
PSEA Network meeting - Romania
24 March 2022, 10 – 1130 (held online)

Participants: Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), Terre des Hommes, Project Hope, Jesuit Refugee Service Romania, Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council, Care International and SERA, Action Aid, Caritas Romania, Estuar Foundation, AidRom, ICAR Foundation, Hope and Homes for Children, Oxfam, IOM, UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR.

Introductions

Refugee Coordination Model

- UNHCR Interagency Senior Coordinator shared an overview of the role and mandate of the organization, including coordination and the Refugee Coordination Model, as well as the legal provisions set out in the Refugee Convention and UNGA resolutions (presentation attached)

Background – why a PSEA network

- The PSEA network is a less formal coordination structure than the working groups or task force under the PWG – its activities should be mainstreamed across the other coordination structures
- UN Agencies and implementing partners are required to put robust PSEA measures in place; given the many actors in the response it would be ideal if all engaged in discussions about PSEA mechanisms – this is also in light of the risks associated with the dramatically changed context and growing humanitarian workforce

Network and focal point TORs

- Draft ToRs have been shared for the network and focal points, comments can be shared in writing with the view to endorsement at the next network meeting
- Participants invited to express interest to co-chair the network
- Membership to the network is open to all actors who are operational in the response, and registered (or registration processes underway)
- Meetings will be held on a weekly basis initially, with the expectation that this will reduce with time
- Participation of sector leads in the meeting is encouraged; a sector focal point can be appointed once progress on initial activities have been made

Initial activities

- A rapid risk assessment will feed into an initial action plan – participants are invited to express interest if they would like to support with the risk assessment
- A mapping of complaint mechanisms and reporting channels to be able to share information with refugees as well as other organizations
- Training of trainers for PSEA focal points
- Initiate a repository of resources to encourage sharing of tools and good practices

Discussion

- Noted that outline of relevant applicable registration would be useful information
- UNICEF willing to share repository of tools, including in Romanian that will help guide and draft PSEA mechanisms
- UNCHR will look into training materials/tools available to help build investigation/escalation mechanisms

Next steps / action points

- Confirmation and endorsement of TORs – comments to be shared by COB Monday 28 March
- Expression of interest for co-chair role – please express interest by COB 28 March
- Expressions of interest to support risk assessment - please express interest by COB 28 March
- Share information about existing reporting channels to include on dopomoha and online information platform - ongoing

The next meeting of the Network will be on 31 March from 10:00 to 11:00 am