



GBVSWG meeting notes 23 May 2024

Short presentation from everybody to know each other better.

Andreea Voicu Progress of the safety audits- Anais is currently developing a research aimed to identify the possible risk of GBV of the refugee people might encounter in Bucharest and Ilfov. Focus groups, safety walks and other activities trying to map the potential risks they might encounter. Already started the interviews for showing more data about the authorities and other community members who are currently working with refugee. Did scheduled the first two focus groups for this week end. Started to do the translations of the collected data until now. Need a contact from IGI to obtain more information relevant for the study. Also need of a structure easy to read and to offer the information to be more accessible for everybody. Suggestion for the sections to be integrated in the report to make it as useful and easy to gather as possible. The study will reflect access to medical services, language barrier, concerns raised related to GBV eg.- walking at night in Bucharest a fear and the sensation of the women refugee are more exposed to GBV risk than any other person and informing the authorities of any incidents. The study will reflect the needs of the community and how accessible are from the NGOs and from the Romanian authorities and see the gaps and the barriers to accessing the information and services for the refugees.

Shiori- the need to reflect the specific problems and what are the community solutions suited for the specific community, for the authorities to be able to put measures in place.

Ionela- Structure of the study seen as two parts- GBV risk and accessing the services. When it comes to recommendations besides the general recommendation to be more specific starting from specific situations.

Annie Waweru- Recommendations to the all the problems- answering to Andreea request (Key recommendations). Safety and the security of the shelters and the accommodations in which the refugees are hosted. Economic income might reflect the GBV.

Annet- Limited access to services increase the risk of GBV. The referral pathway, SRH referral path and the services accessible. This access to the services was available but the topics for



SRH were hard to discuss. The doctors did not understand the terminology of the refugee, did not ask for them because they were ashamed.

Cristina Horia- third year of the implementation of the programme. Presentation of the project and the offered services on GBV. Working in Bucharest, Valcea, Suceava, developing of the network in which the survivors can feel safe and access the provided services. Offering information related to GBV, raising awareness, Support groups, creating a community where they can feel secure to share the experiences and access the specific resource they need. Empowering self-defense trainings for women. Presenting the results of April 2024, the identified difficulties for the women.

Safe you- presenting a new app in the making by using technology to bridge survivors with services and professionals. It will be available in multiple languages, piloted for the Ukrainian refugees. In the app will be found information on different topics related to GBV and will provide assistance from professionals.

Case management ToT: UNHCR would be able to provide 2 sessions of the trainings, if other actors can support with another 6 sessions. WHO taking into consideration in helping in the process. Call for other NGOs to support. Importance of making a plan to make this happen. Ionela Horga will be able to assist the process, but in other cities besides Bucharest. Cristina Horia can provide certificate trainings.

UNHCR and UNFPA will schedule a follow up meeting regarding the Case Management ToT to assess the capacity to organize the cascaded sessions as per last year plan. Notably, to support this trainings, other organizations would need to be involved.

Information from NGOs about the response in case the flux of refugees scale up and if there is any budget 27 of May deadline.

The presentation of Plan International „Presentation on the GBV Project implemented by ANAIS (shelters for survivors of GBV, legal counseling, psychological support)” has been postponed for the next GBVSWG meeting