



# MHPSS Romania

## Meeting Minutes

### Recording of the meeting



Members

WHO, UNICEF, MDM, Save the Children, Estuar Foundation, Schottener Foundation (IOM Partners), Oxfam



Updates & Achievements

- **UNICEF** presented the results of the Facebook campaign and the two main areas in which the messages were focused: one is on family separation and the second on the importance of family caregivers. **The campaign reached 37,000 Ukrainians and along the way the need to connect beneficiaries in Iasi, Suceava and Prahova with MHPSS services was identified.**
- **UNICEF** presented the case of an orphanage that was relocated with all staff to Iasi.
- **MDM** has a new country director since August and MDM's mission in Romania has been extended for one year. MDM is currently running a selection process for MHPSS specialists and doctors and nurses for the organisation of mobile teams that will operate in Bucharest in the first phase in the shelters in sector 2. MDM will also carry out integrated medical and MHPSS services in two community centers also in Bucharest.
- **Schottener Foundation** presented the work they have carried out over the last months in Bucharest, assisting so far 40 beneficiaries. Schottener Foundation raised the issue of two aspects that represent challenges in their work. The first challenge relates to the need for an approximately high number of children (40 people) with Autism or Down Syndrome to have access to education. These children need a carer to accompany them during the 4 hours they are in school, which involves a number of administrative and financial difficulties that can be secured by the end of the year with IOM funds, but it is important that a sustainable solution can be found. Another challenge they have encountered is the need to find a speech and language specialist for Prahova, where there are 72 children and their carers who need such services.
- **Estuar Foundation** presented their work in the last two weeks mentioning that the number of people who have started to access the centre at Romexpo has increased and presented the supervision activity open to any MHPSS specialist working on the Ukrainian refugee crisis.
- **Save the Children** continues training sessions for specialists from Child Protection Directorates in several counties. Save The Children has indicated its willingness to support Psychological First Aid trainings for other organizations in need at the request of the Schottener Foundation.

Challenges

- The need to have services dedicated to children with special needs, both in terms of access to education and the possibility to receive specialized psychological assistance.
- Lack of MHPSS staff who can speak Ukrainian language.



## Useful Links

- [Members List](#)
- [Service Mapping](#)
- [MHPSS TF SharedFolder](#)



## Action Points

- NGOs will also be encouraged to participate in working groups on education.
- Estuar Foundation sharing the supervision groups link (<https://www.facebook.com/Fundatia-Estuar-332024717001234> ).
- Save The Children shared the details for further PFA trainings (miyuki.akasa@savethechildren.org).
- **Next meeting on 19th of August 2022.**