Hungary Interagency PSEA Task Force | MINUTES

Meeting date | February 10, 2023 | Meeting location online

Attendees


AGENDA TOPICS

1. PSEA Briefing Note

Further to the inputs received via email, no further comments on the Briefing Note were shared in the meeting.

Action: The Note will be now finalized and circulated.

2. Key interagency PSEA messages

The TF co-chair outlined a few points relevant to the development of key messages, such as the need to look at interlinkages and distinction between SEA and GBV, the necessity to look at messaging that not only focuses on aid workers, but also on people’s rights. Members further elaborated on the need to investigate contextualized messages that speak to the communities and to issues surrounding translations -the latter should be comprehensible and cover all relevant languages (Hungarian, Ukrainian Russian, Romani too if deemed relevant). Additional elements that were discussed were: the non-homogeneity of the communities we want to target, the need to look into how people arrive to Hungary, what their intentions are, where we would want to target them (border, shelters, other locations).

There was consensus over the need to test key messages once drafted, by involving beneficiaries. This will help eliciting views and insights into whether people know they can report or know how to do it. Consideration must be also given to the format (e.g. visuals). UNICEF mentioned that they are in process of producing PSEA material which they will then make available to the TF and stressed the importance that we make sure safe and effective complaint and feedback mechanisms are in place. CP SWG flagged the need to look into messages targeting children. UNHCR informed that the GBV referral pathways are being updated and will be shared with the TF, with a view to get feedback and to link them up to the work on PSEA messaging. The Co-Chair emphasized the need that we make sure RPs are functioning and can be accessed. It was also suggested to take stock of existing PSEA visibility material to inform the work on message development.

Action: The PSEA TF will send out an invite to convene a small task group that could work on this activity. Interested organizations are welcome to express their interest to join.

Time was also devoted to discussing training needs: UNICEF explained its work with Municipalities and the imminent rollout of trainings to them, beginning March. UNICEF would also welcome initiatives that can help strengthening capacities of municipal authorities and transfer good PSEA practices to them too. WHO expressed availability to support interagency PSEA training initiatives.

3. PSEA Task Force in 2023

The revised PSEA TF frequency and a renewed focus on strengthening technical support to the TF members were presented. The TF will become more predictable from now on (meetings every other month, 1st WEEK, TUE 10 – 11.30) and will shift to thematic workshops. Based on feedback received various organizations in Hungary, the following topics will be prioritized:

1. SEA reporting mechanisms
2. Safe recruitment and HR vetting mechanisms
3. SEA survivor/victim assistance and referral
4. Internal investigative procedures
Action: the Task Force co-chairs will send invitations to the next meetings. More information will follow ahead of next meeting in April.

4. Any other business

Terre des Hommes expressed an interest to present the work of the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub to the Task Force in Hungary.

Action: the TF co-chairs will reach out to discuss modalities.

Next PSEA Task Force meeting will meet on April 4, 2023 at 10:00.