



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation

SECTOR: Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CP SWG)

Meeting Details	
Date	21 st September 2022
Time	16:00
Chair	UNICEF
Reporting	UNHCR
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Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction & Attendance/ New/All Participants2. Follow-up on Action Points/ UNHCR, UNICEF/CP SWG (5Ws, Winterization & Localization of Referral Pathways).3. Temporary protection: short update from UNHCR legal team and open discussion with group4. CP Updates:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. P4EC on Foster Careb. UNICEF & UNHCRc. CP SWG Members (Updates, Challenges and the way forward).5. Endorse CP SWG Workplan/ UNICEF/UNHCR/CP SWG6. AOB	
Information collection and relevant links	
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Link to operational data portal: https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784	
Participants	



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- 1- Dawood/UNICEF (Co-chair)
- 2- Iulia/CNPAC
- 3- Stavros/Plan International
- 4- IsraAid
- 5- Others

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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Introductions	<p>Meeting initiated with the brief intro of co-chairs and new participants in the group. A brief was also made about the role & responsibilities of co-chairs for organizing meetings on a rotational basis, drafting minutes and following-up on action points.</p> <p>Group members were invited to suggest any amendments to the agenda. Meeting proceeded as per set agenda. All members were also requested to put their names & organization names in the chat box for the attendance.</p>	



Follow-up on Action Points/UNHCR, UNICEF/ CP SWG members (5Ws/list of CP Actors, Winterization &	<p>5W</p> <p>The 5Ws template was shared with the members, the new updates were highlighted. The chair shared updates about the launch of new platform/Activity Info rollout and stressed that 5Ws data will be transferred.</p> <p>Workshop on the winterization</p> <p>Child protection is part of the Protection and the objective is to address the needs of the Moldovan host population, while addressing the needs of the refugees.</p> <p>The IA coordinating team hosted a workshop on developing a winterization strategy on September 15, 2022. Sector-specific needs were identified and shared with all participants for developing priorities and response packages based on the results of the winterization needs assessment.</p> <p>Planning figures of refugee population for winterization were,</p> <table><tr><td>1.</td><td>Refugees in Moldova:</td><td>90,746</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Refugees in need of winterization:</td><td>52,000</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Refugees require NFIs:</td><td>41,496</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Refugees need winter shelters:</td><td>20,000</td></tr></table> <p>Based on eligibility criteria of Govt and with high population refugees, planning figures of Moldovan population for winterization are,</p> <table><tr><td>1.</td><td>In need of winterization cash:</td><td>229,000</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>In need of NFIs:</td><td>62,563</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>In need of shelter response:</td><td>12,540</td></tr></table> <p>CP SWG Targets:</p> <table><tr><td>1.</td><td>UASC</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Children with disabilities</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Children without proper documentations</td></tr></table>	1.	Refugees in Moldova:	90,746	2.	Refugees in need of winterization:	52,000	3.	Refugees require NFIs:	41,496	4.	Refugees need winter shelters:	20,000	1.	In need of winterization cash:	229,000	2.	In need of NFIs:	62,563	3.	In need of shelter response:	12,540	1.	UASC	2.	Children with disabilities	3.	Children without proper documentations	<p>Members to provide updates to the 5W</p> <p>Follow up on with the Operation Orphan regarding distribution heating subsidy, providing wood, winter clothing in refugee host communities.</p> <p>IsraAid to be given access to the 5W.</p> <p>By 23 Sept 2022, Dawood Khan with the consultation of UNHCR will update CP SWG winterization plan, based on discussion made and priorities set by protection group in winterization workshop.</p>
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	<p><u>Issues identified:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Paying utility bills by vulnerable children & their families2. Risks of abuse & neglect of vulnerable children3. Fostering UASC in houses with proper heating arrangements4. Access issues due to winter or remote areas <p><u>Response Package</u> considerations were made, _</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengthen coordination at local level2. Communication campaigns on the available services for winterization3. Mobile teams will be formed to access remote areas4. Prioritization for cash assistance/NFIs provision5. Increase monitoring6. Transportation for children with protection concerns7. Monitoring of community safe spaces8. Legal counselling <p><i>Localization of the referral pathways:</i> Taskforce formed by UNICEF, UNHCR, INTERSOS, PLAN INTERNATIONAL, WeWorld & UNHCR IA Team, and held a 1st meeting on September 14th. A total of six Child Protection referral pathways will be drafted, ensuring a geographical coverage, (South, Center, North, Otaci, Palanaca and Chisinau) In the process of updating the local referral pathways, consideration is to be given to 5Ws, 4Ws & GBV Referral Pathways. The proposal is to develop an action plan with field visits to meet the relevant actors and service providers. Member were informed and encouraged to contribute to the online referral pathways. Plan International stressed that it is a collective response for the refugees and a shared responsibility to that.</p>	
Temporary protection: short update from UNHCR legal team and open discussion with group	<p>UNHCR legal team presented a short updated on the Temporary Protection. The draft on the temporary Protection will be shared with SWG the members, currently is revised by the government. The objective is to highlight the readiness for getting feedback and inputs for the Child Protection sector.</p>	<p>Draft to be placed on the drive for the contributions.</p>



	<p>As main challenges for Child Protection were noted that school enrollment, as the currently to get credits for attendance, the families should be asylum seekers. This makes it more difficult for families to enroll. Provision of the original school records for enrolment, when applying for school enrollment.</p> <p>Vaccination proof is another problem, as there is no unified database for vaccination.</p> <p>Access to health services also caused issues, especially for the outside of Chisinau regions. It was stressed that the refugee children have the same rights as Moldovan children.</p> <p>UNICEF noted that the decision for UASC will be taken into account by the ministry and will incorporate the relevant provisions.</p>	
CP SWG Member's Updates	<p>a. P4EC presentation on Foster Care</p> <p>Protection of Children, Women and Families in Emergency situations.</p> <p>To avoid the institutionalization of children, the decision is to strengthen the alternative care arrangements.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Adjustments of service procedures</p> <p>Identification of the foster carers /educators</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <p>-national rapid assessment revealed limited capacity of Local Public Authorities, particular low capacity of human resources.</p> <p>- ongoing capacity building plan- PSS, training.</p> <p>Key challenges and issues encountered regarding the referral mechanism and relation with the guardianship authority. Foster care is facing the same problems, not different from the ones before the crisis, faced systemically.</p> <p>Marginalized children</p> <p>Foster care minimum package</p> <p>Continuous need for improvement and need for combating the stigma for the Roma children.</p>	<p>Proposal to write a letter to MLSP to request the numbers of UASC.</p> <p>Need for more information to organize the CP response.</p> <p>Members to mainstream child protection for UASC in all sectors.</p>



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	CP Updates from members: UNICEF- possibility to end up with Russian refugees. Also, the organization is providing budgetary support to the MoLSP to top up the salaries, to support the families and children at risk. Creating synergy with the UNHCR support. 10 mln lei to Labor Minister and to the municipality, directed to all children at risk, including refugees. It was stressed that the needs will be way much greater than anticipated, hence it is important to keep updated the 5Ws and the referral pathways.	
CP SWG Workplan/UNICEF/UNHCR	Deadline was given 15 th Sept 2022 to the members go through objectives of the workplan. Announce the endorsement if no comments. The workplan will remain a live document and will be revised for further adjustments, if required.	
AOB	n/a	