Child Protection Sub-Working Group
25.09.2020 Minutes of Meeting

Date:	**Friday, 25 September 2020 at 09:30-11:30 a.m., via Webex**	
Participants:	Apostoli, Arsis Athens, Arsis Thessaloniki, Babel Day Centre, Caritas Hellas, Elix, ICRC, IRC MoL (UAM Unit), Metadrasi, NCR, Panteion University, Praksis (Athens, Lesvos, Samos), The HOME project, UNHCR Attica Team, UNHCR CO, UNHCR Field Unit Ioannina, UNHCR Lesvos (Child Protection), UNHCR Samos	
Chair:	**UNHCR: Theodora D. Tsovili (tsovili@unhcr.org)**	
Agenda	- Situation of UAC in the country – UNHCR Athens - Situational report for Moria/ Kara Tepe – UNHCR Sub Office Lesvos - Relocation of UAC - UNHCR, IOM - Relocation of Homeless UAC – UNHCR Athens - Research on homeless UAC - Panteion University - THE WALK Initiative - Good Chance FP in Greece	
Situation of UAC in the country (UNHCR Athens)	Following the fire incidents in Moria on 8, 9 & 10 September, the Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors (SSPUAM) transferred 406 unaccompanied children and youth from Lesvos Moria RIC to IOM temporary care arrangements in northern Greece. As of 21 September 2020, upon the SSPUAM's initiative in response to the long-standing issue of unaccompanied children stranded in precarious conditions in RICs, 162 were transferred from the islands of Chios (43 UAC), Samos (59), Kos (21), Leros (18) and the RIC of Fylakio (21) to care arrangements on the mainland run by IOM. It is expected more UAC that remain in the RICs to be transferred to mainland until the end of September 2020. EKKA Dashboard 15 September 2020	**Action Points:** **N/A**
Situational report for Moria/ Kara Tepe (UNHCR Sub-Office Lesvos)	• UNHCR in close collaboration with Praksis (UNHCR's Child Protection implementing partner) maintains daily presence in the field of the new site applying outreach, and identification of cases which count 128 new cases in total up to date. The protection desk is operating on daily basis (09:30 to 15:00) with UNHCR staff and PRAKSIS staff receiving cases with child protection aspects. • UNHCR CP called for an urgent CPsWG in order to better coordinate the actions of CP actors operating in the field. One what's app group initiated including all CP actors for better coordination and dissemination of updates/information. The Child protection referral pathways were updated and shared with all protection actors. • Lesvos UNHCR CP team with PRAKSIS applied a safety assessment for children in the new site. The main challenges are the following: lack of hygiene infrastructures and NFI for babies, lack of adequate medical	**Action Points:** **N/A**

	support and lack of psychosocial and psychological support, risk of possible electrocution at the electricity access points as well as increased danger due to the tents' location very close to the sea side. • UNHCR Lesvos has mapped more than 140 cases of alleged children; alleged cases are stripped of their rights of being a child. Until 28 August 2020, more than 40 alleged children were residing with other single men inside the Rub-Hall (locked down from 8pm to 8am within the Rub-Hall area). Overall, 11 alleged minors of Lesvos were deemed as underaged by state authorities on 27 August 2020; for the rest the outcome is still pending. • UNHCR continues to advocate for separate shelter allocation for alleged minors, who are at high risk and exposed to SGBV and other forms of psychological and physical violence in their current accommodation arrangements. • The 'newly identified' UAC will be included in the Voluntary Relocation Programme following eligibility assessment. • UNHCR Lesvos continue to map and locate alleged children, as after the fire of Moria the whereabouts are unclear for some, if not many. UNHCR continues to work closely in cooperation with RIS and the Minors' Office, in order to assist authorities where is needed.	
Relocation of UAC (UNHCR)	EASO and UNHCR, with its implementing partners, have completed 866 BIA interviews since the initiation of the Voluntary Relocation Programme (3 June 2020) UNHCR has contributed with 420 out of the total BIA reports. Most of the caseload has been processed and completed apart from the pending cases, i.e. with criminal proceedings, ongoing age assessment, complex cases, etc. In addition to the 1135 pledges, already received by the EUMSs, more pledges have been announced by more EUMSs following the fire of Moria RIC on Lesvos – pending to be confirmed. Currently, the discussions are ongoing with Austria, Norway, Netherlands for their contribution for new pledges. The only confirmed additional pledges are the extra 150 places that Germany announced for the relocation of UAC.	**Action Points:** **N/A**
Relocation of Homeless UAC - UNHCR	The Relocation exercise for the Homeless UAC was initiated on 19 August 2020. UNHCR shared with the Homeless UAC Task Force the SSPUAM's office list with the identified homeless UAC that seemed to be present in Greece. In practice, three (3) rounds of tracing took place during the month of August and the CP actors engaged with homeless UAC in the urban context of Athens and Thessaloniki indicated those cases of homeless UAC who are present in Greece and traceable. Out of the 1094 total homeless UAC included n the initial list by the SSPUAM, the CP actors managed to identify approximately 25% homeless UAC who were traceable to be included in the relocation scheme upon the screening process by the state authorities (eligibility check and prioritized registration by GAS).	**Action Points:** **N/A**

	As of 25 September 2020, BIA interviews have been completed for twenty-seven (27) homeless UAC in Athens and Thessaloniki while the current pool of eligible homeless UAC consists of 25 cases for whom the BIA interviews will be scheduled in the coming weeks. In the process of the relocation exercise, forty-one (41) homeless UAC have been prioritized and registered by GAS (RAO Nikaias) pending their eligibility check for their inclusion in the relocation. During the current week, the first homeless UAC included in the Relocation Programme, were transferred with Metadrasi's escort team to Agios Andreas summer camp run by IOM where they will be hosted until all procedures are concluded for their relocation to another EUMS.	
Research on homeless UAC - Panteion University	The research on homeless UAC in Greece by Panteion University is still ongoing – up until 25 September 2020, 178 completed questionnaires have been completed by homeless UAC or in precarious conditions, mainly by the following nationalities: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and few from Syria. Most of the UAC that joined the research were boys and only very few girls. The research team has extracted preliminary findings, indicatively: 30% of the interviewed homeless UAC are living in the street while 80% of them have never been in the protective environment of shelter appropriate for their age. The Research team has completed the desk review and currently is focusing on the elaboration of policy suggestions and recommendations.	**Action points:** **N/A**
THE WALK Initiative - Good Chance FP in Greece	Sarah Loader and Yolanda Markopoulou briefly presented in the CPsWG "the WALK Initiative" an international raising awareness campaign for the protection of refugee children launched by Good Chance, coming in Greece as of April 2021. The message of the little girl AMAL is "Don't forget about us". Feel free to contact Yolanda Markopoulou: yolmark@me.com For more information please see the attached material and the link below: https://vimeo.com/438548546	**Action points:** **N/A**
AOB	The next CPsWG will take place in October 2020, the date is still to be confirmed	**Action Points:** **N/A**