

Protection Working Group – 11 September 2018 - Minutes (endorsed by the PWG on 23 October 2018)

Date:	Tuesday 11 th September 2018, 10am	
Participants:	DRC, MSF, SN, Church of Greece, GCR, CEAR, UNHCR, Tdh, IRC, JRS, Fundacio ACSAR, IFRC, NCR, Action Aid, Refugee Support Aegean	
Chairs:	Miriam Aertker, UNHCR, Co-chair / Petra Samways, DRC	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of pending Action Points (31 July) 2. Update on the protection situation in the islands and mainland 3. Updates from CP, SGBV and CwC WG 4. PSEA SOP and reporting procedures 5. Protection training needs 6. PWG ToR revision 7. Inter-Agency referral form revision 8. AOB (PA report, Feedback Protection Monitoring reports: sites/mainland, CBP strategy) 	
		Action Points
1. Review of last meeting's action points (31 July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The last meeting minutes were endorsed and placed on UNHCR's portal (Greece): https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/download/65687 	N/A
2. Update on the protection situation in the islands and mainland	<p>Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional authority announced a decision that the conditions in Moria are substandard and they invite the MoMP to improve conditions, otherwise the RIC in Moria should close down within 30 days if the conditions are not addressed. - Overcrowding beyond previous levels. Lesvos: approx. 10,000. Chios: approx. 2,500. Samos approx. 4,000. Leros approx. 1000. Kos approx. 1500. - Mainland transfers slow (to sites), slightly higher in August than previous months (approx. 800). 700 transfers to mainland sites planned for this week. 680 transfers from Lesvos planned for this week, mainly to Skaramangas, Lesvos prioritised. - Evros arrivals: approx. 700 in August. Registered then released. - Matching of places prioritised to fill all bed spaces available. - RIS: call for interpreter services is open. Constraints in the recruitment of cultural mediators and other staff during KEELPNO PHILOS I has led to gaps in the provision of services in the RICs and the public hospitals; KEELPNO was awarded the project for the continuation of medical services on the islands and the mainland, both in RICs/sites and public hospitals with an announced number of 1,576 staff. 	<p>Raised concerns (Lesvos) to be communicated to the inter-agency working group.</p> <p>PWG to prepare list of key concerns to share with HWG. Chair to be invited to attend PWG. Also to be raised at Inter-sectoral WG. The Advocacy Group has already initiated an intervention with KEELPNO.</p> <p>PWG members share existing health related advocacy points for the compilation.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaps in the area of health services and subsequent protection risks make necessary the link between PWG and health actors: this should be re-instated. - Vulnerability assessment manual agreed and finalised by RIS and KEELPNO. Three ratings: A is vulnerable, B has specific needs but not vulnerable and C not vulnerable. Uploading of KEELPNO findings of vulnerability of KEELPNO by RIS, otherwise a written justification should be written. A training will take place for the harmonised use of the manual. - RIS coordinates training for RIS staff so any input PWG might wish to offer should be shared via the focal point within RIS in order to harmonise these inputs. - Escalation of status on islands to emergency? To be raised in ISWG and check on possibility of Heads of Agencies meeting addressing this. <p>Mainland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corresponds with the island situation: tents, expansion of sites etc. New 'sites' being created: Volvi, Grevena, Stylida. - ESTIA: direct referrals from islands to mainland in August 809; over 600 in September. ESTIA expansion ending: targets will soon be reached at 27,000 and no more expansion is foreseen for 2019. Recognised refugees and integration: gap in planning and exit/transition strategy. More than 4800 recognised refugees live in ESTIA accommodation currently, there needs to be policy and process on their transition to independence/integration. - Handover of transport for mainland sites to GAS: extended for September only during when UNHCR undertakes only logistics and buses but all preparatory work (checking of appointment, compilation of lists of persons to be transferred) has been undertaken by RIS staff in sites, supported by SMS actors. Also ESTIA referrals from sites to accommodation will be undertaken by RIS and SMS actors. Roles of SMS and RIS still being defined. Training for these tasks underway (GAS transport finalised last week and ESTIA referrals taking place this and next week). - Number of new places being established in sites to create additional capacity for island decongestion: 800 in the North. SMS WG: can be shared. 	
<p>3. Updates from CP, SGBV and CwC Working Groups</p>	<p>CWC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupation of the urban cash centre continues. Meetings organized during the month of August to plan messaging to urban cash beneficiaries, as usual cash procedure was paused. - Education updates were given by UNICEF (School enrolment) during the last CWC as academic year just started. PoC are facing issues all over the country with the start of the school year due to a number of factors. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interpretation challenges, such as the current lack of interpreters in public institutions, like hospitals, were raised during various forums including the health WG. Plans to discuss at inter sectoral level. - Tarjimly services could be accessed by PoCs as an interim measure for lack of other interpretation. https://www.tarjim.ly/en <p>Child Protection</p> <p>Statistics on refugee and asylum seeking children in Greece were presented (June 2018):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total population PoC children in Greece is 23,000. 