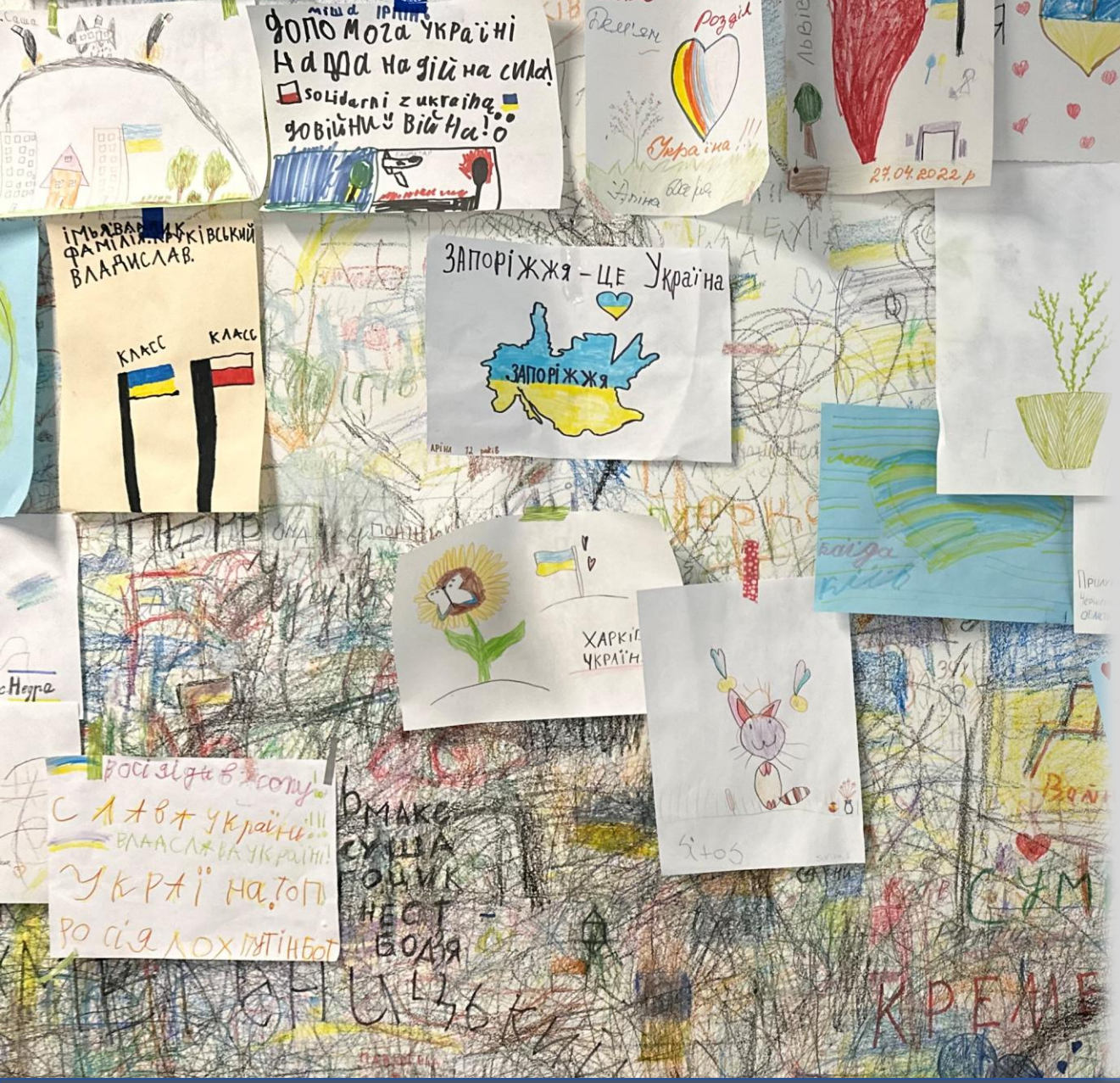
Poland Protection Sector – survey results



Protection Sector survey

The survey was shared with participants in May to enquire about expectations, areas for improvement and possible topics for future Protection Sector meetings.

Feedback was received from 9 participants (5 persons from National NGO, 3 International NGO, 1 UN Agency).

EXPECTATIONS:

- **Discuss protection issues**
- **Share information** (including changes in the law, identified and possible risks, etc.)**, guidance and good practices**
- **Organize joint projects/events/trainings/advocacy**
- **Assist and advocate for protection and inclusion of refugees in Poland**
- **Develop and design intersectional response to the needs of discriminated groups (e.g. LGBTQI+ asylum seekers, persons at the PL-BY border)**
- **Make connections for networking and partnerships**
- **Share knowledge and jointly train public administration staff in Poland**

TO BE IMPROVED:

- Have joint trainings, advocacy and events
- More resources disseminated through emails (including presentations and minutes from PS meetings)
- Involve representatives of public institutions/offices, especially those responsible for a specific subject matter being discussed, and including when discussing issues of vulnerable groups
- Keep presentations short to enable conversation and avoid lecturing
- Encourage in-person meetings that could enable participated conversations and debates around topics
- Scheduling the PS meetings in morning or afternoon working hours
- Ensure that language of presentations (POL or ENG) is provided in advance
- Encourage participants online to have camera-on during meetings

POSSIBLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED/PRESENTED/INTRODUCED:

- Situation of **LGBTQI+** refugees
- Risk of **human trafficking and exploitation** (especially of women and children)
- Lack of **health insurance for refugees** and the need to cover hospital treatment
- **Exploitation in the labor market,** including prohibited practices used by employment agencies (with particular emphasis on migrants and refugees from, for example, Latin American countries);

POSSIBLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED/PRESENTED/INTRODUCED:

- **Resources available** for teaching children how to keep themselves in safety, protecting their boundaries etc.

- Actions that could be taken by **NGO staff regarding discrimination and behaviors** of the host community that exclude refugees

- (Also to consider) **physical and psychological safety** (in case of high workload, risk of burnout) of NGO staff

POSSIBLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED/PRESENTED/INTRODUCED:

- **Funding and fundraising opportunities**
- Explain how **Protection Sector and sub sectors** - Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence - are organized and coordinated between one another
- Consider coordination and exchange with **MapujPomoc working group**
- Possible **emergency scenarios** and related challenges („controlled integration", new forced displacement waves, political pressure, shrinking protection environment and transition programs)
- **Safe voluntary returns** - the scope of counseling provided to individuals deciding to return to their country of origin considering physical and psychological safety
- The **Act on Entrusting Work to Foreigners** and its practical implications

Thank you!
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