6 November 2018

Regional IM Working Group – Meeting minutes

Present: UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, Lumos
Location: UNICEF, Geneva

General updates

1. The published last meeting minutes (9 October 2018).
2. For the most recent updates, see the Mediterranean response data portal.

Profiling updates

- UNHCR is currently clearing profiling reports from Italy and Spain, which will be published in November.
- UNICEF-UNHCR-IOM research project on children ageing out in Italy is going ahead, and an update will be presented at the regional IM workshop in Vienna.
- UNHCR Spain Office is considering a profiling-like exercise of refugees and migrants that have arrived in Spain and intend to move onward. Interestingly, a core component of this research would include a comparative analysis of asylum procedures and entitlements in Spain and other common destination countries (France, Germany, etc.).
- IOM DTM flow monitoring surveys data collection has been completed in Spain, Italy, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The FMS is ongoing in the Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece. Surveys from all countries collected in 2018 will be compiled and prepared for the analysis that should be released by the end of the year. IOM has launched a new (revamped) portal with flow monitoring data for Europe.
- UNICEF has completed an assessment on reception conditions for UASC in key regions in Spain and is currently compiling the report.

Lumos research project

- The project is moving ahead, and Lumos is following up at facility level in Greece, the Netherlands and France.
- In Bulgaria, a formal request for information will be submitted to obtain relevant information.
- Data collection in Italy is ongoing. The consultant finalized the first round of interviews in Rome and will proceed with field visits in selected regions.
- In Spain, UNHCR are recruiting a short-term consultant to support the project, who should commence work in late November / early December.
- Data collection should tentatively be finalised by end of 2018. Lumos will take the lead on drafting the report, with strong involvement of the steering group throughout the data analysis and reporting process. Lumos together with the steering group will also organize a workshop to go through the datasets and agree on the type of analysis needed, identify key messages and define the structure of the report.
Education factsheet

- The factsheet is nearly finalised (pending clearance from UNHCR) and will become available in the coming weeks.

Refugee and migrant children factsheet

- The draft factsheet has now been reviewed by all country focal points and should be finalised within next two weeks.
- While it would be good for the data in the factsheet to be as up-to-date as possible (i.e. up until the end of September), this would still take some time to compile and update the existing content and would also require further review. On balance, it was agreed to continue with the mid-year update.

RIMWG workshop

- IOM has been tremendously helpful in supporting the logistics and planning of the meeting.
- The agenda has been finalised and participants confirmed. Additionally, the new IFRC regional IM focal point has been invited to join to understand the activities of the three agencies in Europe and explore possibilities for further collaboration.

Action Points:

- Care arrangements project - UNHCR, IOM and UNICEF to confirm with COs in Bulgaria whether a joint submission of a request for information together with Lumos could be envisaged so as to give more weight to the request by next week.
- Care arrangements project - UNICEF to follow up on department level focal points on care arrangements for UASC in France
- Care arrangements project - Lumos to prepare a draft outline of the report on care arrangement for UASC in Europe, along with a draft communication plan, for circulation and discussion within members of the Steering group by next IMWG meeting in early December.
- UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM to agree on launch/distribution/public use of the education factsheet by next week
- UNHCR to prepare a template for PPTs to be used during workshop, to be shared with all presenters with a deadline for submitting PPTs by Wednesday, 14 November
- UNHCR to create session-specific folders on One drive along with a table/template for the annotated outline of the sessions.
- Next coordination call related to the IM workshop to take place on Thursday, 15 Nov at 3pm.

Next meeting

TBC - Thursday 6 December or Tuesday 11 December 2018 at IOM in Geneva