55% boys, 45% girls; 0-5years 43%; 6-12 years 36%; 3-17 years 21%; - Syria 46%; Iraq 24%; Afghanistan 18% - 766 monthly sea and land border (Evros) arrivals (children) - 3,320 UASC in Greece: 95,9% boys, 4,1% girls - 5,2 < 14 years (Ekka statistics) - Children (including UASC) accommodated per different locations i.e. RICs, UNHCR accommodation scheme, safe zones, open sites, IOM hotels and SIL : 48% UNHCR accommodation, open reception and accommodation facilities 28 %, reception centers 16%, others 5% - 439 UAC transferred from the islands to IOM facilities in the mainland & since January to 15 July, IOM ERACUMiC project provided safe accommodation to 813 unaccompanied migrant children while the total accommodation capacity was 565 places, in a total of 12 hotels all over Greece <p><u>From January to July 2018, Asylum Service data:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1917 asylum applications for children population and UAC, 1235 boys, 782 girls - 509 recognised refugee children and UAC, refugee status & subsidiary protection <p><u>Since June 2013 to July 2018, Asylum Service data:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11,500 applications (14% UAC) of Dublin/family reunification cases for children <p>SGBV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Through a relevant decision taken by the Lesvos Municipality Board, the Mytilene safe shelter for women survivors of SGBV is no longer receiving referrals for refugee women (except in extremely urgent cases and only for up to 2 days- upon assessment) / reason given was lack of resources, but also to promote de-congestion of the island. - SGBV WG Is continuously working on mapping the gaps/challenges in SGBV provision in open accommodation sites as well as with regard to security response to SGBV. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trend Analysis currently being conducted on SGBV incidents reported to UNHCR (identification and/or referrals), with a 40% spike in comparison to 2nd semester of 2017. Possibly linked to reduction of services and overcrowding. Other major challenges include lack of legal assistance and access to safe accommodation. 	
4. Prevention from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse SOP and reporting procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSEA presentation (definition, prevention and response measures, responsibilities of managers, staff and PSEA focal points) - Revised PSEA SOPs was briefly presented as well as PSEA reporting mechanisms, including the UNHCR (PSEA reporting email): GREATBO@UNHCR.ORG - Also, misconduct can be reported confidentially by anyone to the UNHCR Inspector General's Office 24 hours a day, seven days a week (Directly to an IGO staff member). Email: inspector@unhcr.org; UNHCR website: www.unhcr.org/php/complaints.php 	Seeking endorsement by protection partners of joint PSEA SOPs once finalized by the SGBV sub working group.
5. Protection Training needs (brainstorming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SGBV WG has a Google drive for training needs/requests. It was agreed that the training plan will be expanded to the overall PWG and sub working groups. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ERV0giHZ4unXBm743yVWpI-1taiw4e1l13kth77FroY/edit#gid=0 - UNHCR Learn and Connect platform: partners can request access through UNHCR PWG co-chair. https://unhcr.csod.com/client/unhcr/default.aspx - High staff turnover: repetition of earlier training would be useful for field teams: child protection and SGBV basics, basic protection, with vulnerability typologies, PSEA, community-based protection. They were added to the training plan on google drive. - Development of a training strategy (multiyear) and focus on TOT. 	Agencies to upload training needs/requests on the google spreadsheet.
6. PWG ToR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners asked to review and offer feedback, this was updated from the 2016 version including the PWG survey results and operational updates. 	Revised TORs attached for revision until 21 September.
7. Inter-Agency referral form (revised)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised in light of the updated PsWN SOP, CM SOP and guidance note and briefly presented during the PWG. 	The new IA referral form is attached to the minutes for PWG partners inputs by 21 September (to Margarita)
8. AOB (PA report, Feedback Protection Monitoring reports: sites/mainland, Advocacy working group updates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participatory Assessment summary report will be shared with the PWG next week (draft) - Survival Guide in Arabic/Farsi almost finalized (review of translation) and will be printed next week. https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/64729 (English/Greek/French) 	PA report to be shared from next week.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy WG update: As informed during the PWG, the Advocacy Working Group has prepared and published a report regarding the conditions in Moria found here: https://reliefweb.int/report/greece/conditions-moria-are-shameful-enel - Moreover, the AWG agreed to proceed with a letter to KEELPNO about the gaps in medical services as well as with a report to the Ombudsman about AADE's (independent authority for public revenue) circular to all tax authorities. - Feedback regarding UNHCR HELP website revision is welcome at any time. Partners can link/upload information in the "partners section" which will be established. http://help.unhcr.org/greece/ - Partners to share feedback with regard to the protection monitoring dashboards (mainland/sites) presented to the PWG in July. 	<p>Survival guide in Arabic/Farsi will be shared in mid-September.</p> <p>Feedback on HELP (UNHCR Greece) to be shared by PWG partners)</p> <p>Partners to provide feedback regarding the previously presented/shared Protection monitoring reports (sites/mainland)</p>
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Next PWG meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 23th October 10 AM (conference room 3).**

Agenda:

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- Updates from CP, SGBV and CwC WG
- Health updates (Health WG)
- CBP strategy
- PA report
- AOB