS, this has been increasing particularly as more people are willing to utilize activities among peers.</li><li>• Ms. Jana Chihai, MENSANA, also underlined the fact that usually refugees do not ask for specialized help. It is considered a tabu topic and stigmatized. Thus, people prefer to ask peers - colleagues, friends - but not specialized services.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Point 3</b> <b>Linkages between livelihoods and GBV</b> Fatima Alwahaidy, UNFPA, <a href="mailto:alwahaidy@unfpa.org">alwahaidy@unfpa.org</a>; Vanessa Bordin, UNHCR, <a href="mailto:bordin@unhcr.org">bordin@unhcr.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Vanessa Bordin and Ms. Fatima Alwahaidy, co-chairs of the GBV sub-working group, presented the activity of the sub-working group. The presentation also included guidance for non-GBV specialized actors, which, in a nutshell, states that actors should not proactively identify or seek GBV survivors, but instead, ensure that frontline staff are properly trained, so a safe and trusted environment exists for someone who willingly wants to disclose their experience AND be prepared to safely and appropriately respond to GBV disclosures.</li><li>• The presentation also highlighted key recommendations for including GBV mechanisms in livelihoods activities, in order to reduce the exposure of at risk groups to violence and exploitation, while empowering them with skills training and social and financial capital. The LIWG members were also informed about GBV risks associated with lack of livelihoods, as well as the GBV risks in livelihoods support. The presentation is available on the <a href="#">Operational Data Portal</a>.</li><li>• The perception of GBV-related support and its use in Moldova was raised. Ms. Bordin noted that GBV is very underreported in the humanitarian context in Moldova. Ms. Alwahaidy also noted that at the beginning of the response, the number of people seeking psychological in safe spaces was low, and then increased in time. The GBV safety audit showed that especially for adolescent girls, the go to point for when they were feeling stressed or similar, was the teacher. Referral to specialized services</li></ul>	N/A



	<p>requires someone to work with at the first step and who can identify the need for referral. Case management is also needed, in addition to referral.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Alwahaidy emphasized that everyone has a responsibility and duty to support GBV survivors.</li></ul>	
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